

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**November 25, 2018**  
**Reign of Christ**

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>II Samuel 23:1-7</i>	<i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i>
<i>Psalm 132</i>	<i>Psalm 25</i>
<i>Revelation 1:4b-8</i>	<i>I Thessalonians 3:9-13</i>
<i>John 18:33-37</i>	<i>Luke 21:25-36</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:

Greet one another with the kiss of Christian love.  
1 Peter 13:14

### Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

### Announcements:

### Lighting of the Christ Candle:

**One:** Set our hearts on fire with love for you,  
O Christ our God

**All:** **So that in its flame  
we may love you with all our heart,  
with all our mind, with all our soul,  
and with all our strength,  
and our neighbors as ourselves.**

### Call to Worship:

**One:** Come, let us bow down and worship the King of kings,  
the Lord of Lord.

**All:** **At this birth the angels proclaimed it.  
He is the Wonderful Counselor,  
Lord Of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.**

**One:** Through his teaching and his life  
we have learned how to live to God.

**All:** **By his death and resurrection  
we have been saved and claimed by God  
as witnesses to God's eternal love.**

### Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

**We come this day, rejoicing,  
in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.  
At his birth the angels proclaimed his name  
to be Emmanuel, God with us.  
Today in this place, in this time of worship,  
may we truly feel the power and presence  
of Jesus Christ in our lives.  
May our hearts and spirits  
be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives,  
"Christ is Lord!". AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** 'Rejoice, the Lord is King' #213VU

### Children of all ages:

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Understanding:

Your thoughts are not our thoughts,  
your ways are not our ways;  
guide us by your word and spirit  
so that in the hearing of the scriptures  
our thoughts and ways might be a greater reflection of yours.

### Scripture Readings:

Cheryl Brewster

**New Testament Lesson:** Revelation 1:4b-8

**Responsive Psalm :** Psalm 132 Parts 1&2 **#855 VU**

**Gospel Lesson:** John 18:33-37

### \*Hymn: *'I Am the Dream'* **#106 MV**

I am the dream and you the dreamer.  
I am the song and you are the rhyme.  
You are the tune sung in every silence.  
You are the now in the endless stream of time.

I am the bell and you the silence.  
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.  
I am the blest and you the blessing.  
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.

You are the word and I the echo.  
You are the leader and I am the led.  
You are the joy and I the laughter.  
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.

**Message:** "A Different Kind of King"

**Anthem:** *'O Christ, in Thee My Soul'*

## 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)

**With gratitude for all the blessings  
you have poured into our lives,  
Lord Jesus, we come bringing these our gifts  
that they may be used in service to those in need.  
Bless these gifts and those who have given them,  
that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name.  
AMEN.**

### Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**We have trouble believing in a King in our lives.  
Yet, this day we are called to recognize Jesus Christ  
as the King of our lives, our sovereign ruler.  
His kingdom is based on the laws of love; loving God  
as God has truly loved us and loving our neighbor  
as we ourselves want to be loved.  
That love extends beyond the borders of our lives,  
into a world in which there is fear and alienation,  
hunger and disease, hopelessness and darkness.  
Forgive us, Lord, for the meagerness of our faith  
and the weakness of our witness.  
Rule our lives again with your powerful love,  
that we might truly be worthy disciples of yours.  
Help us to find the forgiveness  
which you have given to us and to do your will. 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:**

Even though we have often failed to do  
as our Lord Jesus has asked,  
yet there is eternal forgiveness  
and a chance to again follow his ways. Be assured, dear  
friends, that the love of Jesus Christ will never leave you. Be  
his witnesses throughout the world. AMEN.

**Silent Prayer / Reflective Music:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

Sovereign Lord Jesus,  
come into our hearts today and take your reign.  
Remind us that your kingdom is a kingdom of hope and light,  
in which there is no darkness, fear, or sadness.  
You have called us to be the Kingdom people,  
living our lives in the knowledge  
that peace, justice, and hope are not only possible,  
but can actually be the ruling factor of the world,  
for those who follow you.  
There are many who do not acknowledge  
your presence and your name, O Lord.  
But in your infinite love and mercy,  
you have acknowledged and claimed them.  
Help us to be the kind of disciples  
that welcome everyone with the words of kindness,  
that offer acts of mercy and peace to all in need,  
to proclaim Christ risen and glorified.  
As we have brought before you, O Lord,  
the names of people and situations  
needing your healing and comforting touch,  
may we also open our hearts  
for that same healing and comfort.  
Remind us that we are never out of your grace and mercy.  
We know that you will give us the strength and wisdom  
to be true disciples and we celebrate and honor you,  
now and forever. AMEN.

And now, O God, we join our voices into one voice and pray  
in the words handed down to us from Christ:

**Our Father...**

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn:**    *'I Heard the Voice of Jesus'*    **#626 VU**

**Benediction:**

Go now in peace.  
Bring the good news of God's eternal love,  
the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to all you meet.  
Go in peace. AMEN.

**\*Choral Closing:**    *'May God's Sheltering Wings'*    **#214MV**

***May God's sheltering wings,  
His gathering wings protect you  
May God's nurturing arms,  
His cradling arms sustain you,  
And hold you in his love  
And hold you in his love.***

**Organ Postlude:**

*Faith  
is reason grown  
courageous.  
~Sherwood Eddy~*

# Church News

## This Week at First United –Nov 26 – Dec. 1

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Beavers – Rms 1,2&3
Tuesday	6:15	Scouts – DEMH Gym
	7 pm	Pastoral Council – Eddy Rm
Wednesday	9am – 12pm	TAB - Rooms 1,2 & 3
	3pm	Office Closed
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday		Turkey Supper

The bulletin has been placed

*in loving memory of Robert Carmichael Jr.*  
by Dale & Leonard MacGrath

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*in loving memory of Cletus Lavigne*  
by Judy & Macky

### Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2018 **900**

Total to Date **733**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 33-34 jars of peanut butter per week.

The Volunteer Center supplies, on average, 500 households monthly. This amount increases over the Christmas Season.



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.

2019 Envelopes: The Contribution Envelopes for 2019 are located in the Narthex. Please insure that envelopes for the correct year are used as individual contribution #'s may have changed.

## Turkey Harvest Supper

*Sponsored by*

*Kenny's Trucking LTD.*

*and*

*Shine House*

*(A Division of Stothart 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



### Christmas Luncheon, Bake Sale and Craft Sale

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 Donald Eddy Memorial Hall 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Lunch is assorted sandwiches, fruit salad and small cakes, coffee/tea. Bake table with pies, fudge, preserves, cookies and cakes, jams/jellies All benefitting First United Church.

*Anyone wishing to donate baking, homemade beans, preserves, tea biscuits etc. for the bake table is asked to bring it to the DEMH on Thursday, Dec. 6 between 9 & 1 or Friday morning prior to the Luncheon.*

Team Esperanza will have crafts for sale.

Christmas Wreaths and Evergreen Baskets will be sold in support of Servants Heart Ministries. Orders will be taken upon request.

Admission \$10, children (12 & under) \$5 Tickets available from the First United Church office.

Missing Dishes? There are a number of baking dishes and other containers in the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall kitchen that have been left after suppers. If you are missing your, it could be here.

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.

**Annual Christmas Benevolence Program:** For those interested in supporting this benevolence program, donation envelopes are available on the Christmas tree located at the entrance to the sanctuary. The White gift service will be on Sunday, December 9, and the envelopes can be returned at that time. Any personal cheque may be made payable to First United Church. Donations to this fund will be used to support the volunteer center as well as those people in our congregation who find it difficult, financially, throughout the year.

**Poinsettia Fund:** Once again this year we are hoping to have the beauty of our sanctuary enhanced with poinsettias for the Christmas season. Those wishing to contribute to the annual poinsettia fund may place an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please mark clearly on the face of the envelope – Poinsettia Fund with your name, PAR or envelope number. List the names that you wish to have printed in the Christmas bulletin insert. Donations will also be received in the church office – deadline is December 17, 2018.



**Save the Date:**

*What Can I Give to the Holy Child?*

Christmas Concert Hymn Sing

Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Storm Date – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

*A hug is a great gift  
– one size fits all,  
and it's easy to exchange.  
~Author Unknown~*

## Community Events

A "**Spirit of Christmas 2018**" Holiday Show will feature performances by local musicians Rosalind Kennedy – Townsend, Anick Turner, and Dorothy Roy- Nini ; Marc Melanson and the Bandits; Stacy Hickey-Buraglia; Jody Lavigne; Alysa Collins; Derek Knowles; Chad Townsend; Take Note; B.H.S. Choir and Choral Ensemble; Jeff Long; Jocelyne and Marc Hachey; Stephane and Michelle Hebert; Bernie Beaudoin; Eddie Edwards; and the Landry Highland Dancers. The concert will take place at the Gwendolyn Kent Auditorium, Bathurst High School, on Saturday, December 1, (7:00 P.M.) and Sunday, December 2, (2:00 P.M.), 2018. The concert is being held in support of the "Spirit of Christmas" Senior Initiative. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available from participating members, committee members (Gary Branch 546-9208), Tower Jewellers (181 Main Street), and at the door.

The annual **Feast of Saint Andrew** and Scottish entertainment evening will be held December 2 at Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club at 4:30 pm. The event will include a roast beef dinner with haggis and dessert, traditional bagpiping and highland dancing. Tickets cost \$30.00 and are available by phoning Jean Babin at 546-5758, Lois Campbell at 546-2348 or Isabel MacLaggan at 546-5521. Come Celebrate. Everyone is welcome.

### **Family & Community Breakfast**

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

*The only gift  
is a portion of thyself.  
~Ralph Waldo Emerson~*

## *Talents*

*"I have no voice for singing;  
I cannot make a speech,  
I have no gift for music,  
I know I cannot teach.*

*I am no good at leading;  
I cannot 'organize,'  
And anything I write  
would never win a prize.*

*But at roll call at meetings,  
I always answer 'here.'  
When others are performing,  
I lend a listening ear.*

*After the programs over,  
I praise its every part,  
My words are not to flatter;  
I mean it from the heart.*

*It seems my only talent  
is neither big nor rare,  
Just to listen and encourage  
and to fill a vacant chair.*

*But all the gifted people  
could not so brightly shine,  
Were it not for those who  
use a talent such as mine."*

*- Alice Bennett*

## Revelation 1:4-8 New International Version (NIV)

### Greetings and Doxology

<sup>4</sup> John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits<sup>[a]</sup> before his throne,

<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

<sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”<sup>[b]</sup>  
and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;  
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”<sup>[c]</sup>  
So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

## John 18:33-37 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”