

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Custodian

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Job 23:1-9, 16-17</i> <i>Psalm 90</i> <i>Hebrews 4:12-16</i> <i>Mark 10:17-31</i>	<i>Job 38:1-7, (34-41)</i> <i>Psalm 91</i> <i>Hebrews 5:1-10</i> <i>Mark 10:35-45</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:

How happy are those who live in your Temple,
always singing praise to you.

(Psalm 84 :4)

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: Light shines on the righteous,
and gladness on the good.

**All: All you that are righteous
be glad because of what the Lord has done!
Remember what the holy God has done,
and give thanks to him. (Psalm 97:11-12)**

Call to Worship:

One: Welcome to worship today.
Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

**All: We come from busy lives,
filled with a host of banes and blessings.**

One: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.

**All: Praise to God who listens to our cries
and heals us.**

One: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

All: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

**Lord, you have called us here this day for healing,
hope, and transformation.**
As we listen to the Scripture,
pray our prayers,
sing our hymns,
and hear the words of wisdom,
open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives;
that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn:** 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee' #232 VU

Children of all ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

As we read your Word let us hear your voice,
and in hearing, let our lives be changed
and your world transformed.

Scripture Readings: Wayne Lord
New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16
Responsive Psalm : Psalm 22:1-18 (VU #744-745 Part One)
Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-31

***Hymn:** 'Praise to God, Immortal Praise' #521 VU

Message:

Anthem: 'This Joyful Thanksgiving'

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)
**As you have received each one of us, O Lord,
receive also these gifts that we offer to you
that your love may be made known
through ministries of peace, hope and justice. AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)
**Generous and loving God,
we confess that
in a world where many do not have enough,
we have taken more than we need.
In a world where many live in fear,
we take peace for granted.
In a world where many have lost hope,
we are too often indifferent to despair.
Forgive us, merciful God,
and transform our lives. 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:

Be at peace. Jesus, our High Priest
knows the weaknesses of the human heart.
He has passed through the heavens on our behalf
and from the throne of grace
offers us mercy to help in times of need. **AMEN.**

Silent Prayer/Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer:

God of infinite patience and wisdom,
we come to you with so many things that claim our time,
our energy, our resources, our very lives.
We are easily drawn away from serving you
by the enticements of the world for wealth, ease, and comfort.
Just like the young man in the scriptures,
we are owned by our possessions,
held captive by our treasures.
You continue to offer to us healing and hope.
You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom
in witness and service.
We look at the world in which there is so very much
warfare and strife, anger and hatred,
and we easily become overwhelmed
by the needs and the stresses.
Help us to place our lives and our trust in you,
knowing that with your help,
many wonderful things can be accomplished
which will provide hope and peace for others and ourselves.
Give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples.
For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.
And now let us bring before God our family prayer...
Our Father...

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** 'For Beauty of Prairies' #303 VU
(tune St. Denio VU 223)

Benediction:

You have been made free by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into the world to serve God by helping others. Be at peace and bring God's peace and love with you wherever you go. 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:

*Wealth consists
not in having great possessions,
but in having few wants."
— Epictetus*

Church News

This Week at First United –Oct. 15– Oct. 20

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15	Beavers – Rooms 1,2 &3
Tuesday	6:15	Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9am – 12pm	TAB - Rooms 1,2 & 3
	9-11am	Badminton
	3pm	Office Closed
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday		

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2018 **900**
Total to Date **539**
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.



Notice of Congregational Meeting TODAY

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

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.



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.

Thank You to Cheryl & Gordon Murphy for being our greeters and Doug Henderson & Robert Willis for being the counters for the month of September.

Thank You to Pat Brown and Nora McLean for decorating our sanctuary for Thanksgiving last week.

Annual Remembrance Service

Each year, on the Sunday immediately prior to Remembrance Day, we honour our war veterans as well as those who lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, November 4. Those wishing to place memorial crosses in the sanctuary are reminded to contact the Legion office directly.

*There is no greater loan
than a sympathetic ear.
~Frank Tyger~*

Community Events

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

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.

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.

Time, Talent and Treasure Auction Saint George's Church Hall
432 King Avenue Friday, November 2, 2018
Doors open at 6:30 pm for viewing and Auction starts at 7:00 pm.

The annual meeting of the **New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association** will be hosted by Bathurst Chapter NBSCA on Saturday, October 20 downstairs at Bathurst Heritage Museum beginning at 11:00 a.m. A noon lunch at no cost will be followed by the annual general meeting at 1:00 p.m. Earlier in the day, beginning at 9:30 a.m., the local NBSCA Chapter will hold its annual meeting upstairs at the same location. Members are urged to attend both events.

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon will be holding a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, October 27 at Christ Church Hall. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Sittings are at 4 pm, 5 pm, and 6pm. For tickets, please contact Kay Addison 350-0960, Norma Ellis 546-9638, Elaine Good 546-2970, or Lorna Veneau 546-2948.

Hebrews 4:12-16 New International Version (NIV)

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,^[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Mark 10:17-31 New International Version (NIV)

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'^[a]

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel

³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."