

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i> <i>Psalm 119</i> <i>Romans 13:8-14</i> <i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>	<i>Exodus 14:19-31</i> <i>Psalm 103</i> <i>Romans 14:1-12</i> <i>Matthew 18:21-35</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:** 'Praise to the Lord' # 835 VU vs1
Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name
of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!

Welcoming:

One: Jesus said: love one another.
All: We come to worship God who is love,
that we may learn to love one another.
 One: Jesus said: no longer do I call you servants;
 now I call you my friends.
All: We come to worship God,
whose friends we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praise to God,
 and live in love and friendship;
 through Jesus Christ.

Scripture Sentences:

One: O come let us sing to God;
All: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.
 One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
All: let us joyously shout to God with songs of praise.

Psalm 95:1, 2

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are with us.
All: Like light spilling through colour filled fall trees,
You are with us.
 One: Like wind rippling through curtained windows, You are with us.
All: Like water ever smoothing the sandy beach, you are with us.
 One: In this time of transition from summer to fall we are embraced by your presence.
All: We open our hearts to You.
 One: As we light the Christ candle we are encouraged by your love.
All: We release our thoughts to You, and we are intrigued by Your mysteries,
as we search for your way for our lives.

Call to Worship:

One: Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises.
 Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;
 where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;
 where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;
 where we have been dead, grant us your life.
 Apart from you, O God, we are nothing;
 in and with you, we can do all things. Amen.
All: We come to worship God,
whose friends we are in Christ.
 One: Let us sing praise to God,
 and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

**As on a first day you began the work of creating us;
as on a first day you raised your Son from the dead;
so on this first day, good Lord, freshen and remake us:
and as the week is new, let our lives begin again
because of Jesus who shows us your loving power.
Amen.**

Children of all ages:

***Opening Hymn:** *'Come in, Come in and Sit Down'* #395 VU

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding: (in unison)

**Eternal God,
in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be
known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be
shown. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Chesley Eddy
New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:15-20
***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 149 Pgs 872-873 VU
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

***Hymn:** *'Praise Our Maker'* #316 VU

Message: *'Conflict Management'*

Anthem: *'Would You Bless Our Homes and Families'*

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.***

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

**Through these gifts, O God,
may all heed the voice of justice,
hear the call to compassion,
embrace the way of sharing,
and know solidarity with the loving Christ. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

One: O God, forgive us,
renew us,
send us out as useable instruments,
that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

**All: Holy God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us to bring liberation and
peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves,
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbour
set neighbour against neighbour,
and nation against nation.
We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Heal and forgive us,
set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love.**

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 has exalted Jesus Christ with his own right hand,
as leader and savior to grant repentance and forgiveness of
sins.

Therefore all those, who as servants of Jesus Christ believe
and repent,
are assured of God's pardon and forgiveness.

Silent Prayer / Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer:

One: In the silence following each petition,
let us offer our prayers of intercession and concern
for all those in need:

**All: we remember those who suffer from illness,
from the pain of memory,
from torture, from victimization,
especially those hurt by the church or its members.
We pray for those who are outcast,
or in prison, or oppressed...
We pray for those who are hungry, or homeless, or
poor,
and those who are unemployed, or exploited...
We pray for the coming of justice in the world,
offering what we have and receiving what we need
of the earth's beauty...
We pray for peace that is a just reconciliation...
We pray for the earth on which we walk
and on which we depend...
We offer our own petitions,
we trust in your wisdom and compassion, you are
our God and we share our prayer with you ...
God you hear the prayers of the faithful,
and in your love we find safe harbour and
understanding.**

Amen.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** *'To Show by Touch and Word'* #427 VU

Commissioning: (in unison)

**Sisters and brothers, God loves and cares for each of us,
therefore, cast all anxiety on God.
Keep alert, so that we may remain steadfast in faith with
Christ,
who supports and strengthens us in all things.**

Blessing:

May the abundance of God bless you,
may the strength of Christ keep you,
and the spirit of glory, which is the spirit of God,
shine upon you forever.

*** Choral Closing: 'May God's Sheltering Wings' (#214 MV)**

***May God's sheltering wings,
his gathering wings protect you
May God's nurturing arms,
his cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in his love
And hold you in his love.***

Organ Postlude:

Church News

This Week at First United –Sept. 11– Sept. 16

Monday	9:30	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm.
	1:30	UCW – Eddy Rm.
Tuesday	2pm	Bible Study – Eddy Rm
Wednesday	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	7pm	Christian Dev. - RMR

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of James Knowles,
by Joyce and Bill McLeod and family.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2017 **900**

Total to Date **728**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect
11-12 jars of peanut butter per week.

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



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

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.

Choir Practice will be starting for the fall season on Wednesday
Sept. 13th at 6:30. We meet for approximately an hour. New
members are always welcome.

Observer

Would you like to receive the Observer, a United Church of Canada
publication? For a new subscription, please contact the church
office at 546-3532 before Monday, Oct 19, 2017. The annual
subscription rate is \$25 (Tax included) Renewals are also payable
at the office.

The **UCW Fall Rally** will be held on Sept. 16th, starting 9 am, at
the First United Church.

Bible Study will be starting on September 12th at 2pm in the Eddy
Room.



Beef BBQ

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

309 St. Patrick Street

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Takeouts available 4:00 - 5:30 pm

\$15. Adults \$6. Children (under 12)

All tickets sold in advance.

*Tickets available at the office 546-3532
or from Ways and Means team members.*

Community Events

The Ladies Auxiliary to Herman J. Good VC Branch 18,

Royal Canadian Legion

Roast Beef Supper Includes coffee, tea, and dessert

Sunday, September 10, 2017 Served from: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Cost: \$14.00 Tickets are on sale at the Legion.

Anglican Parish of New Bandon Salmon Supper, Saturday, September 16th, 2017, Christ Church Hall, Clifton. Settings at 4PM, 5 PM, and 6PM. Price: Adults \$20.00, children under 12- \$10.00. Tickets are available from: Mitzi Whelton- 546-4969, Elaine Good- 546-2970, Lorna Veneau 546-2948, Kay Addison-350-0960, and Norma Ellis- 546-9638.

Country Music Night Fundraiser Saturday September 23, 2017.

7 pm Christ Church Hall, Clifton.

Featuring Derek Knowles, Philip Drillen and Alyssa Collins. Free will offering. All proceeds to the Anglican Parish of New Bandon

"Help Lesotho" Calendars

The "Lesotho Initiative" Committee of the Anglophone School District -North has been sponsoring "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fund raiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2018 calendars for sale at a cost of fifteen dollars. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Please contact Gary Branch (egbranch@rogers.com)(546-9208) or Audrey Ronalds (audrey.ronalds@nbed.nb.ca) (549-5995) who will be taking orders for these calendars until October 17, 2017. Payment can be made in advance by cash or cheque or when the calendars are delivered. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho".

Bathurst Christian Women invite you to our Luncheon at Gowan Brae, 150 Youghall Dr, Bathurst on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 \$17 from 11:30am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Susan Blackmore Roy, singer, song writer, musician will present "Music is a Language", and Dorothy Davison, of Kentville, NS will bring her message of "How the pieces of her life were put back together", also we will have music from Gary LeBlanc. Reservations are required before Saturday, September 23. Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or ejgodin@rogers.com or contact Connie at 546-2127.***