

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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October 7, 2018
Thanksgiving
Communion

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Custodian Gary Branch

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Job 1:1, 2:1-10</i> <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12</i> <i>Mark 10:2-16</i>	<i>Job 23:1-9, 16-17</i> <i>Psalm 90</i> <i>Hebrews 4:12-16</i> <i>Mark 10:17-31</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: '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:

God, giver of all good,
you continually pour your benefits upon us.
Age after age the living wait upon you and find
that your faithfulness has no end,
that your care is unfailing.

We praise you that the mystery of life
is a mystery of infinite goodness.
We praise you
for the order and constancy of nature;
for the beauty and bounty of the earth;
for day and night, summer and winter,
seedtime and harvest;
for the varied gifts of loveliness
which every season brings.
We give you thanks
for all the comfort and joy of life,
for our homes, for our friends,
and for all the love, sympathy,
and goodwill of all people.
Amen.

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: Light a candle for Thanksgiving!
Sing to God for Christ the Lord

**All: As we gather in its light
may we always remember to give thanks
for the gifts God has given us.
Let us worship God with love,
thanksgiving, and praise.**

Call to Worship:

One: The banqueting table is prepared
and God calls us to feast.

**All: We have come from east and west,
from north and south,
to sit at Christ's table.**

One: Compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

**All: We have come to taste and see
that the Lord is good!**

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)
**O Spirit, you swept through the ages:
be among us now
to fill us with radical amazement
at the wonder of creation and creativity.
Call to us that we may hear your voice in beauty,
in witness, in song, and in prayer,
and respond with all that we have to offer:
body, mind, soul, and spirit. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** 'Come, You Thankful People Come' #516 VU

Children of all ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

By your Word,
may our minds open to greater understanding,
our hearts open to deeper love,
and our wills strengthen for greater service. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Helen Knowles

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:21–27
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 126 VU # 850
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25–33

***Hymn:** Are You a Shepherd? 126 MV

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
Safely through danger, while calming our fears?
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
Shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Refrain:

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
But you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
Comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
Challenging students to offer their best?

Refrain:

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
Lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight.

Refrain:

Message: "The harvest is large"

Anthem: 'What More Could We Ask?'

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Invitation to the offering:

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

Choral Response:

*We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care,
our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.*

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

**We give in grateful thanksgiving
for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth
not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously,
in this offering,
To bless your church,
your people, your creation.**

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

An Invitation to the Table:

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**God of mercy,
we confess that too often
we have failed to speak and act with kindness;
to care for others as we have been cared for,
to welcome others as we have been welcomed,
and to live as forgiven and beloved people.
We remember the good not done,
words not spoken,
and grace not given or received.
Hear us now as we make our silent confession to you.**

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:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation;
the old life is fading, the new life has started to emerge.
Know that you are forgiven
and have the courage to forgive one another.

Silent Prayer/Reflective Music:

***Our Communion Hymn:** 'Long Ago and Far Away' #195 MV

Long ago and far away
Jesus lived and worked and prayed
healed the sick and the fearful and lonely
lived his life to show us God's way.

Refrain

*Stretched his arms out as he said
Fill the cup and share the bread
Remember me in love and joy and blessing.*

Jesus gathered the children around him
spoke of Love and the joy to be found
told them stories of wisdom and wonder
God's creation in all that's around.

Refrain

Jesus called all his friends to be with him
share the bread and the cup once again
life to you I will offer it gladly
love will be with you right to the end.

Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer:

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, and Source of love.
We bless you for all your gifts.

We praise you for this holy Thanksgiving Day of hope
and for the wonder of this time of joy.

All: We praise you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

One: For Jesus Christ,
in whom you gather the hope and fears of all the years,
we bless your Holy Name.
Joining now with all your people
of every time and place,
and with the angels and arcangels,
who proclaim the gift of his love.

Choral Response: (Sanctus and Benedictus # 203 MV)

O holy, holy holy God,

O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above

Bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

Creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes

And bears your name always!

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

One: On the night before Jesus died,
he had supper with his disciples:
he took bread; thanked you, as we have thanked you;
broke the bread; and gave the bread to his friends, saying,
Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.
After supper he took the wine; thanked you for it,
and passed a cup of wine to his friends saying,
This cup is the new promise
God has made with you in my blood.
Each time you do this and drink from this cup,
remember me.
Remembering his death and celebrating his resurrection,
we await with hope his coming again
to bring peace and justice to the earth.
And so, we affirm the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

One: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit
upon us and what we do here;
that we, and these gifts, touched by your Spirit,
may be signs of life and love to each other,
and to all the world.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,
God most holy, now and forever.
We gather these and all our prayers,
thankful that we may now turn to you in one voice,

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven..... Amen

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup:

Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

***Closing Hymn:** 'Move in the World'
(tune: Sine Nomine #327 VU)
Move in the world, with kindness as your creed;
Open your eyes to see its deepest need;
Let peace and justice be the truths we heed,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Move in the world, embracing its despair;
The poor and hungry seek our love and care;
With outstretched hands the gift of hope we share,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Live in the world, strive for a better day,
Let truth and fairness birth a kinder way,
Where people, all, the love command obey,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Written by Peggy McDonagh
Gathering, Pentecost 2 2015, page 55
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Benediction:

May the blessing of Jesus,
who announced God's righteousness, of the Creator,
who fills Earth with beauty, and of the Spirit,
who nurtures awe, bless, inspire, and empower you. Amen.

***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:

Church News

This Week at First United – Oct. 8– Oct. 13

Monday	Closed	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	2pm	Bible Study – Eddy Rm
Wednesday	9am – 12pm	TAB - Rooms 1,2 & 3
	9-11am	Badminton
	3pm	Office Closed
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	4pm	Finance Team - RMR



Church School will be beginning for the fall season on October 21th. This semester will run for 10 weeks. The White Gift service will be held on Dec. 9th. We are looking forward to having the children and youth back with us.

Employment opportunity Due to the retirement of Alan Wilcox, the Property Management Committee is seeking an individual for the position of Custodian. Your resume may be dropped off at the church office addressed to the Ministry and Personnel.

Thank You: The Ways and Means team would like to express a sincere thank you to all who helped in anyway with our Beef BBQ. The meat, cooked by Ray Lavigne was delicious and the selection of desserts supplied were absolutely fantastic. Because of the generous sponsorship of the Hatheway Group, the Ways and Means team were able to realize a profit of approximately \$ 4200.00. The next Ways and Means team event will be the Turkey Supper on November 29.

Bible Study will start this week, Oct 9th at 2pm and will be held every second week. Study material is available in the church office.

Notice of Congregational Meeting Oct. 14, 2018

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14 following the church service to receive the recommendation of the Joint Search committee which has been searching for a new minister. At that time the name of a candidate for a call to ministry at First United Church will be presented for the approval of the congregation.

This congregational meeting must be chaired by our Presbytery rep Rev. Sue White from Central United. Rev. Sue will not be able to get to First United until 12:30 pm. For this reason, for this week only, our service of worship will be held from 11 am to 12 noon, to be followed by the meeting around 12:30. We require a quorum of 35 members for the meeting to be held.

Sandra Boone and Brenda Parrott, co-chairs, Cindy Doucet, Katie Brewster, Jennifer Oliver Lavigne, Cheryl Brewster. Presbytery reps are Rev. Sue White and Dianne Ellis

Today's bulletin is placed
in loving memory of Norman R. Branch
whose death occurred in Moncton, N.B.
on October 2, 2018,
by Elizabeth, Gary and family.

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of Vivian Howatt
by her family.

in loving memory of Doris M. Clowater
By Wayne, Colette and family.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2018 **900**
Total to Date **526**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 31-32 jars of peanut butter per week. The Volunteer Center supplies, on average, 500 households monthly.



The Upper Room for Nov. and Dec. 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.

Community Events

"Help Lesotho" Calendars

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 2019 calendars for sale at a cost of fifteen dollars. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) (egbranch@rogers.com) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 9, 2018. 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".

Dinner Theatre 2018 – Politically Incorrect

Mark your calendar for another great adventure at St. Georges Church! We are back! November 21, 23 at 6pm with a full turkey dinner and November 24 at 12 noon featuring a sandwich luncheon. The evening performances are \$30.00 each and the Saturday show is \$20.00. Tickets go on sale in the church Hall on Tuesday, October 16.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Herman J. Good VC Branch 18

Royal Canadian Legion, Meal of the Month BBQ Chicken
Sunday, October 14, 2018 5 pm Tickets \$15.00
Take outs available Tickets can be purchased at the Legion office

Annual Harvest Fair: Gloucester Chapter IODE

October 20, 2018 from 11a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bathurst High School Cafeteria, 640 King Avenue.
For more information contact: Wendy Gionet-Landry 548-5255,

Evangel Mission Team: Turkey supper/dessert auction fundraiser, Saturday November 3, 2018 at 5 p.m. Evangel Church 150 Basin St. Bathurst. Price in house \$12.00 Take-out \$14.00 (dessert included). For information or tickets call Glen or Joyce Daley at 546-3764

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, October 13, 2018 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Saint George's Guild Coffee Party & Bazaar

Saturday, October 20, 2018 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue
Tickets are \$ 10.00 each available from Guild Members, Church Office or at the door

The Point Church – Bathurst Site would like to invite you to our 3rd annual Dessert Auction to be held on Friday, October 19 at 7:00pm at 780 O'Neil avenue. The purpose of this auction is to raise funds to build a house for a family in the Dominican Republic. The mission team is going to the Dominican in February of 2019 and all proceeds of this fundraiser will go toward the purchase of needed supplies.

The 2018 New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame concert will be held at Bathurst High School's Gwendolyn Kent Auditorium on Saturday, October 13 at 8pm. Members of the Hall will be performing including Alyssa (Daley) Collins of Bathurst, one of this year's five new inductees. Advance tickets at \$20.00 can be purchased by calling Kay Morrison at 546-6012. Otherwise the cost is \$25 at the door.

Spaghetti Supper in support of Cuba Mission 2018

Saturday, October 27, 2018 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue
Tickets are \$ 10.00 for Adults and \$ 5.00 for children under 12.
Take-outs are available
Contact Don Goodspeed at 546-5387 or Church Office at 546-3225 for tickets or more info.

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "Tribute to Heroes" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 \$17.50 from 11:20am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Patricia Duffy, Marketing Consultant with Brunswick News will speak to us about "The Pilgrimage of Remembrance", Joanne Dempsey, guitarist and songstress will bring us songs of yesteryear, and Brenda Van Rossum, former real estate agent and banker will speak about the signs she has encountered on her journey down the road of life. **Reservations and cancellations are necessary before Saturday, October 20.** Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or ejgodin@rogers.com or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal.

*Thanksgiving,
after all,
is a word of action.
~W.J. Cameron~*

Thanksgiving Delights

*On Thanksgiving Day we're thankful for
Our blessings all year through,
For family we dearly love,
For good friends, old and new.*

*For sun to light and warm our days,
For stars that glow at night,
For trees of green and skies of blue,
And puffy clouds of white.*

*We're grateful for our eyes that see
The beauty all around,
For arms to hug, and legs to walk,
And ears to hear each sound.*

*The list of all we're grateful for
Would fill a great big book;
Our thankful hearts find new delights
Everywhere we look!*

By Joanna Fuchs

Joel 2:21-27 New International Version (NIV)

²¹ Do not be afraid, land of Judah;
be glad and rejoice.
Surely the LORD has done great things!

²² Do not be afraid, you wild animals,
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.
The trees are bearing their fruit;
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

²³ Be glad, people of Zion,
rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains
because he is faithful.
He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵ "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—
the great locust and the young locust,
the other locusts and the locust swarm^[a]—
my great army that I sent among you.

²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,
and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has worked wonders for you;
never again will my people be shamed.

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the LORD your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.

Matthew 6:25-33 New International Version (NIV)

Do Not Worry

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.