

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**July 28, 2019**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Neal Palmer	<b>Organist</b>	Martha Vickers
<b>Office Adm.</b>	Isabel Clouston	<b>Greeters</b>	Bev Murphy
<b>Custodian</b>	Steve White		Pat Thibideau

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<b><u>Lectionary for today</u></b>	<b><u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u></b>
<i>Hosea:1:2-10</i> <i>Psalm 85</i> <i>Colossians:2:6-19</i> <i>Luke 11:1-13</i>	<i>Hosea 11:1-11</i> <i>Psalm 107:1-9, 43</i> <i>Colossians 3:1-11</i> <i>Luke 12:13-21</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**

**\*CHORAL OPENING** – “Praise to the Lord” – VU #835 (Verse 1)  
*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**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

*(Based on the prayer of St. Richard of Chichester)*

**\*GATHERING HYMN** –

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” –VU #326

**PRAYER OF HUMILITY** (responsively)

***Response: teach us, Holy One, your way.***

When we speak in anger or hatred,  
and when our words cause division,

**R.**

When we treat others with violence or contempt,  
or simply ignore them,

**R.**

When we take more than our share of resources,  
and others must bear the burden,

**R.**

When we don’t live in love and peace,  
choosing fear and injustice instead,

**R.**

When we know we’re being called,  
and choose not to follow,

**R. 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** – “Seek Ye First the Kingdom” VU #356

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** – Luke 11:1-13

*Wayne Lord*

**REFLECTION**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM**

“To Show by Touch and Word”

*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,**

**we give you thanks.**

**May these gifts of our hearts be used for your work.**

**And may your will be done,**

**and your kingdom come,**

**on Earth as in heaven.**

**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**

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

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory**

**forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God's people)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN –**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” – VU #664

**\*BLESSING** (*responsively*)

Once we were no one's people,

**but now we know we belong to God.**

Once we had no place,

**but now we know we live in God's reign.**

Once we had nothing,

**but now we know that in Christ we're raised to new life.**

**\*CHORAL CLOSING –** “When You Walk from Here” – VU #298

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Prayer is when you talk to God; meditation is when you listen to God. ~Diana Robinson*

# Church News

**This Week at First United –July 29 - August 3**

Monday	Office Closed	3:30
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

**Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **468**

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.

*When we put our cares in His hands, He puts His peace in our hearts. ~Author Unknown*

## Community Events

### **Catalyst: - Stonehaven – New Bandon Community Chapel**

Saturday, Aug 3, 2019 7pm.

Come out and support our Community Chapel while listening to beautiful music by a local trio consisting of Alysa Collins, Eddie Edwards and Claudette Belliveau. Songs from The Carpenters to John Denver to Bob Dylan and more you are sure to love. A free will offering will be collected in support of the chapel.

St. Luke's Church in Belledune is celebrating its 130th Anniversary with a SPECIAL SERVICE on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 3p.m.

We invite everyone to join us .

St. Luke's (formerly St. Luke's United) is located at 364 Main Street (just below the Smelter Complex on Route 134).

Parking is available to the west of the church

For more information please call Mary Eva at 522-5600 or Gordon at 522-2900.

A representative from "The Friends of Israel" Gospel Ministry will hold an information meeting with an update on current Middle East events with time for Q and A on Tuesday August 6 at 7 pm at 1665 Riverbank Drive (Charles and Linda Lavigne). All are welcome. For further info see website. ([www.foi.org](http://www.foi.org))

*I will walk with God in the garden;*

*I will walk with Him on the street;*

*I will see Him in all that's lovely;*

*He'll be with me when friends I greet.*

*I'll see Him in flowers and woodland,*

*In the moon, the stars and the sun;*

*I will hear His voice in the meadows*

*When the work of each day is done.*

*~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "I Will Walk With God" (1940s)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 11:1-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### The Lord's Prayer

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, <sup>[a]</sup> hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>[d]</sup>

#### Perseverance in Prayer

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for <sup>[e]</sup> a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit <sup>[f]</sup> to those who ask him!"