

# Corner Brook United Church

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## **Washrooms**

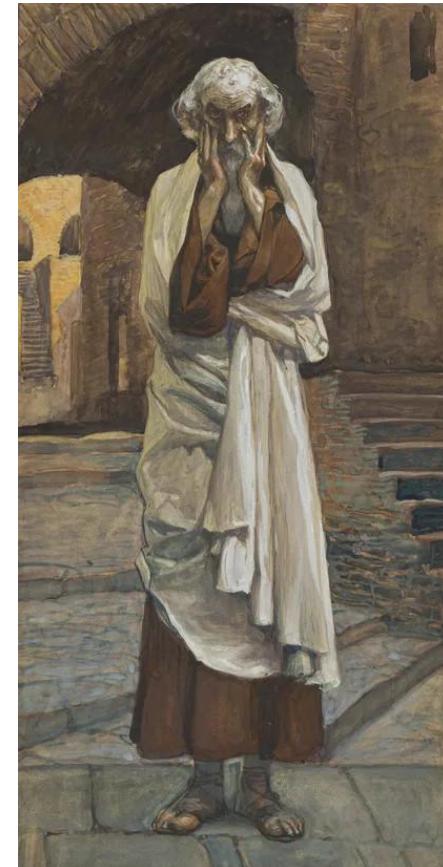
**Upstairs:** through the door to the right of the stage

**Downstairs:** the exit between the two coat racks

We strive to be a **scent free** facility.

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**February 1, 2026**



The prophet Micah, by James Tissot, c1900

## February 1, 2026

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Micah 6)

L: With what should I approach the Lord and bow down before God on high?

**P: Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings, with year-old calves?**

L: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with many torrents of oil?

**P: What can I possibly sacrifice to the Lord to atone for my sins?**

L: He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires of you:

**P: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.**

Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me* VU 567

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem

Reading: Matthew 23: 23 - 28

Message: Enough performance. More substance

Hymn: *What Can I Do?*

MV 191

Offertory Hymn: *We Give You But Your Own* VU 542

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer / LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

MV 212

Blessing

Postlude

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There is no **Sunday Café** this week.

## Memorials

**Local:** In loving memory of Janet Pardy by Sandra and Calvin Pretty

**Redevelopment:** In loving memory of Janet Pardy by Corner Brook United UCW

## A couple points about word counts for books of the Bible:

Bible word counts are tricky. Are you counting in the original Hebrew and Greek, or in the most recent English translation? Hebrew word counts tend to be slightly shorter than English translations because Hebrew sentence structure is different. But overall, in most cases the relative sizes of the books of the bible usually remain consistent across languages.

One other caveat is that in Hebrew the books of *Samuel*, *Kings*, and *Chronicles* are not divided into two parts. Which means that an argument could be made for *Kings* to be the longest book in the bible, at 39,145 words, followed by *Chronicles* (38,013) and *Samuel* (38,007).

Further, it could also be claimed that *Luke-Acts* was originally written as a single book, only to be divided later. If so, it would rank fourth (37,933) in terms of original Greek words.

But as Christians split up *Samuel*, *Kings*, *Chronicles* and *Luke-Acts* into two parts, *Jeremiah* then becomes the longest single book at 33,002 words.

None of this matters in terms of faith, of course. It's just interesting to see how the Bible was constructed.

## Announcements

**Outreach Luncheon** is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Please be sure to get your **Annual Reports** in to the office by Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting for a few. The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> following worship.

**UCW meeting** Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Lower Hall

The **Carnival Cold Plate Buffet** is on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the church office.

The UCW sends **Sympathy and Get Well cards** to members of the congregation as needed. If you know of anyone who should receive a card, please contact Judy Spracklin at 709-634-6784

This past week **Elaine Huxter** was invested into the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador** at a ceremony at Government House in St John's. For over 30 years Elaine has made significant contributions to well over a dozen organizations in this province - particularly on the West Coast. Congratulations, Elaine!

## A Brief Timeline of the Prophets

As with many things in the bible, the prophets are not as simple as they appear. Famous prophets like **Elijah** and **Elisha** don't have their own books, although they do take up large parts of the books of the Kings.

**Jonah** is a strange one on many levels. He was from northern kingdom of Israel, his mission was to Nineveh, capital of Assyria. The actual story was almost certainly written later, possibly during the Exile.

**Joel** is set in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BCE, but probably wasn't written until many centuries later.

**Daniel** is traditionally regarded as a prophet of the Exile (or perhaps very early Return), but mainstream scholars place the book of Daniel very late – possibly as late as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE.

Authorship of **Isaiah** is widely disputed. Traditionally, Isaiah ben Amoz was considered the author of the entire book, but most scholars no longer hold this view. Some say that there were three 'Isaiahs' – Proto-Isaiah (ch 1-39), Deutero-Isaiah (ch 40-55), and Trito-Isaiah (ch 55-66). Others think multiple authors and editors.

Based on the size of their books the prophets are usually divided into Major and Minor groupings, but it's more accurate to list them into four groupings based on time and place. [All dates BCE]

### Prophets to the (northern) Kingdom of Israel:

**Jonah** (790's?)

**Joel** (790's - 760's?)

**Amos** (760's - 740's)

**Hosea** (750's - 720's)

**Proto-Isaiah** – Isaiah ben Amoz (740's - 730's)

### Prophets to the (southern) Kingdom of Judah:

**Micah** (740's - 710's?)

**Nahum** (640?)

**Habakkuk** (630's)

**Zephaniah** (630's)

**Jeremiah** (640's - 609)

**Deutero-Isaiah?** (590's?)e

### Prophets during the Exile in Babylon:

**Obadiah** (586?)

**Ezekiel** (590 - 570's)

**Daniel** (traditional date)

**Jonah** written?

### Prophets after the Return from Exile:

**Trito-Isaiah** (520's?)

**Haggai** (520?)

**Zechariah** (520?)

**Joel** written?

**Malachi** (420's?)

**Daniel** written c180?