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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i> <i>Psalm 16</i> <i>I Peter 1:3-9</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>Acts 2:14a,36-41</i> <i>Psalm 116</i> <i>I Peter 1:17-23</i> <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*The asterisk * identifies those times in the service where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Organ Prelude:

Choral Opening:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Hearts to heav'n and voices raise
 Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
 sing to God a hymn of praise.
 He who on the cross as Saviour
 for the world's salvation bled,
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
 now is risen from the dead.

(Tune Hymn to Joy VU 232)

Welcoming:

With what shall I come before the Lord,
 and bow myself before God on high?
 He has shown you, what is good;
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6,8)

**Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:
 Announcements:**

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: We offer Thanksgiving to God
 for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**All: God has given us a new birth,
 in the living hope of the resurrection.
 God has given us an inheritance
 that is imperishable and unfading.
 In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

One: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
 and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**All: We light the Christ candle,
 and we offer Thanksgiving to God
 for the light of love.
 Let us worship God with love,
 thanksgiving, and praise.**

Call to Worship:

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

All: inviting us to worship.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

All: inviting us by love.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

**All: calling us by name,
 calling us to grow in faith,
 calling us to be made new.**

One: We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

**Our God as we come before you in prayer
 at the beginning of our worship service
 we thank you for meeting us
 at our point of greatest need and befriending us.
 You enable us to live in families and communities for
 purpose, fellowship, and support.
 You call us to your service and give us a mission.
 You encourage us to hear the affirmation of friends.**

O God we thank you for not accepting the limitations we place on ourselves. God, loved and trusted one, in time and beyond time, we praise you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** *'Come, Children, Join to Sing'* #345 VU

Children of All Ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

One: Eternal God,
who caused all scriptures
to be written for our learning:
grant that we may so hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word,

**All: we may embrace and hold fast
the blessed hope of eternal life.**

**We offer our prayer
in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

16th Century

Scripture Readings: Chesley Eddy
Old Testament Lesson: Acts 2:22-28
Responsive Psalm: Psalm #16 #738 VU
Gospel Lesson: John 20 :19-31

Hymn: *'God, Reveal Your Presence'* #391 VU

Message: "Peace be with you"

Anthem: *'I've Got Peace Like A River'*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

Choral Response:

'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' #541 VU
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

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Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)
**O God, author of all goodness,
who has entrusted us with material possessions
and made us stewards of your bounty:
accept the offerings which we now present to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)
**We repent of our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is a grief to us;
the burden of them is great.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,
most merciful One;
for Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve
and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

BCP 16th Century

One: God of the Exodus,
All: you set Israel free.
One: Jesus of Easter,
All: you proclaimed freedom for all.
One: Spirit of Liberation,
All: empower us to live in freedom. Amen

Choral Response: *'How Deep the Peace'* #95 MV
**How deep the peace, the confidence.
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence.
Of those whose hearts are healed.**

Words of Assurance:

God is the love that over and around us lies;
the grace that is totally unearned;
and the healing that makes the earth whole.
Give thanks to God; we are forgiven!

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Pastoral Prayer:

One: Let us join in our historic prayer of General Thanksgiving:

**All: Almighty God, father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give the most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all mankind.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life,
but above all, for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
We beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen**

Reflective Music / Silent Prayer:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** *'I Heard the Voice of Jesus'* #626 VU

***Commissioning:** (in unison)

**Hear our prayers, God of grace.
Help us to fulfill them
working according to your purpose,
in peace, justice, and mercy, in all we do;
through Jesus Christ to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all power and glory
now and forever.**

***Blessing:**

Lord, help us not to dwell too much on the past,
Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honour all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*I Corinthians 16:13, II Timothy 2:1, Ephesians 6:10
I Thessalonians 5:13-22, I Peter 2:17*

*** Choral Closing:**

***As we go into the future,
As we tell of the Good News,
We will show our love for others,
Just as Christ has told us to.
We will tell the wondrous story,
Of a love that's made for you,
And it's all because of Easter –
Sing a joyous Hal-le-lu!***

See *Gathering Lent 2011* pg. 81

"Choral Sending Forth" (Tune Promise VU 703)

Organ Postlude:

*If we have no peace,
it is because we have forgotten
that we belong to each other.*

~Mother Teresa~

Church News

This Week at First United –April 24 –April 29

Monday	9am	Ways & Means- Eddy Rm
	6:15	Beavers – Rms 1,2&3
Tuesday	2pm	Bible Study – eddy Rm
	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH GYM
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton – DEMH Gym
	9-12pm	TAB – Rms. 1,2&3
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7pm	Christian Dev. RMR

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2017

900

Total to Date

373

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 15-16 jars of peanut butter per week.

The Volunteer Center supplies, on average, 500 households monthly.



Memorial Hymn Sing Sunday, April 30, 2017, 10am
Extra copies of the Hymn Selections and return envelopes can be found in the Narthex.

Notice from the Property Management Team For security reasons, all doors to the sanctuary will be kept locked except the one closest to the office. To enter the church during business hours, please use the St. Patrick Street entrance.



Sunrise Breakfast

(pancakes, sausages, baked beans, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee & tea)

TODAY

8:30 a.m. to noon

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

\$10.00 adults - \$3.00 children

The Upper Room for May and June are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one. A container for donations is located with the publication.

Counters needed for May. If interested call the church office at 546-3532. The counting of Sundays offering usually takes an hour or less and training will be provided.

*You cannot shake hands
with a clenched fist.*

~Golda Meir~

Community Events

Parish of New Bandon Anglican Church Lobster Supper

will be June 3rd, 2017. Tickets will be available April 15th, 2017 from Norma Ellis at 546-9638; Elaine Good at 546-2970; or Mitzi Whelton at 546-4969. Tickets will be \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available for settings at 4 PM, 5PM, 6PM and take outs. Thank You

Open House: There will be an open house for Byron and Sandra Daley's 50 Wedding Anniversary on April 29 from 2-4 at The St. George's Anglican Church Hall.

Saint George's Guild will be holding a

COFFEE PARTY AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 6, 2017 10 am – 12 noon

Saint George's Anglican Church Hall 432 King Ave.

Tickets: \$ 10.00 each available from Guild members. Church Office or at the door

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, May 13, 2017 8:00 – 10:30 am

Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Bill Mullin Memorial Concert:

ESN High School 915 St. Anne Street, Bathurst NB

Sunday, May 7, 2017 2pm

Featuring New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Famers:

Derek Knowles, Allison Inch & Reg Gallant. Also featuring:

Alysa Collins, Mike Breau & Down East Boys.

Price \$15.00 Proceeds to North Shore Shrine Club.

Tickets available from, Stitching Post, Harvey's Travel, Music Centre, any member of the North Shore Shriners and at the door.

For more information call Derek Knowles (506) 783-2594

Acts 2:22-28 New International Version (NIV)

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,^[a] put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

²⁵ David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.^[b]

John 20:19-31 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.