

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 17: 32-49</i> <i>Psalm 107</i> <i>II Corinthians 6:1-13</i> <i>Mark 4:35-41</i>	<i>II Samuel 1:1, 17-27</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>II Corinthians 8:7-15</i> <i>Mark 5:21-43</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: *'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness'* **#375 VU**

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness
Blow thro' the wilderness
Calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

Welcome:

One: Sing praises to God,
All: give thanks to God's holy name.
 One: For God chose us and gives us strength and joy,
All: and God turns our morning to dancing.

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
All: God's mercies are everlasting.
 One: They are new every morning.
All: Great is God's faithfulness.
As we light the Christ candle
we are reminded of the life giving power
of the Light of God's love.
 One: We have been called a city set on a hill.
All: Let us, like Jerusalem,
lift our gates, lift our hearts,
lift our voices in the worship of God.

Call to Worship:

One: God has given us this beautiful earth,
 all that grows, all that lives upon it.
All: Thanks be to God.
 One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.
All: Thanks be to God.
 One: God has gathered us into a community
 of care and worship.
All: Let us worship God with love,
thanksgiving, and praise.

Prayer of Approach:

Frank Mullin

Holy God, you created the world and all that is in it.
 The wind and the sea obey your Son.
 You are the source of our strength
 and our confidence is in you.
 We offer thanks to you
 for the gifts and talents of all people,
 and the important contribution to our community
 that every person has the opportunity to make.
 All praise be to you, our Creator, Savior, and Redeemer.
 Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

'This is God's Wondrous World' **# 296 VU**

Children of All Ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

Loving God, your word has the power to restore our lives.
Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit,
for you are our source of hope and understanding. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

New Testament:	I Samuel 17:4-11; 31-38	Cheryl Brewster
Responsive Psalm:	Psalm 8 #732 VU	Cheryl Brewster
Gospel lessons:	Mark 4:35-41	Tommy Jagoe

*Hymn: *'Jesus, United by Your Grace'* #591 VU

Message: "The Power of Faith"

Anthem: *'Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom'*

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)

**Loving God,
thank you for giving us a joy for generosity,
and a genuine love for those who are in need.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
and upon our lives
that together we may bring healing
and hope to the world.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**Gracious God,
we acknowledge and
confess in your presence
the smallness of our love,
the narrowness of our concern,
the denial of our true humanity.
Through our careless hands have slipped
opportunities not taken,
people not cared for,
days not celebrated.
We are ashamed and sorry
for the ways of our unfaithfulness,
and ask for reassurance and forgiveness. Amen.**

Service Book 1969

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:

One: Compassionate One, hear our prayer,
stretch out your hand in healing love.

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew your Spirit within us.**

One In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive;
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God.

Silent Prayer :

Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer:

One: Almighty God, you created the world for good;
give to all leaders and people
the wisdom to live in harmony with one another
for the health of all creation.

**All: You called your church to abound in generosity.
Inspire us to share our abundance
with our sister churches who are in need,
that together we may be a sign of unity in Christ.**

One: Your touch has the power to make us whole;
restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit,
and strengthen us as we extend our arms
in love as a witness to your healing.
Steadfast God, you call us to dwell with you forever.

**All: We remember those who are dying
and those who have died;
may they know the joy of your eternal presence,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayer Of Our Lord:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** *'The Servant Song'* **#595 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:

All things, generous God,
that your servants have prayed for
give us grace to work for,
and in the purpose of your love
answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes.
May the blessing of God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit
be with us on our journey.

***Choral Closing:** *'Take Up His Song'* **#213 MV**

***Take up his song of hope
And go into the world
Take up his song of hope
in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
We're laying down our lives;
Lay them down in peace,
Lay them down,
And take up his song.***

Organ Postlude:

*People are like stained-glass windows.
They sparkle and shine
when the sun is out,
but when the darkness sets in
their true beauty is revealed
only if there is light from within.
~Elisabeth Kübler-Ross~*

Church News

This Week at First United –June 25 – June 30

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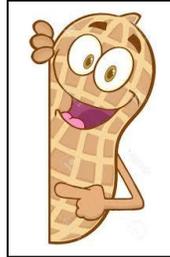
Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2018 **900**

Total to Date **327**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 20-21 jars of peanut butter per week.

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



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

Summer Hours: Starting June 1 until the end of August the church office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1.

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.

*When there is no enemy within,
the enemies outside cannot hurt you.*

~African proverb~

Community Events

Hospitality Days Breakfast

Saturday, July 21, 2018 8:00 – 10:30 am

Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Tickets available in advance or at the door: \$ 7.50 for Adults, \$ 4.00 for children (12 and under) or \$ 20.00 for Family of 4

Contact Church Office at 546-3225

Summer Sizzle: Free family fun day!!! BBQ, Cotton Candy, Games, Face Painting. Presentation by Guest Team "King's Castle" July 28, 2018 2-4pm. Coronation Park, Bathurst. (in case of rain, moved to 150 Basin St.) Adults bring lawn chairs.

Annual vacation Bible School at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, July 16 - 20. "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus". The fun begins at 9:am and children experience bible stories, music, games, sciencey gizmos, movies and more. Phone 506-546-4645 to register or for more information.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church A fund-raising yard sale and used book sale will be held at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 395 Murray Avenue, Bathurst at 9:00 am on Saturday June 2 and June 30. Included with the yard sale are a large number of used books. There will be a wide range of genres available, fiction (most genres including children's) and non-fiction (self-help, cook books, hobbies, war, devotional/inspirational, biographies etc). There will also be a limited number of music related items, yard sale items and crafts. New items added weekly. Proceeds to support the mission work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

*It's not who you are
that holds you back,
it's who you think you're not.*

~Attributed to Hanoch McCarty~

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 31-38 New International Version (NIV)

⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.^[a]

⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels^[b];

⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.

⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.^[c] His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.

⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."

¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."

¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

³¹ What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

Mark 4:35-41 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"