

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
 First United Church, Bathurst - South Tetagouche United Church
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January 17, 2010
 Second Sunday After Epiphany

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Isaiah 62:1-4</i>	<i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10</i>
<i>Psalm 36</i>	<i>Psalm 19</i>
<i>I Corinthians 12:1-11</i>	<i>I Corinthians 12:12-31a</i>
<i>John 2:1-11</i>	<i>Luke 4:14-21</i>

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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

Organ Prelude:

***Choral Opening:** *'Arise, Your Light Is Come'* (#79 VU vs1)
Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

Welcoming:

One: If anyone is in Christ they are a new creation:
All: the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.
 One: God was in Christ reconciling the world to God's self,
All: entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
II Corinthians 5:17, 19

Welcoming One Another:
Welcoming Friends Worshipping by Tape:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (in unison)
 Give me a candle of the Spirit, O God, as I go down into the depths of my being. Show me the hidden things, the creatures of my dreams, the storehouse of forgotten memories and hurts. Take me down to the spring of my life and tell me my nature and my name. Give me freedom to grow, so that I may become that self, the seed of which you planted in me at my making. Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.

Call to Worship:

We feel your welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship. You welcome young and old, all seeking peace, and all brimming over with energy. You welcome newcomers and long-time members; all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer, and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith. You welcome us all, welcoming God.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

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 snow geese.
Singing God, your divine song is sung by sparrows, mountain streams, and the rushing winds.
Wonderful God, we rejoice to be a part of the divine world which you love and sustain. Amen

Opening Hymn: *'God Reveal Your Presence'* #391 VU

Children of All Ages:

Choral Response: *'Kyrie Eleison'* #68 MV
*Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
O God have mercy, O God have mercy,
O God have mercy, have mercy on us.*

Pastoral Prayer: (in unison)
We thank you, compassionate God, that you hear the prayers of our hearts:
all who rejoice at a baby's new birth,
all who mourn when the circle is incomplete, when a friend or loved one has died,
all who are grateful when their work meets with success,
all who suffer because no work is to be found,
all who are bored, not having enough to do,
all who are tired, having too much to do,
all who are surrounded by the love of family and friends,
all who are lonely.
Thank you for hearing us in every situation of life. Help us to support on another always: rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep. We want to be joined together as members of the body of Christ, loving one another and serving the world. Like Jesus, we want to respond to each human being who crosses our path with sensitivity and compassion. This morning we remember all who died two years ago in the tragic accident here in Bathurst. Our prayers are with their families and friends.
We share in a moment of silence our personal petitions and prayers.
(silence)
This we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray

Lord's Prayer:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** *'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'* #481 VU

Commissioning: (in unison)
Heavenly Father, receive, we pray, the prayers of your people. Grant that we may not only understand the things we ought to do, but have the grace and power faithfully to do them. This we pray through Jesus Christ. Amen

8th Century Sacramentary

Blessing:
*Light of God to give us hope
Power of God to protect us
Light of God to give us joy
Peace of God to calm us
Light of God to give us faith
Grace of God to save us
This day and forevermore.*

***Choral Closing**
*When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
And with God's humble care.*

Organ Postlude:



Church News:

This Week at First United – Jan 18– Jan. 23

Monday	6:15	Beavers & Cubs
Tuesday	9:30-11:30	Do Drop in – Fellowship Room
	1:30-3:30	Bible Study - Eddy Room
	7PM	Elm Tree Reunion – Planning, DEH
Wednesday	9:00-12:00	TAB
	6:30	Choir

The bulletin today has been donated *in loving memory of Glendon Hatheway* by Gerry Hatheway and family.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010 **900**

Total to Date **38**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 16-17 jars of peanut butter per week.

2009 Tax Receipts are now available in the Narthex.

Men's Group: Wayne Clowater (547-1884) is interested in starting a group for men that will meet at the same time as TAB. Those interested in playing crib or 45s please call Wayne. It will only start if there is enough interest shown.

The UCW annual Valentine Luncheon and Bake Sale are being held on Friday, February 12, 2010 from 12-1:30 pm. Tickets are available from UCW members or the church office. Contributions of food items, from any member of the congregation, for the bake table would very much be appreciated. These items can be dropped off Thursday afternoon – February 11. All tickets must be purchased ahead of time as no tickets are being sold at the door! There will be no Take-outs.

Jiggs Dinner Corned Beef & Cabbage

Thursday, **January 28, 2010** Donald Eddy Memorial Hall
Adults \$10 - Children (12 & under) \$5 - 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Takeouts available 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Advance Ticket Sales Only

Confirmation Plans are now in progress for confirmation during the Lenten Season. For those who are interested, please contact the church office at 546-3532.

The Community Out-Reach Sub-Team is looking for an interested person, or persons, to chair a church team for this year's Relay for Life. If this is an opportunity that you would welcome, please leave your name at the church office - 546-3532.

ELM TREE CAMP REUNION 2010- planning meeting January 19th
Do you still hum old camp songs or wonder whatever happened to your counselor or the camper in the bunk across from you? If so, then you will certainly be interested in attending an Elm Tree Camp Reunion. There are plans to hold a multi-generational Elm Tree Camp Reunion from July 23-25, 2010. **A planning meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, January 19th at the Donald Eddy Hall (309 St. Patrick Street)**- all are welcome. For more information please visit the website www.elmtreecampreunion.com send an email elmtreecampreunion@gmail.com or call Jane Murphy at (506)548-3723.

Upcoming Community Events

Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meal of the Month

Feb. 07, 2010 –Roast Pork Supper with all the trimmings, tea, coffee and dessert. Serving at 5:00 p.m. Takeouts available. Tickets \$12. Elevator service available

INTER-FAITH BREAKFAST

A country style breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM on Saturday, January 23rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Douglas Ave for a freewill donation. All proceeds will be given to support a project by Faith in Action, a local mission team (of which Marie Oliver & Helen M Knowles are a part) headed to the Dominican Republic on January 31st to assist with the construction of a medical clinic. For advance tickets or more info, contact Harvey Aubie at 546-4256 or Ruth Breckenridge at 546-3644. See poster in narthex.

Isaiah 62:1-4 (New International Version)

Isaiah 62

Zion's New Name

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her righteousness shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

² The nations will see your righteousness,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

³ You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's
hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah, ^[a]
and your land Beulah ^[b] ;
for the LORD will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.

John 2:1-11 (New International Version)

John 2

Jesus Changes Water to Wine

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ^[a]

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

