

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**October 13, 2019**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Neal Palmer	<b>Organist</b>	Martha Vickers
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<b>Custodian</b>	Steve White		Shirley Sealy

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<b>Lectionary for today</b>	<b>Lectionary for next Sunday</b>
<i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:27-34</i>
<i>Psalm 100</i>	<i>Psalm 119:97-104</i>
<i>Philippians 4:4-9</i>	<i>II Timothy 3:14-4:5</i>
<i>John 6:25-35</i>	<i>Luke 18:1-8</i>

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

*GATHERING*

**MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME** (including our friends worshipping by CD)

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CENTRING FOR WORSHIP** – “Gather Us In” #7 MV

***Gather us in, ground us in you.***  
***Gather us in, ground us in you.***  
***Gather us in, gather us in,***  
***Ground us, Ground us in you.***

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Our lives are a blessing  
**and so we give thanks.**  
 Our loved ones are a blessing  
**and so we give thanks.**  
 The earth is a blessing  
**and so we give thanks.**  
 Each meal enjoyed, every time we share,  
**is a blessing.**  
 And so  
**we give thanks.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** –

“Come, You Thankful People, Come:” #516 VU

**PRAYER OF HUMILITY** (responsively)

For the times our harvests have been abundant,  
 but our giving’s scarce,  
**excuse us, Holy One.**  
 For the times we’ve sown discontent and malice,  
**pardon us, Holy One.**  
 For the times we’ve reaped your love, but hoarded it away,  
**excuse us, Holy One.**  
 For the times we’ve not trusted your provision and sustenance,  
**pardon us, Holy One.**  
 For the times we’ve lost hope in Christ’s sovereignty,  
**excuse us, Holy One.**  
 For the times we’ve been blind to the miracles in our midst,  
**pardon us, Holy One.**

**WORDS OF AFFIRMATION** – “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.***

**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER** (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**SHARING A STORY** (with children of all ages)

**\*SINGING A SONG** – “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” – VU #570

*CELEBRATING BAPTISM*

**\*BAPTISMAL HYMN** –

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water” – VU #453  
*[Parents and children gather near baptismal font during hymn.]*

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

*(Brenda Parrott – Chair of Christian Development Team)*

Jake Ronald James McLellan—son of Kristina Michelle Roy McLellan and Garth Ogilvie Archibald McLellan.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

#### COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

##### \*CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT (responsively)

As the congregation of First United Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture these persons within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

##### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –

“A New Creed” – VU #918 (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.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER

(responsively)

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give thanks and praise.**

...Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do here, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ.

**Amen.**

### THE ACT OF BAPTISM (responsively)

Jake Ronald James McLellan,

I baptize you, in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS (responsively)

Jake, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### LAYING ON OF HANDS (responsively)

Jake, may the Holy Spirit, Love’s power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.

**Amen.**

### PLACEMENT OF BANNER SHEEP

#### LIGHTING OF A CANDLE (responsively)

*[Baptismal Candle lit from Christ Candle, signifying the light of Christ, and as a reminder of the link between baptism and Easter.]*

Jake, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

**Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE

#### BAPTISMAL STOLE (responsively)

Jake, you have put on Christ. In Christ—you have been baptized.

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

## DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

*[The congregation is invited to applaud and Jake is then welcomed by being carried into the midst of the congregation.]*

## CHORAL RESPONSE –

“A Little Child the Saviour Came” – VU #445

## BLESSING (responsively)

Jake,  
the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you.

**Amen.**

*ENGAGING*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Cheryl Brewster

## REFLECTION

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

**ANTHEM –** “Simple Thanks”

*RESPONDING*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

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

## \*OFFERING HYMN

***Praise God whose joy within us flows.  
Praise to the One whose blessings flow.  
Lift up your voice in songs of praise.  
Let grateful thanks shape all your days.***

## \*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**God of the harvest,  
guide us as we make an accounting of our harvests,  
so we may joyfully bring  
the first fruits of harvest back to you.  
Then, give us the wisdom to apply them to the work  
you so desire to be done.  
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)

...We live in a land of beauty, abundance, and freedom.

**Thanks be to God!**

In so many ways, though, we destroy the beauty of the land, we hoard the abundance of it, and we forfeit the freedom of it.

**Help us, God, to live into your promises!**

We live on a land, in houses that shelter and keep us safe.

**Thanks be to God!**

Yet, we know there are multitudes of people who have no houses, people who've been chased away from places they once called their own, and people whose only views have always been of destruction and war.

**Help us, God, to live into your promises!**

We live from a land that produces crops and sustains livestock.

**Thanks be to God!**

...Under those conditions—crops, livestock, and people disappear from the land.

**Help us, God, to live into your promises!**

Faithful God, you continue to look to the fulfillment of your promises.

**Support, encourage, challenge, and empower us—your people—to play our part.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*GOING OUT (as God's people)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** – "Praise God for the Harvest" #517 VU

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL CLOSING** – "Take Up His Song" – MV #213  
*Take up his song of peace and go into the world.*  
*Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.*  
*In ev'ry moment of the journey,*  
*we're laying down our lives;*  
*lay them down, in peace, lay them down,*  
*and take up his song.*

**POSTLUDE**

*He who thanks but with the lips*  
*Thanks but in part,*  
*The full, the true Thanksgiving*  
*Comes from the heart.*  
*~J.A. Shedd*

*Church News*

**This Week at First United –Oct. 14 – Oct 19**

Monday	Closed	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	6:30	Cub Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
	9-11am	Badminton
	9:30	Community Outreach - RMR
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	4pm	Finance Team - RMR
	7pm	Christian Dev. Team -RMR

The bulletin today has been placed  
*in loving memory of Huntly and Edna Ferguson*  
 by Linda and family.  
 \*\*\*  
*in loving memory of Douglas Hinton*  
 by Barbara.

**Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**  
 Total Collected **703**  
 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 September and October 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.

**The Hospitality and Friendship Committee** is looking for a chairperson and also people to help with coffee time after Sunday's services. If you are able to help in either of these positions please contact Rick Watling at 548-9361

**Elections Canada** will be holding advanced polls in the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall on Oct. 11,12,13 &14. The Hall is also being used as a polling station on Oct. 21, 2019.

The **Communications Sub Team** are looking for volunteers to discuss and manage all matters pertaining to church communications as well as people to help with the preparation and folding of newsletters. If you are able to give some of your time ( 3 newsletters/year), please contact Stacey Stothart Kenny at 545-8094 or email at [kentruckca@yahoo.ca](mailto:kentruckca@yahoo.ca).

## Community Events

**"Help Lesotho" Calendars** The Anglophone School District – North has been sponsoring "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fund raiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2020 calendars for sale at a cost of fifteen dollars. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) ([egbranch@rogers.com](mailto:egbranch@rogers.com)) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 15, 2019. Payment can be made in advance by cash or cheque or when the calendars are delivered. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho".

### **The Saint George's Guild Coffee Party and Bazaar**

Saturday, Oct. 19th from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Saint George's Church Hall

Home baking, jams, jellies, pickles, handcrafts, etc. will be on sale

Tickets are \$ 10.00 available from Guild Members, Church Office (546-3225) or at the door

**Gloucester Chapter IODE Harvest Fair** to be held at Bathurst High School Cafeteria. Sat. Oct. 19, 2019 11am-4pm. All proceeds are for High School Scholarships and other local projects.

**RSVP Ministries** invites you to our "Be Ready" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Ian Hatheway, representing the "Hatheway Auto Group" will discuss "Getting your vehicle ready for winter", John Boulay with Karen and Hazen McCrae, will "Jazz it up", and Cecille Ruddock, retired community college instructor from Saint Stephen, NB will speak to us on "Does Your Anchor Hold?".

Reservations and cancellations are necessary. Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or [ejgodin@bellaliant.net](mailto:ejgodin@bellaliant.net) or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal.

**Change for Change** Team Esperanza, a local mission team, supports Servant's Heart Ministries (SHM), a registered Canadian charity, that extends outreach to the poor of the Dominican Republic & Haiti. An upcoming project "Change for Change" involves participants saving change in baby bottle banks from October 20<sup>th</sup> to Nov 9<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds designated in support of their Pregnancy Education Center. Donors of \$10 or more may receive a receipt. *Your support will provide the necessary education & resources to save lives! For more information or to request a bank, please contact **Marie Oliver @ 548-3493 or Helen Knowles @ 546-9563.** Gracias!*

St. George's Anglican Church is hosting their **2019 DINNER THEATRE – "Politically Incorrect – The Redemption" on Nov. 20th, 22nd and 23rd.** Wednesday, Nov. 20th and Friday, November 22nd – A full Turkey Dinner is featured. Performance starts at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$ 30.00 each Saturday, November 23rd is a Sandwich Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$ 20.00  
Tickets go on sale on **Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 10:00 am** at St. George's Church Hall. For more information please call Mary Wolfe at 546-2602 or the Church Office (Elizabeth) at 546-3225.

**Dominican Mission Team:** November 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm. Old Fashioned Turkey Dinner, hosted at Evangel Pentecostal Church, 150 Basin Street. Tickets \$12. Assorted desserts will be auctioned. Limited takeout meals available \$14 with dessert included. For tickets call Glen or Joyce @ 546-3764. No tickets sold at the door. All proceeds support Dominican Mission Team.

## **Deuteronomy 26:1-11 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)**

### **Give the LORD His Share**

26 You will enter the land the LORD your God is giving you as your own. You will take it over. You will make your homes in the land.

<sup>2</sup> When you do, get some of the first share of everything your soil produces. Put it in a basket. It's from the land the LORD your God is giving you. Take your gifts and go to the special place he will choose. He will put his Name there.

<sup>3</sup> Speak to the priest in office at that time. Tell him, "I announce today to the LORD your God that I have come to this land. It's the land he promised to give us. He promised it to our people of long ago."

<sup>4</sup> The priest will receive the basket from you. He'll set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup> Then you will speak while the LORD is listening. You will say, "My father Jacob was a wanderer from the land of Aram. He went down into Egypt with a few people. He lived there and became the father of a great nation. It had huge numbers of people.

<sup>6</sup> But the people of Egypt treated us badly. They made us suffer. They made us work very hard.

<sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the LORD. He is the God of our people who lived long ago. He heard our voice. He saw how much we were suffering. The Egyptians were treating us badly. They were making us work very hard.

<sup>8</sup> So the LORD used his mighty hand and powerful arm to bring us out of Egypt. He did great and terrifying things. He did signs and amazing things.

<sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place. He gave us this land. It's a land that has plenty of milk and honey.

<sup>10</sup> Now, LORD, I'm bringing you the first share of crops from the soil. After all, you have given them to me." Place the basket in front of the LORD your God. Bow down to him.

<sup>11</sup> Then you and the Levites and the outsiders among you will be full of joy. You will enjoy all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your family.