

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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January 26, 2020

Minister Rev. Neal Palmer **Organist** Martha Vickers
Office Adm. Isabel Clouston **Greeters** Debrah & Richard Watling
Custodian Steve White

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i> <i>Psalm 27:1,4-9</i> <i>I Corinthians 1:10-18</i> <i>Matthew 4:12-23</i>	<i>Micah 6:1-8</i> <i>Psalm 15</i> <i>Corinthians 1:18-31</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>

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

We welcome the Men's Choir who, along with Martha, will be leading today's music.

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP –

"Come Touch Our Hearts" – MV #12 (Verse 2)

***Come touch our souls
that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.***

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
Jesus called out to brothers, fishers by the sea:
"Come and follow me."

They laid aside their nets and followed him.

My friends in Christ, Jesus still calls us.

How, then, will we respond?

**We will lay everything aside
and worship the Christ this day!**

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN –**

"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" – VU #245

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)

...Help us be the people you invite and encourage us to be:

**Children of God, ready, willing,
and able to respond to your call.**

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 –** "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.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Chesley Eddy

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – “Blessed Assurance”

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 HYMN**

*Praise God with songs that never cease,
Praise God who fills the earth with peace.
Praise God for love and joy within,
The Holy Child is born again.*

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

Holy One,
we answer your invitation to follow—
with pockets full of money
and the will to share our treasure—
and/or—with pockets empty,
but with the will to share our lives in service.
With that, the adventure begins.
Bless our offerings, Holy One.
May they be used to help those in need,
as we seek to follow your way.
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 – 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.**

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “Let There Be Light” – VU #679

***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 –Jan. 27 – Feb. 1

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Beaver Scouts Rm 1,2 & 3
Tuesday	4pm	Pastoral Council – Eddy Rm
	6:30	Cub Scouts DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11:30	TAB – Rms 1,2&3
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	5pm	Roast Pork Supper
Friday	1:30	Games Afternoon - DEMH

The bulletin today
has been placed in loving memory of
Robert Carmichael Sr. & Jr.

from Joyce Carmichael, Dale & Leonard McGrath,
 Linda & Bill Young, Donna & Gerald Pettigrew,
 Donna Carmichael, Carol & David Branch and families

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2020 **900**

Total Collected **65**

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 January and February 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.

Receipts: The 2019 income tax receipts are in the Narthex.

Roast Pork Dinner

First United Church
 309 St. Patrick Street

Thursday, January 30, 2020

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Takeouts available 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

\$15. Adults \$6. Children (under 12)

All tickets sold in advance

Tickets available from Ways and Means team members
 and at the church office

Sponsored by Kent and White Insurance

Profession of Faith Chats

Do you have questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the
 United Church of Canada, etc.? Things you'd like to discuss in a safe
 setting?

Are you interested in being baptized, confirmed, transferring your
 membership to First United, reaffirming your faith and/or simply
 introducing or reintroducing yourself to the United Church of Canada?
 If so, we can make it happen. Please let the church office and/or Rev.
 Neal know as soon as possible and we'll look at getting something
 going in the new year. Sessions like this, generally, run for 6-8 weeks,
 but please know—that can and will be negotiated within the group
 itself.

Looking forward to it... :o)

Nominations Team

The Nominations Team would like to take this opportunity to invite
 all who support the life and work of Christ's Church in the world to
 serve on a working team of our faith community. For your
 convenience a complete list of Teams and Sub-teams is posted in
 the Narthex; please take time to consider volunteering for a team of
 your choice. Those presently serving on teams are also encouraged
 to review the lists to ensure their names have not been omitted in
 error and to verify that their choice of team has not changed.

*What good is the warmth of summer
 without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.
 ~Author Unknown~*



Valentine Luncheon

&

Bake sale

Friday, February 14, 2020

11:30 am - 1:00 pm \$12.00/person

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

Tickets available at the church office (546-3532)

Anyone wishing to volunteer on the day of the Luncheon please call the church office or Brenda Parrott (545-7425). Donations of baking would also be appreciated for the Sale Table.

Sponsored by

Catherine & Company and Elm Tree Resources

Let's Play Games

Friday, 1:30pm

Come join us for an afternoon of fun and games.

We will provide several games such as Cards, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Skip Bo, Phase 10, Cribbage or any game you would like to bring.

Open to all the community

There will be a \$2.00 charge

No partners needed.

Tea & Coffee provided, please bring your own mug.

Community Events

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, February 8, 2020 8:00 – 10:00 am

Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

Taking Sides in the Church

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, I make my appeal to you. I do this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that all of you agree with one another in what you say. I ask that you don't take sides. I ask that you are in complete agreement in all that you think.

¹¹ My brothers and sisters, I have been told you are arguing with one another. Some people from Chloe's house have told me this.

¹² Here is what I mean. One of you says, "I follow Paul." Another says, "I follow Apollos." Another says, "I follow Peter." And still another says, "I follow Christ."

¹³ Does Christ take sides? Did Paul die on the cross for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴ I thank God that I didn't baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius.

¹⁵ No one can say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶ It's true that I also baptized those who live in the house of Stephanas. Besides that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.

¹⁷ Christ did not send me to baptize. He sent me to preach the good news. He commanded me not to preach with wisdom and fancy words. That would take all the power away from the cross of Christ.

Christ Is God's Power and Wisdom

¹⁸ The message of the cross seems foolish to those who are lost and dying. But it is God's power to us who are being saved.

Matthew 4:12-23 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹² John had been put in prison. When Jesus heard about this, he returned to Galilee.

¹³ Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in the city of Capernaum. It was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali.

¹⁴ In that way, what the prophet Isaiah had said came true. He had said,

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Galilee, where Gentiles live!
Land along the Mediterranean Sea! Territory east of the Jordan River!

¹⁶ The people who are now living in darkness
have seen a great light.
They are now living in a very dark land.
But a light has shined on them." ([Isaiah 9:1,2](#))

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach. "Turn away from your sins!" he said. "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

Jesus Chooses His First Disciples

¹⁸ One day Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. There he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake, because they were fishermen.

¹⁹ "Come and follow me," Jesus said. "I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers. They were James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee. As they were preparing their nets, Jesus called out to them.

²² Right away they left the boat and their father and followed Jesus.

Jesus Heals Sick People

²³ Jesus went all over Galilee. There he taught in the synagogues. He preached the good news of God's kingdom. He healed every illness and sickness the people had.