

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14</i> <i>Psalm 77:1-2,11-20</i> <i>Galatians 5:1,13-25</i> <i>Luke 9:51-62</i>	<i>2 Kings 5:1-14</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>Galatians 6:1-16</i> <i>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</i>

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

We welcome Linda Knowles-MacPherson today and thank her for leading our music.

GATHERING

MUSICAL PRELUDE

***"O Canada"** - VU #524

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
 Through prophets, rulers, and leaders,
the story is passed on to the world.
 Through disciples and apostles and followers,
the story is passed on to the world.
 Through saints and reformers and mystics,
the story is passed on to the world.
 Through you and me and us,
the story is passed on to the world.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" – VU #232

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)
 ...And yet, at times, we use our freedom for self-indulgence.
Forgive us, Holy One.

We have been called to love one another, and yet sometimes, it seems we'd rather snap at one another.

Forgive us, Holy One.

Often, we'd rather be guided by what we want, rather than what you want.

Forgive us, Holy One.

Transform us by your Spirit and make us new.

Amen.

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.

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages)

***SINGING A SONG** – "For Beauty of Prairies" – VU #303
 [Tune St. Denio – VU #223]

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Cheryl Brewster

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – “This Is God’s Wondrous World”

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** (in unison)

**Holy One,
you offer gifts beyond price:
gifts of skills and time and love.
We gratefully receive these gifts,
and in turn, offer a portion back.
Bless these offerings, Holy One.
May they go through this place
and out into the world to continue your work of peace,
justice, and mercy.
Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” – VU #400

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

...come to us, Holy One,

R. and whisper your presence.

THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #921 (in unison)

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “O God of All the Many Lands” – VU #523
[Tune Forest Green – VU #518]

***BLESSING** (responsively)

...we could linger in the shadow of Elijah,

but justice does not wish us to linger.

We could linger in the company of yesterday,

but truth does not wish us to linger.

We could linger in the consolation of the past,

but God’s realm does not wish us to linger.

We could linger in the comfort of the dead,

but resurrection does not wish us to linger.

Let’s move out into this day

and meet God there.

Amen.

Church News

*"God Save the Queen"

*God save our gracious Queen,
Long Live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*I am a Canadian,
free to speak without fear,
free to worship in my own way,
free to stand for what I think right,
free to oppose what I believe wrong,
or free to choose
those who shall govern my country.
This heritage of freedom
I pledge to uphold
for myself and all mankind.
John Diefenbaker*

This Week at First United –July 1-July 6

Monday	Office Closed	Canada Day
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **432**

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.



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.

*Freedom has its life
in the hearts, the actions,
the spirit of men
and so it must be daily earned and refreshed —
else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots,
it will wither and die.
~Dwight D. Eisenhower ~*

Community Events

The annual memorial service for the Stonehaven New Bandon Union Cemetery Inc.

will be held July 7, 2019, at 1:30 pm at the Community Chapel. Pastor Jody Holmes will be the guest speaker, Offering envelopes will be provided at the door allowing the donor to specify whether their offering will be used for general revenue, Perpetual care or restoration of the Community Chapel. Donors wishing a receipt for donations of \$20 or more are asked to add their name and mailing address to the envelope. Everyone is welcome. Also, the annual meeting of the Stonehaven New Bandon Union Cemetery Inc will be held on Monday, July 8 at 7 pm at the Community Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hospitality Days Breakfast

Saturday, July 20, 2019 \8:00 – 10:30 am
Saint George's Church Hall\432 King Avenue
Tickets: Adults – \$ 7.50, Children 12 and under – \$ 4.00, Family of 4 – \$ 20.00 Tickets available in advance by calling the Church Office at 546-3225 and at the door on July 20th

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

Grandmothers Quilt

*The fabric scrap,
She cut with care.
All sorts of shapes
Placed here and there
To form a block,
Then two, then three...
Put together...
A quilt for me.*

2 Kings 2:1-2 , 6-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets^[a] also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

5 ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;^[a] only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,^[b] but through love become slaves to one another.

¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹

⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

The Works of the Flesh

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,

²¹ envy,^[c] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Luke 9:51-62 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;

⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"^[a]

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ But Jesus^[c] said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."