

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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February 2, 2020

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Custodian Steve White Lester Scott

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Micah 6:1-8</i> <i>Psalm 15</i> <i>Corinthians 1:18-31</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	<i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i> <i>Psalm 112:1-10</i> <i>Corinthians 2:1-16</i> <i>Matthew 5:13-20</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

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "This Is the Day" – MV #122

***This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!***
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we will rejoice and be glad!***
***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu!***
We will rejoice and be glad!
***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu!***
We will rejoice and be glad!

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
What does the Spirit require of us?
With what shall we come before God?
This is what the Holy One requires of us:
**to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with God.**

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** –
"Worship the Lord" – VU #401 (Verses 1, 2 & 3)

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (responsively)
...Holy One, grant us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts
to truly know the ones you called blessed,
**so that we may work towards re-imagining each day—
what you had planned for the here and now.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION –
"Take, O Take Me as I Am" – MV #85
***Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me, in me.***

***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 Shout, Shout" – MV #183
I'm gonna shout, shout,
shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus!
I'm gonna shout, shout,
shout out my love for God's most holy child!
For whatever I might do today, at home, at school,
at work, at play,
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

I'm gonna raise, raise,
Raise up my hands for Jesus, for Jesus!
I'm gonna raise, raise,
Raise up my hands for God's most holy child!
For whatever I might do today, at home, at school,
at work, at play,
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

I'm gonna dance, dance,
Dance all around for Jesus, for Jesus!
I'm gonna dance, dance,
Dance all around for God's most holy child!
For whatever I might do today, at home, at school,
at work, at play,
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6:1-8
Matthew 5:1-12

Helen Knowles

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

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** – "For the Gift of Creation" – VU #538

***For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.***

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Holy One,
we offer all we are, all we have,
and all that we can be.
Make us more, Holy One, than we are alone.
Use us, and the gifts we offer this day,
for your greatest good.
Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" - MV #173 (Verse 5)

***Reach out in friendship, stay with faith
in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands;
the Peace that sought and found you.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** –

"God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace" – VU #676

***BLESSING**

Church News

***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

*Go the extra mile.
It's never crowded.
~Author Unknown~*

This Week at First United –Feb. 2 – Feb. 8

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Beaver Scouts Rm 1,2 & 3
	6:30	Property Management - RMR
Tuesday	6:30	Cub Scouts DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-11:30	TAB – Rms 1,2 &3
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:30	Pastoral Care Team - RMR
Friday	1:30	Games Afternoon - DEMH

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of Laurie Davidson
by DeeDee & Family

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2020 **900**
Total Collected **86**
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 March and April 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.

Thank You to Cheryl & Dave Brewster and Debrah & Rick Watling for being our greeters and Shirley Allain and Pat Brown for counting our offering for the month of January.

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)

Community Outreach: Due to the increased demand on the grocery supply in our food pantry over the Christmas season we find our shelves are getting bare. Donations of non-perishable items as well as items for personal hygiene would be welcomed.



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.

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Announcements from Council

1. Our AGM will be held on Sunday February 16, 2020 following the church service. We hope you will be able to attend.
2. We have regretfully received notification that our office administrator will be retiring effective the end of June this year. If you might be interested in this position or would like further information, please contact Wayne Lord. 548-8411
3. Rev. Roger James, Regional Council Minister for Stewardship will be doing a workshop at First United on Saturday, April 25, 2020 for the former Miramichi Presbytery area. Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning and suggestions are welcome as to what the focus of the workshop will be. Some possibilities might be:
 - setting up a congregational stewardship program
 - legacy giving,
 - how to encourage more PAR givers
 - creating a culture of stewardship in our churches
 - talking money from the pulpit

If you would like to attend this workshop, if you have specific areas you would like to see addressed or if you are able to help with the planning of the workshop please contact:
Charlene Maguire MacKnight at 506-773-9932 or
chathamstauc@nb.aibn.com

4. **Intermediates at Conference** is looking for facilitators for Conference 2020! This is youth event for grades 7-9, that is only made possible by our incredible volunteers. If you have a passion for youth, and are looking for a way to give back to the youth in our church, we would love for you to join our team! Facilitators need to be at least 18 years old by the start of conference, and be available from May 21-24, 2020. If you might be interested in being a facilitator, please contact the church office for an application form.

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.

Community Events

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, February 8, 2020 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Saint George's Anglican Church Hall 432 King Avenue
Tickets available at the door - \$ 7.00 (Adults),
\$ 4.00 (children 12 and under) & \$ 15.00 (Family)
Take-outs available

Sun Feb 16 – Sat Feb 22 Heritage Week at the Bathurst Heritage Museum—a week-long series of events celebrating “Bringing the Past into the Future”—plays, concerts, presentations, and a Vintage Hat Tea Party! Come explore and be entertained—no charge—free-will offering only. It's a perfect time to join or renew your annual membership for just \$10. For program details, check bathurstheritage.ca or the Heritage Museum's Facebook site.

*I try to treat each evening and weekend
as little slices of retirement
because no one is guaranteed a lengthy one
at the end of their career.
~Mike Hammar~*

Micah 6:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

The LORD's Case Against Israel

6 Listen to what the LORD says:

"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.

²"Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the LORD has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

³"My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

⁴I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.

⁵My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.
Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

⁶With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly^[a] with your God.

Matthew 5:1-12 New International Version (NIV)

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you.