

*The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge*

First United Church, Bathurst - South Tetagouche United Church
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February 14, 2010
Transfiguration Sunday

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</i>
<i>Psalm 99</i>	<i>Psalm 91</i>
<i>II Corinthians 3:12-4:2</i>	<i>Romans 10:8b-13</i>
<i>Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)</i>	<i>Luke 4:1-13</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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Welcoming One Another:
Welcoming Friends Worshipping by Tape:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: As we light the Christ Candle we celebrate life and offer thanks to God who has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows, all that lives upon it.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Call to Worship:

One: Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken,

All: we hear our names being called to join in worship.

One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:

All: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship together!

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: *'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty'* #315VU

Children of All Ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

Eternal God, in reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen

Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 34:29-35* Hazel Harris

***Responsive Psalm:** *Psalms #99 #819 VU* Hazel Harris

Choral Response: #951 VU

*Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:28-43* Hazel Harris

***Hymn:** *'Fairest Lord Jesus'* #341VU

Message: The Transfiguration of Jesus:
It's impact on our faith

Anthem: *'Three Things I Promise'*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Minute for Missions:

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

***Choral Response:**

*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*

***Prayer of Dedication:** (in unison)

Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also
ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all
that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your
way. Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus'
sake. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

All: Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess in your
presence the smallness of our love, the narrowness
of our concern, the denial of our true humanity.
Through our careless hands have slipped
opportunities not taken, people not cared for, days
not celebrated. We are ashamed and sorry for the
ways of our unfaithfulness, and ask for reassurance
and forgiveness.

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: have mercy upon us.

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: have mercy upon us.

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: grant us peace. Amen

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:

One: There is no joy that does not come from God's hand.

There is no pain that does not echo in God's heart.

Let us bring our thanksgiving and concerns before God; Let
us come before God in prayer.

All: 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.

Church News:

This Week at First United – Feb. 15 – Feb. 20

Monday	6:15	Beavers & Cubs
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday	9:30-11:30	Do Drop in – Fellowship Room
	1:30-3:30	Bible Study - Eddy Room
Wednesday	9:00-12:00	TAB
Thursday	6:30	E & P Team – Eddy Room

Thank you for hearing us in every situation of life.
Help us to support one 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 we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Lord's Prayer:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

*Closing Hymn:

'Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life' #681VU

Commissioning: (in unison)

Hear our prayers, God of grace. Help us to live full lives; 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. Amen.

Blessing:

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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*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:

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010 **900**

Total to Date **139**

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

Hospitality and Friendship Team are looking for conveners for the Sunday morning coffee hour. Sign up sheet are in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Youth Forum 2010 and Intermediates at Conference 2010 will be happening May 27 to 30, 2010. Completed applications, along with the \$25.00 registration fee, **must be received by February 19, 2010**. They should be sent to: Marion Green, 450 Burnt Church Rd., Burnt Church, NB E9G 2G3.

Counters: We are looking to create a list of spare counters for the Sunday offerings. The people on this list would be called only if a person who is already booked to count for a particular week is unable to do so. If interested, call the office at 546-3532.

The Upper Room for March and April are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.

Upcoming Community Events

ESTARL Service: An invitation is extended to all to attend the Annual ESTARL Service sponsored by Bathurst Chapter #22 OES on Feb 14th. at St. Luke Presbyterian Church, 395 Murray Ave, Bathurst NB at 3PM. Refreshments to follow.

Open House: You are cordially invited to an open house in celebration of Anita (Nettie) Sealy's 90th birthday. The family welcomes you to the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall, Sat. Feb 20th, 2010 from 2-4pm.

Snow Bear Winter Carnival: Bathurst Coronation Park. Feb 21st, 2010 – 11:00am – 4:00pm. See information on the bulletin board.

Bathurst Christian Women's Club invites you to join us at Danny's Inn and Conference Center, Wednesday, February 24 at 11:30 AM for our "Go Green Go" Luncheon, \$13.00. Yanick Sirois, of Nepisiquit-Chaleur Recycling explains routine recycling. Guest speaker, Jennifer Herman, originally from Moncton, now living in Bathurst, will deliver her message. Call Wanetta at 548-5083 or Edith at 548-3924 for necessary reservations.

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at Saint George's Anglican Church on February 16 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, Family \$12.00.



Exodus 34:29-35 (New International Version)

The Radiant Face of Moses

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Luke 9:28-43 (New International Version)

The Transfiguration

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, ³¹appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

The Healing of a Boy With an Evil Spirit

³⁷The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹A spirit seizes him

and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not."

⁴¹"O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

⁴²Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil^[a] spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.