

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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November 3, 2019

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Habakkuk 1:1-4, 11-12</i> <i>Psalm 119</i> <i>II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</i> <i>Luke 19:1-10</i>	<i>Haggai 1:15b-2:9</i> <i>Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21</i> <i>II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</i> <i>Luke 20:27-38</i>

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

We welcome Rev. Blair Lewis today and thank him for leading our service.

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOMING:

Eternal God,
you are the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Augustine 354-430

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsively)

As we light the Christ Candle we are reminded that God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
calling us by name,
calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new.

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

God's light shows us the way.

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

Sculpting God,
you give galaxies their form, shape granite mountains,
and design butterfly wings.
Dancing God,
you choreograph the paths of stars
and the flight of Canada geese.
Singing God,
your divine song is sung by sparrows, flowing streams,
and the rushing winds.
Wonderful God,
we rejoice to be a part of the divine world
which you love and sustain.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)

O God,
where hearts are fearful and confined,
grant freedom and daring;
where anxiety is infectious and widening,
grant peace and reassurance;
where impossibilities close every door and window,
grant imagination and resiliance.
Where distrust reshapes every understanding,
grant healing and transformation;
where spirits are daunted and dimmed,
grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN 'Let Us Build a House'** #1 MV

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

Refrain:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Jesus taught us not to be anxious
about our lives or about tomorrow.
Are there anxieties that cause us to feel separated
from the peace which Christ promises?
Let us turn to God in prayer.

**God of love and of grace,
you know the secrets of our hearts:
how blind we are to our own faults,
yet harsh in judging others;**

**how swift we are to take for gain,
yet slow to give for others;
how proud we are of our success,
yet grudging in our praise of others.
Remember, O God,
your tender care and love unfailing.
Do not remember our sins and offences,
but remember us in your goodness,
in accordance with your endless mercy.**

CHORAL RESPONSE - "And When You Call for Me" – MV #96

**And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

According to the riches of His grace
which God has lavished upon us
and sealed for us by the Holy Spirit,
hear this good news, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

***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

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (*in unison*)

**God, the words you speak have power:
power to create,
power to disturb,
power to heal.
Help us to hear your Word for us today.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gary Branch

*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-3**Psalms 121,*

Page 844 VU

*Luke 6:43-49***REFLECTION** "Good Fruit and a Solid Foundation"**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION****ANTHEM** – 'As the Deer Pants for the Water'*RESPONDING***MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**THE OFFERING IS GATHERED**

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

OFFERING HYMNPraise 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.****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

Gracious triune God,
 we thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ,
 and for your presence
 with us in times of joy and of sorrow,
 sickness and health,
 faithfulness and brokenness.

We bring these offerings
 as a sign of our gratitude
 and as tools in the Ministry of the church.
 Use them and us to make known the good news
 of your healing love and renewing power,
 in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –*'Put Peace into Each Other's Hand' #173 MV*

***Put peace into each other's hands
 and like a treasure hold it,
 Protect it like a candle flame,
 with tenderness enfold it.***

PASTORAL PRAYER

Holy God, you are the beginning and the end of all that is;
 you are the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 You sent the Holy Spirit to help us in our praying.
 Open our senses to your creation
 and our hearts to the needs of others.
 We remember all who are ill in the hospital or at home;
 We remember all who are undergoing
 diagnostic tests or treatments.
 We remember all those who are struggling
 with the changes that they are experiencing in their lives.
 May the inner peace that comes from you
 be their source of strength and hope.

**Grant us faith, hope, and imagination
 to see your vision of the fullness of time
 when weapons will be crushed by peace,
 and stomachs will be filled
 by abundant harvests generously shared.**

**We pray for the day
 when our thirst is quenched by pure rain
 falling from clean skies;
 when diseases will be healed; minds made clear,
 and bodies made new,
 so that all things will reveal oneness in Christ.**

Even now, Abba, Father,
 empower us by the Spirit to serve Christ and experience love.
 May we share your vision and work in the world
 for which Christ died and rose
 and brought forward completeness in his resurrection.
 We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – 'Be Thou My Vision' #642VU

***COMMISSIONING** (in unison)

**Hear our prayers, God of grace.
Help us to fulfill them
working according to your purpose
in peace, justice, and mercy in all we do;
through Jesus Christ to whom
with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all power and glory
now and forever.**

***BLESSING**

May the love of God,
the power of Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
dwell richly in you forever.

***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

*He does not believe
who does not live
according to his belief.
~Thomas Fuller~*

This Week at First United –Nov. 3 – Nov.9

Sunday	11am	Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15	Beaver Scouts – Rms 1,2 &3
Tuesday	1:30	UCW – Eddy Room
	6:30	Cub Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:30pm	Pastoral Care Team - RMR

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of
Charles, Dorothy and Scott Knowles
from Wendy, Stanley and Families.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **746**

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.



Annual Remembrance Service

Each year, on the Sunday immediately prior to Remembrance Day, we honour our war veterans as well as those who lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, November 10. Those wishing to place memorial crosses in the sanctuary are reminded to contact the Legion office directly by November 4th.



Turkey Harvest Supper

*Sponsored by
Kenny's Trucking LTD.
and*

*Shine House
(A Division of Stothart Automotive)*

Thursday, **November 28, 2019**

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

Adults \$ 15 – Children (12 and under) \$ 6

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Takeouts available 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

All tickets sold in advance.

For information call 546-3532

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.

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

Thank You to Shirley Sealy, Elna Scott and Margaret Payne-Chénard for being our greeters and David Cumming & Haines Scott for being the counters for the month of October.

2020 Envelopes: The Contribution Envelopes for 2020 are located in the Narthex. Please insure that envelopes for the correct year are used as individual contribution #'s may have changed.



Christmas Luncheon, Bake Sale and Craft Sale

Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 Donald Eddy Memorial Hall 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Lunch is assorted sandwiches, fruit salad and small cakes, coffee/tea. Bake table with pies, fudge, preserves, cookies and cakes, jams/jellies. Anyone wishing to donate baking, homemade beans, preserves, tea biscuits etc. for the bake table is asked to bring it to the DEMH on Thursday, Dec. 5th between 9 & 1 or Friday morning prior to the Luncheon.

Admission \$10, children (12 & under) \$5 Tickets available from the First United Church office.

The **covenanting service** for the Tabusintac Pastoral Charge, Rev. Jean Herman and Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region 14 will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, Tabusintac, N.B. on November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcomed to share in this important event.

Community Events

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.

Family & Community Breakfast

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

Change for Change Please note that this fundraiser concludes on Saturday, Nov 9th. If you are participating with a bank, please return same to Helen Knowles or Marie Oliver on Sunday, Nov 10th.

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.

Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to work their Christmas Kettle Program for families in need. The program runs from the end of November through December. If interested, contact Charlene at 543-3437.

Christmas Craft Fair Bathurst Youth Centre
When: Saturday November 16th 2019 Hours: 10am to 4pm
Admission: free Canteen is open
All proceeds will go to the Bathurst Youth Center for activities!

Advent Retreat with Father Eugene O'Reilly C.Ss.R.
November 9-13, 2019. Good Shepherd Parish, Holy Family Church.
430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB E2A 2Y2

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "Annual Silent Auction" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. We will have a selection of gift ideas, baked goods and preserves available "if the Price is Right", talented musical group "Persistence", will provide us with some fun, and Donna Smith of Moncton NB, operator of a financial services business will speak to us on "Changes in Life". **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.

Feast of Saint Andrew Come celebrate your Scottish heritage and bring our friends! The annual Feast of Saint Andrew roast beef dinner, haggis and dessert, entertainment, prizes and cash bar will be held at Gowan Brea Golf and Country Club on Sunday, November 17. The meet and greet is at 4:00pm followed by the meal at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$12 for youth. Call Jean Babin at 546-5758 or Isabel MacLaggan at 546-5521 for tickets or more information. Everyone welcome

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:2-3 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

1 This is a prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received from the LORD. Here is what Habakkuk said.

Habakkuk Complains to the LORD

² LORD, how long do I have to call out for help?
Why don't you listen to me?
How long must I keep telling you
that things are terrible?
Why don't you save us?

³ Why do you make me watch while
people treat others so unfairly?
Why do you put up with the wrong things
they are doing?
I have to look at death.
People are harming others.
They are arguing and fighting all the time.

⁴ The law can't do what it's supposed to do.
Fairness never comes out on top.
Sinful people surround those
who do what is right.
So people are never treated fairly.

The LORD Replies to Habakkuk

² The LORD replies,

"Write down the message I am giving you.
Write it clearly on the tablets you use.
Then a messenger can read it
and run to announce it.

³ The message I give you
waits for the time I have appointed.
It speaks about what is going to happen.
And all of it will come true.
It might take a while.
But wait for it.

You can be sure it will come.
It will happen when I want it to.

Luke 6:43-49 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

A Tree and Its Fruit

⁴³ "A good tree doesn't bear bad fruit. And a bad tree doesn't bear good fruit.

⁴⁴ You can tell each tree by the kind of fruit it bears. People do not pick figs from thorns. And they don't pick grapes from bushes.

⁴⁵ A good man says good things. These come from the good that is stored up in his heart. An evil man says evil things. These come from the evil that is stored up in his heart. A person's mouth says everything that is in their heart.

The Wise and Foolish Builders

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and still don't do what I say?"

⁴⁷ Some people come and listen to me and do what I say. I will show you what they are like.

⁴⁸ They are like a man who builds a house. He digs down deep and sets it on solid rock. When a flood comes, the river rushes against the house. But the water can't shake it. The house is well built.

⁴⁹ But here is what happens when people listen to my words and do not obey them. They are like a man who builds a house on soft ground instead of solid rock. The moment the river rushes against that house, it falls down. It is completely destroyed."