

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>Psalm 104</i> <i>Romans 8:14-17</i> <i>John 14:8-17, (25-27)</i>	<i>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31</i> <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>Romans 5:1-5</i> <i>John 16:12-15</i>

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

We welcome Jennifer Lavigne today and thank her for leading our service of worship.

*We welcome this morning members of
 Lodge Saint John No 27, Free and Accepted Masons*

GATHERING

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!*

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
 Sparks fly, winds blow, sounds surround!
 The Spirit is in the air!

Amazing things are happening!
God's Spirit has been let loose!

Something astounding
 is about to change the church.
 Are you ready?

We speak the language of love and harmony.
We receive the message of unity and grace.

We live the way of new beginnings!
 We worship God.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C.

GATHERING PRAYER (responsively)

For the moments when, alone with the world,
 we feel connection with all that is:

We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.

For the times when we come together
 and feel our hearts blend as one family in worship:

We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.

For the strength to reach out and touch those
 in need with actions that speak of God's love:

We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.

For the courage to proclaim and witness to
 the love of God in the world, in deed and in word:

We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.

In thanksgiving and with assurance that she is
 with us in all places and at all times,

**we ask the Spirit to manifest through us
 in our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

**May we be a Pentecost church,
 at work in an eternally renewing world. Amen!**

Anna Atkinson, Cedar U.C., Nanaimo, B.C.

***GATHERING HYMN –**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" – **VU #375 vs. 1&3**

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

....and Christ will uphold us.
Therefore, let us not be afraid.

Thanks be to God.

Frances Flook, Emo/Devlin P.C., Emo, Ont.

CHORAL RESPONSE – “How Deep the Peace” – **MV #95**

*How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PUPPET SHOW

***SINGING A SONG** –

‘Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom’ **#10 MV**

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
She who danced when earth was new,
Follow closely what she teaches,
For her words are right and true,
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
Showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
Crying in the marketplace,
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
Full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
Peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
Nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
Bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
Holy friends of God and earth.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

Joanne Wiseman

REFECTION

ANTHEM – “Open My Eyes, That I May See

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

(in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

***CHORAL RESPONSE** –

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” – **VU #541**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

***OFFERING PRAYER** (responsively)

Lord of all experiences,
today we pray for the coming
of your Holy Spirit
to bless these gifts we offer.

May she bring us wisdom.

May she bring us enlightenment.

May she bring the betterment of all Creation.

**May she surround us and these gifts in faith
for your work in this community and in the world. Amen.**

Jim McKean, Orillia, Ont.

Church News

This Week at First United –June 10-June 15

Wednesday	3pm	Office Closed
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

THE NEW CREED (in unison)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN – 'Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song' #641VU**

COMMISSIONING

***CHORAL CLOSING: 'When You Walk From Here' #298 VU**

***When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
And with God's humble care.***

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **404**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 17-18 jars of peanut butter per week.

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



Greeting Cards...At this time of the year we often receive packets of greeting cards in the mail or find some as we do spring cleaning. If one does not have use for all of them, the Pastoral Care Team is willing to accept donations of cards as we send out a fair number of all occasion cards to members of our church family during the year. The church office can be notified at 546-3532 and they will be picked up or they can be dropped off at the office. Thank You.

The Upper Room for July and Aug. 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.

Summer Hours: Starting June 7 until the end of August the church office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1.

Thank you to everyone who attended or participated in our Gospel Hymn Sing held on June 2. With your generous support, \$1250.00 has contributed to the life and work of First United.

Thank You The Friends of First Team would like to thank all who helped in any way with the Chicken Salad Take-Out. Approximately \$2500.00 was raised. A special thanks to our sponsor, Colin Brewster of Assante Wealth Management

Community Events

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "Bathurst – The Place to Be" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:20am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Pauline Armstrong will reveal to us the areas of hidden beauty, the adventurous activities and the down home hospitality that greet all who come to our city, Joanne Dempsey and company will provide a musical adventure, and Hazel Matheson of Salisbury NB will tell us how she found "Freedom in Forgiveness". **Reservations and cancellations are necessary.** Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or ejgodin@bellaliant.net or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal.

2019 Quilt Tea @ Central United Clifton, NB
Saturday, July 6th 10 am – 4 pm

Tickets are 10\$ each and include entry to quilt display; sweetbreads & beverages.
Door prizes to be won! Draw of Quilt Raffle to take place (tickets available at Tea)
For tickets for Tea please contact;
Elan Dempsey 548-9160; Debbie Hachey 546-2926,
Shirley Scott 546-8285, Isabel Clouston 548-1500

*Dreams are illustrations...
from the book
your soul is writing about you.
~Marsha Norman~*

Acts 2:1-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'