

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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November 17, 2019

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	<i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i>
<i>Isaiah 12</i>	<i>Luke 1:68-79</i>
<i>Thessalonians 3:6-13</i>	<i>Colossians 1:11-20</i>
<i>Luke 21:5-19</i>	<i>Luke 23:33-43</i>

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

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

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) [*Based on Isaiah 65:17-25*]

I see a new heaven

and a new earth,

the promise of God for all,

a re-creation of life, and death, and life beyond death,

a re-creation of the here and now,
where the sound of weeping shall be no more
and the sound of rejoicing
echoes throughout God's holy mountain.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Come, Let Us Sing" – VU #222

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

...Forgive us, Holy One, open us to the enduring hope of your promises.

Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION –

"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.

***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** – "We Praise You for the Sun" – VU #225

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 21:5-19

Isaiah 65:17-25

Anne Brooks

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – "I'll Fly Away"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

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 promise,
as WE'VE been blessed,
we offer our lives, the work of our hands,
and our very hearts this day.
We give you but a portion of our blessings,
but ask in exchange, that you make us a blessing.
We promise, in return, to live the hope of your vision.
Amen.

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" – MV #173 (Verse 1)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 for ever.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – "I See a New Heaven" – VU #713

***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

*I hope I can be the autumn leaf,
who looked at the sky and lived.
And when it was time to leave,
gracefully it knew life was a gift.
~Dodinsky~*

Church News

This Week at First United –Nov. 17 – Nov.23

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15pm	Beaver Scouts rms. 1,2&3
Tuesday	6:30	Cub Scouts - DEMH Gym
	4pm	Pastoral Council - Eddy Rm
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7pm	Christian Dev. - RMR

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of

Rod Scott

by Elna, Beth, Barry and families.

David Gammon

by Shirley and family.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **804**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 16-17 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.

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.

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.



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



Christmas Luncheon & Bake 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.

Silent Auction: There are a number of items in the Narthex that are being auctioned in a silent auction as a fund raiser sponsored by the Friends of First Team. Next to each item there is a bid sheet. If there is an item that you are interested in, -please feel free to add your bid. Bids are to be increased in no less than \$2.00 increments. The person with the highest bid at 1pm on Dec. 6th will be awarded the item.



Poinsettia Fund: Once again this year we are hoping to have the beauty of our sanctuary enhanced with poinsettias for the Christmas season. Those wishing to contribute to the annual poinsettia fund may place an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please mark clearly on the face of the envelope – Poinsettia Fund with your name, PAR or envelope number. List the names that you wish to have printed in the Christmas bulletin insert. Donations will also be received in the church office – deadline is December 16, 2019.

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



Christmas Hymn Sing Concert Joy to the World!

The annual Christmas Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, Dec, 15, 2019 at 2pm, First United Church, Bathurst. Come join with us as we celebrate the Christmas season with familiar carols as well as new selections you are sure to enjoy. The choir will be joined by Amanda Godin, Emma Vickers, Take Note, Catalyst, BHS Choir, and our very own Children's Choir!

Cost \$10 adults, \$5 youth. Tickets are available from choir members, the church office 546-3532 and at the door.

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.

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.

Deck the Halls – Christmas Craft Fair: Proudly presented by Royal Canadian Legion, Herman J. Good VC, Branch #18.
Sunday, November 17th 2019, 10am -3pm.
Admission: \$2.00 Children under 12 – Free.
This year's event will be held at the Kinsmen Community Hall.
1100 St Peter Ave. Suite #5, Bathurst NB.

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

"Reflections of Christmases Past" - a "Spirit of Christmas 2019" Holiday Show will feature performances by local musicians, Anick Turner, Dorothy Roy- Nini, and Rosalind Kennedy – Townsend ; Andre Arseneau, Donald Lagace, and Louis Elliot; Bathurst Youth Singers Alumni; Bernie Beaudoin; Catalyst (Alysa Collins, Claudette Belliveau, Eddie Edwards); Danse Bogeste; Elizabeth Willett-Blanchard; Jeff Long; the Landry School of Dance; Michelle and Stephane Hebert; Movement Workshop; Ragged Haggis (Alistair Tulloch, Craig Caldwell, and Jason Nicol); Stacy Hickey-Buraglia; and Take Note. The concert will take place at the Gwendolyn Kent Auditorium, Bathurst High School, on Saturday, November 30, (7:00 P.M.) and Sunday, December 1, (2:00 P.M.), 2019. The concert is being held in support of the "Spirit of Christmas" Senior Initiative. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available from participating members, committee members, Tower Jewellers (181 Main Street), Kent and White Insurance (280 Main Street), Parkwood Heights Elementary School (1125 Highland Avenue) and at the door.

Bathurst Community Orchestra Christmas Concert

Saturday Dec 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Evangel Church
150 Basin Road, Bathurst. Tickets \$10 and \$5/child under 12
Tickets available at the door or in advance at a Few Splinters,
Main Street or Evangel Church office.
In Support Of: Evangel Mission Team Construction Project

Gifts Galore & More Team Esperanza will be holding a craft sale on Saturday, November 30th at the Home of Marie Oliver, 720A Assumption Ct from 10AM-1PM. Primarily featured will be Marie's creativity on hand- painted glasses, coasters, ornaments, hand bags, etc. along with stocking stuffers. As well, shoppers who want a break can enjoy beverages & finger foods for \$5. Don't forget your shopping bags! All proceeds will be donated to Servant's Heart Ministries, a Canadian charity, that provides loving outreach to the poor of the Dominican Republic & Haiti. For more information, call Marie (548-3493) or Helen Knowles (546-9563).

Christmas fun auction in Basement of Holy Family Church, on Sunday November 24th, doors open at 6pm. A Charge of \$5.00 per person to enter. There will be room set up to sell baked goods, breads, preserves, jams, crafts etc. We will have a 50/50. There will be a silent auction as well as a regular auction. There will be some entertainment. Refreshments and sweets available for purchase. Tickets will be sold before and after the 11 o'clock at both entrance of the church. Tickets will be available at the door.

*If you want others to be happy,
practice compassion.
If you want to be happy,
practice compassion.
~Dalai Lama*

You're Always There for Me

*When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.*

*You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.*

*In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.*

*You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.*

By Joanna Fuchs

Luke 21:5-19 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

When the Temple Will Be Destroyed and the Signs of the End

⁵ Some of Jesus' disciples were talking about the temple. They spoke about how it was decorated with beautiful stones and with gifts that honored God. But Jesus asked,

⁶ "Do you see all this? The time will come when not one stone will be left on top of another. Every stone will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ Jesus replied, "Keep watch! Be careful that you are not fooled. Many will come in my name. They will claim, 'I am he!' And they will say, 'The time is near!' Do not follow them.

⁹ Do not be afraid when you hear about wars and about fighting against rulers. Those things must happen first. But the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Nation will fight against nation. Kingdom will fight against kingdom.

¹¹ In many places there will be powerful earthquakes. People will go hungry. There will be terrible sicknesses. Things will happen that will make people afraid. There will be great and miraculous signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, people will arrest you and treat you badly. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison. You will be brought to kings and governors. All this will happen to you because of my name.

¹³ And so you will be witnesses about me.

¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry ahead of time about how to stand up for yourselves.

¹⁵ I will give you words of wisdom. None of your enemies will be able to withstand them or prove them wrong.

¹⁶ Even your parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends will hand you over to the authorities. The authorities will put some of you to death.

¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me.

¹⁸ But not a hair on your head will be harmed.

¹⁹ Remain strong in the faith, and you will receive eternal life.

Isaiah 65:17-25 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

The LORD Will Create New Heavens and a New Earth

¹⁷ "I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The things that have happened before will not be remembered.
They will not even enter your minds.

¹⁸ So be glad and full of joy forever
because of what I will create.

I will cause others to take delight in Jerusalem.
They will be filled with joy
when they see its people.

¹⁹ And I will be full of joy because of Jerusalem.
I will take delight in my people.

Weeping and crying
will not be heard there anymore.

²⁰ "Babies in Jerusalem will no longer
live only a few days.

Old people will not fail
to live for a very long time.

Those who live to the age of 100
will be thought of as mere children when they die.

Those who die before they are 100
will be considered as having been under God's curse.

²¹ My people will build houses and live in them.
They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They will no longer build houses
only to have others live in them.

They will no longer plant crops
only to have others eat them.

My people will live to be as old as trees.
My chosen ones will enjoy for a long time
the things they have worked for.

²³ Their work will not be worthless anymore.
They will not have children who are sure to face sudden terror.
Instead, I will bless them.
I will also bless their children after them.

²⁴ Even before they call out to me, I will answer them.
While they are still speaking, I will hear them.

²⁵ Wolves and lambs will eat together.
Lions will eat straw like oxen.
Serpents will eat nothing but dust.
None of those animals will harm or destroy
anything or anyone on my holy mountain of Zion,"
says the LORD.