

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>I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)</i> <i>Psalm 139</i> <i>I Corinthians 6:12-20</i> <i>John 1:43-51</i>	<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</i> <i>Psalm 62</i> <i>I Corinthians 7:29-31</i> <i>Mark 1:14-20</i>

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Musical Prelude:

***Choral Opening:** *'Arise, Your Light Is Come'* #79 VU vs. 1
Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.

Welcoming:

One: Be strong and of good courage,
do not fear or be in dread:
for it is the Lord your God who goes with you;
he will not fail you or forsake you.

**All: I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who will be.**

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lightening of the Christ Candle:

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**All: Let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with Thanksgiving.

**All: As we light the Christ candle,
let us make a joyful noise
as we sing songs of praise!**

(Based on Psalm 95:1-2)

Call to Worship:

One: You will say in that day:

**All: God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid;
for the Sovereign God is my strength and my song.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
You will say in that day:

**All: Sing praises to the Sovereign God
who has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

Almighty God
you are and was and will be to come.
You rule over all and make all things new.
In your providence and love,
you have brought us
to the beginning of another year.
Grant that in our worship
we may proclaim the wonders of your grace.
May your praise be all glorious:
for to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we ascribe all honour, majesty,
and power forever and ever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: 'All Beautiful the March of Days' #530 VU**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Chesley Eddy

Old Testament Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-10

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 139 **#861 VU**

Gospel Lesson: John 1 :43-51

***Hymn:** *'Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers'* **#385 VU**

Message: "A Vision and a Call for Life"

Anthem: *'I Have Called You by Your Name'*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

Choral Response: *'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'*
***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)

**Caring God,
may we offer not only our material gifts,
but our whole selves to you,
and to all those who need our support
in the quest for justice.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Liberator. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**We confess, O God, that we have sinned against you,
against ourselves, and against our neighbors.
We have called on your name,
but we have not done your will for us.
We have esteemed ourselves,
but we have not respected your image in us.
We have sought the company of others,
but not always their good.
Forgive us, we pray,
and make us what you desire us to be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.***

Assurance of pardon:

In Christ our release is secured
and our sins are forgiven
through the shedding of his blood.
Therein lies the richness
of God's free grace lavished upon us.
This is our faith. This is our hope.
Trusting in this grace, be assured
that your sins are forgiven.

Silent Prayer / Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer:

Let us pray for all the earth, the church,
and all those in need, saying:
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the leaders of nations,
that wisdom and integrity will prevail for the good of all people,
especially the poor.

We pray for regions and countries torn by conflict,
that peace may reign and may our living
become an enterprise of construction rather than destruction.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of faith,
for the unity of the body of Christ,
that divisions might not turn people away from the church.
We pray for Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, and Jews,
that wherever prayers are raised up to you
that we will have a faith filled assurance of your enduring love.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own nation,
for our national government,
the Supreme Court and all the judges,
for our provincial governments, city councils, school boards,
and all who have power to make policy
that all consideration be given
to what is most healthy for all people and our world.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need,
for all who are hungry in our nation and world,
for those who have no food, no home, or employment,
for those who are either unjustly or justly
imprisoned around our world,
for parents and children who live in fear for any reason,
and for all who are in mourning.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember in prayer
all who are facing significant health challenges
that have a direct impact on daily life.
We remember all who are living
with significant uncertainty
that the calm assurance of your love
might be a source of strength and hope for all.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**All: With Thanksgiving,
we remember all those
who have shaped us in your ways, O God.
We share our prayers with you our God,
knowing that you reach out to us in love,
often in very surprising ways.
We pray in the name of your son
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** *'I, the Lord of Sea and Sky'* **509 VU**

Commissioning:

Onr: Go into the world:
dance, laugh, sing, and create.

All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

One: Go into the world:
risk, explore, discover, and love.

All: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

One: Go into the world:
believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

**All: We go with the assurance of your love, O God.
Thanks be to God!**

Blessing:

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you. Amen.

***Choral Closing:** *I am Walking a Path of Peace' (#221 MV)*
***I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
lead me home, lead me home.***

Organ Postlude:

Church News

This Week at First United –Jan. 15- Jan. 20

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15pm	Beavers – Rms 1,2 & 3
Tuesday	6:15	Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9am	TAB – Rms 1,2 & 3
	9 -11am	Badminton

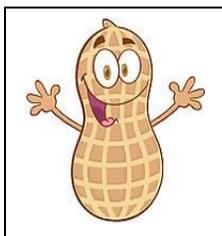
Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2018 **900**

Total to Date **28**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 17-18 jars of peanut butter per week.

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



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



Roast Pork Dinner

Thursday, January 25, 2018

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Takeouts available 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

All tickets sold in advance

Tickets available from Ways and Means team members
and at the church office

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.

Bible study is cancelled this week, Jan 16th , and will resume Jan. 23rd.

Thank You: The Community Outreach team would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Benevolence Program this year. With your generous support \$1270.00 was raised to help those in our congregation who are in need and the Volunteer Center with their programs for the year. The Peanut Butter goal was surpassed for 2017. 940 units were given to the Volunteer Center throughout the year.

Notice from Nominations Team

The Nominations Team would like to take this opportunity to invite all who support the life and work of Christ's Church in the world to serve on a working team of our faith community. The Chair Person of each team is requested to confirm with their members if they will be remaining on their team. Please advise Rick Watling 548-9361 or the church office if you require assistance in filling any vacancies. We thank you in advance for your continued support, and for your feedback by Jan. 31, 2018. This would give the Team sufficient time to prepare their report for the Annual Meeting for approval.

The position of Property Management Chairperson is vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer is encouraged to call Rick Watling.

*You've got a lot of choices.
If getting out of bed in the morning is a chore
and you're not smiling on a regular basis,
try another choice.
~Steven D. Woodhull~*

Community events

There will be a **Community Games Night** at **Central United Hall** on **Friday, January 19th @ 7:00 pm...weather permitting.**

Come and join in for a fun evening of games.....45's, Skip-Bo; Crib, Wizard, etc. Bring your favorite game and your friends. Refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be accepted. All events at Central United Hall will be cancelled if storming.

The annual **Robbie Burns Night**, a fun Scottish evening to chase away the winter blues, will be held downstairs at Bathurst Curling Club on Saturday, January 27. The night begins at 5 p.m. with a cash bar followed by a ham dinner at 6 p.m. There will be entertainment and door prizes and the 2018 memberships will be received.

Tickets at \$15 are available by calling Isabel MacLaggan at 546-5521 or Jean Babin at 546-5758. Everyone is welcome!

*If you don't like how things are,
change it!
You're not a tree.
~Jim Rohn~*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

The LORD Calls Samuel

³ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

John 1:43-51 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe^[a] because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."

⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you,^[b] you^[c] will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on'^[d] the Son of Man."