

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>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</i> <i>Psalm 34</i> <i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i> <i>Mark 10:45-52</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1-18</i> <i>Psalm 119</i> <i>Hebrews 9:11-14</i> <i>Mark 12:28-34</i>

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

We welcome the Men's choir today and thank them for leading our music.

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:

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

(Psalm 149:4)

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: Bless the Lord at all times.

All: Let everyone bless God.

One: Praise the Lord continually.

All: Let everyone praise Christ.

One: Our souls boast in the Lord.

All: We boast in the Spirit's greatness.

One: With one voice, we magnify and exalt the Lord,
for God has delivered us and made us whole.

All: Exalt our God, the Lord of life.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

**Great Triune God, through Jesus Christ,
our great and eternal High Priest,
we give you praise
and consecrate ourselves to follow you.
As we worship you
and celebrate your glorious resurrection,
open our eyes so that we may see —
open the eyes of our mind
to learning and understanding;
open the eyes of our heart,
to love and compassion;
open the eyes of our soul,
to see our spiritual selves
during our time of worship. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing' #326VU

Children of all ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding: (in unison)

**O God, as we hear your Word today,
let us see, and by seeing, let us understand.
Let your Word, heard in faith, make us well,
that with our eyes opened,
we too might follow your Son. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isabel MacLaggan

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 7:23–28

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 34:1–8, (19–22) (VU pp. 761–762)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:46–52

***Hymn:** *'How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds'* #344 VU

Message:

Anthem: *'Rock of Ages'*

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)

**You invite us, God,
to taste and see that you are good.
Well, we have tasted and you are truly good.
As a token of our gratitude
and a reflection of our devotion,
we give back to you from our abundance.
Multiply the gifts of our hands,
that they may double
what we could do alone.
To the glory and service of Jesus, Amen.**

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**Mystical, transcendent God,
there is so much of life
we simply do not know.
In our arrogance,
we utter what we do not understand.
Rescue us, O Lord, from our afflictions.
Restore us, O God, from our self-inflicted wounds.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Son of God,
and save us by your unending intercession.**

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:

Cry out to Christ, our great High Priest,
for he has saved us.
Our faith has made us well,
brought us forgiveness,
and granted us peace.

Silent Prayer:

Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer:

One: God of the church and God of the universe,
on this Reformation Sunday,
we thank you for the gift of the church.
We thank you for this congregation
and for the love and acceptance
that we find here in your name.

**All: We pray for this congregation
and for all who serve you here.
Grant that we might be the kind of faith community
that you call us to be.
Help us to look out, not in,
and to serve others in your name.**

One: We thank you for those from whom
we have learned of your love.
We thank you for parents and grandparents,
ministers and church school teachers and friends
and for all who shared in passing the faith on to us.

**All: We pray for all of us in our calling
to share the good news.
Grant that we might declare your love
through our actions and our words.
Help us to share the gospel in everything we do.**

One: We thank you for the ways
in which you have chosen to reveal yourself.
We thank you for your Word,
and for the people by whom the scriptures were written,
copied, preserved, and translated.

**All: We pray for the shared work of interpretation.
Grant that we might be guided by your Spirit.
Help us to hear your voice
speaking through Scripture.**

One: We thank you for your Word made flesh.
Hear us now, as we join our voices
with those of the church around the world
and across the ages,
and pray the words Jesus taught us:
Our Father Amen.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** 'Open My Eyes' #371 VU

Benediction:

One: Go! Your faith has made you well.

**All: We go, knowing that our faith
has been made stronger.**

One: Go! Follow him on the way.

All: We go, knowing Jesus is the way.
(Mark 10)

***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:

*Faith
is taking the first step
even when you don't see
the whole staircase.
~Martin Luther King, Jr. ~*

After the Turkey Is Gone

*After the turkey is gone, what then?
Will we keep in mind the blessings
for which we claimed to be thankful?
Or will we allow the chaos of everyday life,
real and imagined problems,
to intrude into the contentment
we felt on Thanksgiving Day.*

*The cranberries, the stuffing
and pie a dim memory,
will we focus on trivial irritations,
or will we hold on to what's really important,
the deep, satisfying, good things we have
instead of what we imagine we want
but haven't got.*

*After the turkey is gone,
cling to the blessings;
remember what makes life worth living;
continue thanks giving.*

By Joanna Fuchs

Church News

This Week at First United –Oct. 29– Nov. 3

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	1:30	Pastoral Care - RMR

The flowers in our sanctuary and bulletin today
have been placed
in loving memory of Betty Lavigne
by Judy & Macky

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2018 **900**
Total to Date **627**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect
27-28 jars of peanut butter per week.

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

Special thank you to the Rotaract for their generous
donation of peanut butter while renting the DEMH last weekend.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Turkey Harvest Supper

*Sponsored by
Kenny's Trucking LTD.*

*and
Shine House*

(A Division of Bathurst Automotive)

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



*Remember to set you clocks back Saturday night,
Nov.3rd, before going to bed!*

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.

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

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.

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

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. 10th, 2.p.m 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.

Thank you to the congregation of First United Church - On behalf of the "Lesotho Initiative" Committee of ASD-N, a special thank you is extended to everyone who supported our recent calendar drive. A total of 184 "Help Lesotho" calendars for 2019 were sold. This will raise \$2760. for the work of "Help Lesotho" with Grandmothers and vulnerable children in the tiny mountain kingdom of Lesotho, Africa. Your loyal support of this initiative is much appreciated.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Herman J. Good VC Branch 18

Royal Canadian Legion Meal of the Month
Roast Pork Lemon Dessert – Tea & Coffee
Sunday November 4, 2018 5 p.m. Tickets \$15.00.
Take-Outs are available Tickets are available at the Legion office.

*There is a child in every one of us
who is still a trick-or-treater
looking for a brightly-lit front porch.
~Robert Brault ~*

Hebrews 7:23-28 New International Version (NIV)

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely^[a] those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Mark 10:46-52 New International Version (NIV)

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.