

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**October 21, 2018**

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| <u>Lectionary for today</u>  | <u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>  |
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| <i>Job 38:1-7, (34-41)</i><br><i>Psalm 91</i><br><i>Hebrews 5:1-10</i><br><i>Mark 10:35-45</i> | <i>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</i><br><i>Psalm 126</i><br><i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i><br><i>Mark 10:45-52</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:**

I have asked the Lord for one thing;  
one thing only do I want:  
to live in the Lord's house all my life,  
to marvel there at his goodness,  
and to ask for his guidance.. (Psalm 27:4)

**Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:  
Announcements:**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

**One:** O God as light comes from this candle  
**All:** **May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us warming our hearts and brightening our way. Bringing life into the darkness of this world, and to us, and we wait from his coming.**

**Call to Worship:**

**One:** We come before God as equal in God's sight.  
**All:** **God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.**  
**One:** None of us is perfect and without blemish.  
**All:** **Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.**  
**One:** We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us. AMEN.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (in unison)

**Lord, everywhere we look**  
**we see the imprint of your creative love.**  
**The wondrous works of nature show your majesty.**  
**As we gather today**  
**to celebrate your love and creation,**  
**keep us mindful that we are part**  
**of that created order,**  
**meant to be stewards and not destroyers.**  
**Prepare us to work for you**  
**in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.**

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

**Children of all ages:**

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Prayer for Understanding:** (in unison)

**Source of all wisdom, insight and understanding,**  
**as we read Scripture today, help us to focus on you,**  
**show us your will and attune our ears**  
**to hear your word.**  
**In the name of Jesus our teacher and savior, we pray.**  
**Amen**

**Scripture Readings:** Pat MacIntosh  
**New Testament Lesson:** Hebrews 5:1-10  
**Responsive Psalm:**  
Psalm 104:1-9,24-35c (VU # 826-827 Parts 1&2)  
**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 10:35-45

**\*Hymn:** 'I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry' #644 VU

**Message:** "Servant of God"

**Anthem:** 'Spirit, Open My Heart'

### 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)

**God of Grace and Mercy,  
you call us to be servants  
in your Son's holy name.  
While popular culture  
often diminishes self-sacrifice,  
we know that being a servant leader  
is a worthwhile calling.  
Help us to focus on the Christian practice  
of hospitality by freely giving to others in your name.  
Accept this offering as a profound gesture  
of our desire to serve you today and always.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

**Prayer of Confession:** (in unison)

**God of mercy,  
your loving kindness endures forever:  
we confess that too often  
our love has been fleeting  
our devotion shallow,  
and our pride without limits.  
We have nursed anger,  
nurtured suspicion,  
and failed to forgive and to accept forgiveness.  
Hear us, O God, as in silence  
we make our private 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:**

God hears the cries of our hearts,  
sees our actions, knows our attitudes.  
In the midst of our sinfulness,  
God reaches out to heal and forgive us.  
Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you.  
Live in God's love. AMEN.

**Silent Prayer/Reflective Music:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

We are so competitive, Lord.  
We want to know who will be best and first,  
and we hope that it is each one of us.  
You call us special and we interpret it to mean "the best".  
And we feel that we are entitled  
to all that is due to the "best".  
Jesus reminded us that the best of us will be the servants,  
will be those who are willing to help and witness to others,  
not for their own honor but for God's honor and praise.  
Far too long, we have decided  
that we know what is best for the whole world.

# Church News

We want to run the "whole show",  
 but we don't want to listen to you, God.  
 You want us to bring peace,  
 to listen to others needs and wants.  
 We want to impose our wills on everyone.  
 We have gotten way off the track of discipleship.  
 Bring us back, patient God.  
 Shake the dust of arrogance from us  
 and nourish us with humility and joy.  
 Help us to be the kind of disciples that serve you faithfully.  
 For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.  
 And now let us bring before God our family prayer...  
**Our Father...**

## **This Week at First United –Oct. 22– Oct. 27**

|           |            |                          |
|-----------|------------|--------------------------|
| Monday    | 9-11am     | Badminton                |
|           | 6:15       | Beavers – Rooms 1,2 &3   |
| Tuesday   | 9:30       | Community Outreach - RMR |
|           | 2pm        | Bible Study – Eddy Rm    |
|           | 3pm        | Office Closed            |
|           | 6:15       | Scouts – DEMH Gym        |
|           | 6:30       | Choir Practice           |
| Wednesday | 9am – 12pm | TAB - Rooms 1,2 & 3      |
|           | 9-11am     | Badminton                |

### **THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn:**    *'I Feel the Winds of God'*       **#625 VU**

**Benediction:**

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness.  
 Go from this place knowing  
 that God's blessings have been poured on you  
 so that you may be a blessing to others.  
 Be at peace and bring the good news  
 of God's love and peace to all whom you meet. **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:**

**Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2018       **900**  
 Total to Date                               **564**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect  
 30-31 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.



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

## Community Events

### **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.

**Baby Food:** The UCW collects baby food to give to the Volunteer Center. They will be turning it into the centre sometime after the first week of November. If you wish to donate baby food, it can be dropped off at the church office during the week or left in the Narthex for the next couple of Sundays.

**Notice from the Pastoral Care Team:** Please notify the church office with regard to congregants requiring hospital or home visits, greeting cards, sympathy cards or other remembrances.

### **Turkey Harvest Supper**

*Sponsored by*

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*and*

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Thursday, **November 29, 2018**

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

Adults \$ 15 – Children (12 and under) \$ 6

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Takeouts available 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

All tickets sold in advance.

For information call 546-3532

### **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.

**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

### **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.

**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 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.

There will be a **covenanting service at First United Church in Campbellton** on Sunday, October 28 at 7:00

p.m. acknowledging the shared ministry (United and Presbyterian) of Rev. Glen Sampson, First United Church and the two presbyteries involved. All are invited to attend.

**Annual St. Luke's "All things Christmas" Bazaar and Soup Luncheon**

Saturday, November 3, 2018 beginning at 10:00 am. 395 Murray avenue. A variety of soups will be available and there will be baked goods for sale. Christmas related items for sale include books, music, movies, decorations, gift ware. Admission is free but free will offerings will be gratefully accepted. Join with friends and help support the work of the Atlantic Mission Society in our community and beyond.

**Thank you:** We wish to express our appreciation to all who helped celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will forever treasure the memories and laughter from this special occasion.

Thanks so much. Dave & Vera Wood

**Family & Community Breakfast**

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

**A Remembrance Day Concert** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Central United Church Hall. The theme of the afternoon is "War or Peace". A variety of entertainers will be taking part. Tickets at the door are \$10.00. Come one, come all, for an afternoon of entertainment. Cookies & refreshments will be served at intermission.

*My greatest service to others  
is living happily,  
and radiating happiness  
and joy to those around me.  
- Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

## Hebrews 5:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

<sup>2</sup> He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.

<sup>3</sup> This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

<sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

<sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered

<sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

<sup>10</sup> and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

## Mark 10:35-45 New International Version (NIV)

### The Request of James and John

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

<sup>36</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup> “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

<sup>39</sup> “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,

<sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

<sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

<sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

<sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”