

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Jeremiah 31:27-34</i> <i>Psalm 119:97-104</i> <i>II Timothy 3:14-4:5</i> <i>Luke 18:1-8</i>	<i>Joel 2:23-32</i> <i>Psalm 65</i> <i>II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</i> <i>Luke 18:9-14</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" – MV #7

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)

When will a little child bring peace to the world?

**Peace will come when the world
turns its values upside down
and sees its challenges through the eyes of a child.**

When will a little child bring peace to the church?

**Peace will come when the church gives priority
to the youngest and most vulnerable
and shares the resources they need.**

When will a little child bring peace to our time of worship?
**Peace will come when joy resounds from our singing
and we are freed to ask the simplest questions.**

When will we experience the peace of a little child?

**Peace will come when we welcome Jesus
as if we're a little child,
when we're open, curious, vulnerable,
loving, and generous of heart.**

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" – VU #299

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

...We seek, Holy One, to be reunited—

with our true selves, with one another, and with you.

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** –

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" – VU #575 #183

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:27-34
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Sherry Mitton

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – “Come to My Heart”

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)

Generous One

all that we have comes from you.

Even so, it takes our choosing to give back.

We do so now, with the prayer

**that our gifts and our lives will be blessed so that,
at the end of the day, your realm will grow.**

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)

God, hear our prayer.

R. And in your love, answer.

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

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Wayne Lord

*CLOSING HYMN – “Deep in Our Hearts” – MV #154

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

*BLESSING

*GOING FORTH – “May the God of Peace” – MV #224

*May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you. Amen!
May God’s peace be with you. Amen!*

POSTLUDE

Church News

This Week at First United –Oct. 21 – Oct 26

Monday	6:15	Beaver Scouts – Rms 1,2 &3
Tuesday	6:30	Cub Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:30pm	Choir Practice

The bulletin today has been placed

in loving memory of Vivian Howatt

by her family.

in loving memory of Hugh Campbell

By Lois and Family

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **717**

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 November and December are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one. A container for donations is located with the publication.



Children's Choir!

Do you like to sing? Come and join us for 20 minutes immediately after Sunday morning worship!

When: starting Sunday, October 27

Where: Choir Room

Who: youth ages 3 and up

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 used as a polling station on Oct. 21, 2019.

Community Events

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 20th to Nov 9th 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 2nd 5pmn. 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.

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, November 9, 2019 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Stephanie Israelson - Baptize Me Tour Worship Concert

Friday, October 25/19 7pm. Celebrating 30 yrs. of Ministry with a double CD release. Bathurst Christian Fellowship. 603 King Ave., Bathurst NB.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church will be hosting its annual "All Things Christmas Bazaar and Soup and Biscuit Luncheon" on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 am. Home-made soup, including traditional Canadian and Armenian soups and biscuits. Purchase your Christmas reading material and "new to you" Christmas decorations. There will be some baked goods as well. Free admission although free will offerings are greatly appreciated to support the mission work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

The Point Church – Bathurst Site would like to invite you to our 4th annual Dessert Auction to be held on Friday, November 8 at 7:00pm at 780 O'Neil avenue. The purpose of this auction is to raise funds to build a house for a family in the Dominican Republic. The mission team is going to the Dominican in March of 2020 and all proceeds of this fundraiser will go toward the purchase of needed supplies.

*Every child
comes with the message
that God
is not yet discouraged of man.
~Rabindranath Tagore~*

Jeremiah 31:27-34 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

²⁷ Here is what the LORD announces. "The days are coming when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah again. I will plant them with children and young animals.

²⁸ I watched over Israel and Judah to pull them up by the roots. I tore them down. I crushed them. I destroyed them. I brought horrible trouble on them. But now I will watch over them to build them up and plant them," announces the LORD.

²⁹ "In those days people will no longer say,

"The parents have eaten sour grapes.
But the children have a bitter taste in their mouths.'

³⁰ Instead, everyone will die for their own sin. The one who eats sour grapes will taste how bitter they are.

³¹ "The days are coming," announces the LORD.

"I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel.
I will also make it with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant

I made with their people of long ago.
That was when I took them by the hand.

I led them out of Egypt.
But they broke my covenant.
They did it even though I was like a husband to them,"
announces the LORD.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with Israel
after that time," announces the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds.
I will write it on their hearts.
I will be their God.
And they will be my people.

³⁴ They will not need to teach their neighbor anymore.
And they will not need to teach one another anymore.

They will not need to say, 'Know the LORD.'

That's because everyone will know me.

From the least important of them to the most important,
all of them will know me,"
announces the LORD.

"I will forgive their evil ways.

I will not remember their sins anymore."

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

¹⁴ But I want you to continue to follow what you have learned and are sure about. You know the people you learned it from.

¹⁵ You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child. They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.

¹⁷ By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing.

⁴ I give you a command in the sight of God and Christ Jesus. Christ will judge the living and the dead. Because he and his kingdom are coming, here is the command I give you.

² Preach the word. Be ready to serve God in good times and bad. Correct people's mistakes. Warn them. Encourage them with words of hope. Be very patient as you do these things. Teach them carefully.

³ The time will come when people won't put up with true teaching. Instead, they will try to satisfy their own desires. They will gather a large number of teachers around them. The teachers will say what the people want to hear.

⁴ The people will turn their ears away from the truth. They will turn to stories that aren't true.

⁵ But I want you to keep your head no matter what happens. Don't give up when times are hard. Work to spread the good news. Do everything God has given you to do.

Luke 18:1-8 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up

18 Jesus told his disciples a story. He wanted to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

² He said, "In a certain town there was a judge. He didn't have any respect for God or care about what people thought.

³ A widow lived in that town. She came to the judge again and again. She kept begging him, 'Make things right for me. Someone is treating me badly.'

⁴ "For some time the judge refused. But finally he said to himself, 'I don't have any respect for God. I don't care about what people think.

⁵ But this widow keeps bothering me. So I will see that things are made right for her. If I don't, she will someday come and attack me!'"

⁶ The Lord said, "Listen to what the unfair judge says.

⁷ God's chosen people cry out to him day and night. Won't he make things right for them? Will he keep putting them off?

⁸ I tell you, God will see that things are made right for them. He will make sure it happens quickly. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find people on earth who have faith?"