

*The United Church of Canada  
Bathurst Pastoral Charge*

First United Church, Bathurst - South Tetagouche United Church  
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February 21, 2010  
First Sunday of Lent

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</i>	<i>Genesis 15:1-12,17-18</i>
<i>Psalm 91</i>	<i>Psalm 27</i>
<i>Romans 10:8b-13</i>	<i>Philippians 3:17-4:1</i>
<i>Luke 4:1-13</i>	<i>Luke 13:31-35</i>

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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

*Heartfelt thanks are extended to all those who helped with this morning's service.*

### Organ Prelude:

### \*Processional and Presentation of Colors:

### \*O Canada #524 VU

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
the True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

**\*Choral Opening:** *'Deep, Deep and Still'*  
*Deep, deep and still. Holy is the silence.*  
*Our cares are set aside for a time.*  
*Sacred is the hush that falls upon us,*  
*that calls upon us to listen, --- listen,*  
*listen to the voice sublime, of truth, deep and still,*  
*holy in the silence, within us and around us now.*

### Welcoming:

"I am the light of the world," Jesus said.  
"Whoever follows me will have the light of life."  
*John 8:12*

### Welcoming One Another:

### Welcoming Friends Worshipping by Tape:

### Announcements:

### Call to Worship:

*(Silent time)*

One: As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injustice in the world.

*(A candle is extinguished)*

Let us pray:

**All: God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.**

### Choral Response:

*Lamb of God who suffered on the tree.*  
*There you died for me, Christ, at Calvary.*  
*There you died for me, there you died for me.*

### Prayer of Approach:

One: Friends in Christ, Lent is a time to prepare and to renew our life. We mark this holy season

**All: by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel.**

One: We are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent

**All:** by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.  
Eternal God, radiant with grace, thaw our fears and snow-bound spirits; make us shine with your Word, our hope;  
Shine with your communion, our life;  
Shine with your peace, our joy;  
Through Christ, who is our Light.

\*Opening Hymn: *'It Only Takes a Spark'* #289 VU

Children of All Ages:

Beaver Anthem: *'We are Beavers'*

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding: (in unison)  
Nurturing God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Choral Introit: *'Gather Us In'* #7 MV  
*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.*

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

\*Responsive Psalm: *Psalm #91* #807 VU

Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:1-13*

\*Hymn: *'Jesus, Tempted in the Desert'* #115 VU

Prayer before Message: (in unison)  
'You Embrace All Peoples' #525 VU

Eternal God.  
Whose image lies in the hearts of all people,  
We live among peoples  
Whose languages are different from our own,  
Whose faiths are foreign to us.  
Whose ways we fail to understand.  
Help us to remember  
That you embrace all people with you love,  
That all religion is a response to you,  
That the yearnings of other hearts  
Are much like our own, and are known to you.  
Help us to recognize you  
In words of truth, things of beauty,  
And actions of love about us.  
We pray in the name of the One who calls us  
To be neighbour and friend. Amen

Message: "Beavers and Cubs on A Journey of Discovery"

Promise Renewal: Beavers, Cubs and Leaders

\*God Save the Queen  
God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen:  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us;  
God save the Queen.

Anthem: *'God of the Bible'*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

### Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

#### \*Choral Response:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication:

#### Prayer of Confession:

One: God of exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help, hear us now as we make our confession to you.

All: **In times of temptation, we forget what you have done for us. You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied; You trust us to care for creation, yet we often abuse that trust and spoil what we have been given. You show us the way we are to follow, yet we often continue on the path of self-indulgence and self-centredness. Forgive us, we pray.**

*(silence)*

One: We ask for your direction, your patience, your love;

All: **in the name of Jesus Christ, who, in spite of his temptations, was faithful to your saving Word.**

#### 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: Jesus the Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread,

All: **Save us from using our power, however little, to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of the greater needs of others.**

One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top.

All: **Save us from displaying our skills, however modest, to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god.

All: **Save us from offering our devotion, however weak, to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path on which you bid us to follow you.**

One: Jesus the Christ,

All: **give us wisdom to discern evil; and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive, help us to choose the will of God. Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer:

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

\*Closing Hymn: 'Walk With Me' #649 VU

Commissioning: (in unison)

**God, you are in the desert places as you are in the green and growing land. Help us to look for you when life is barren and our spirits ache. Help us to walk with you in the wilderness, and to be changed in spending time with you.**

#### Blessing:

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;  
May the spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;  
May the love of Christ make us caring companions;  
As together we go forth in the Lenten time. Amen.

#### \*Choral Closing

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

#### \*Recessional and Marching Off of Colors:

#### Organ Postlude:

## Church News:

### This Week at First United – Feb. 21 – Feb. 27

Monday	9:00	Ways & Means- Eddy Room
	6:15	Beavers & Cubs
Tuesday	9:30-11:30	Do Drop in – Fellowship Room
	1:30-3:30	Bible Study - Eddy Room
Wednesday	9:00-12:00	TAB
	6:30	Choir
Thursday		Ham & Scallop Supper

The bulletins today are *in loving memory of Mae Spence*, placed by Harvey and Julie.

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The bulletins today are *in loving memory of Allan MacKenzie* placed by Margaret and family.

Flowers have been donated *in loving memory of Blair Eddy* by his wife, Marjorie; sons Dale, Ian and Jamie and daughters Susan, Janet, Leslie and Victoria.

### Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010                   **900**

Total to Date   **159**

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 sheets are in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Ham & Scallop Supper, taking place Thursday, February 25, 2010. 5:00 to 6:30 p.m in the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall. Takeouts available from 4:30–6:00 pm Adults \$10, Children \$5. Advance Ticket Sales Only, from Ways & Means Committee and at Church office.

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.

The UCW at First United would like to thank all members of the congregation who baked, worked, attended or helped in any way for the success of our Valentine Luncheon on February 12<sup>th</sup>. **Thank You**

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School for the weeks of February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> due to the March Break.

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 25, 2010 – Ham and Scallop Supper

March 28, 2010 – Sunrise Breakfast

There's nothing like 'Being Prepared' is there, for what might seem possible, even if it may not seem probable.

**Lord Baden-Powell**

*Founder of Scouting*

## *Upcoming Community Events*

**Snow Bear Winter Carnival:** Bathurst Coronation Park. Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meal of the Month**  
March 7, 2010 –Roast Beef Supper with all the trimmings, tea, coffee and dessert. Serving at 5:00 p.m. Takeouts available. Tickets \$11. Elevator service available

**World Day of Prayer Service:** Friday, February 26,2010. at 7:30pm. Holy Family Church. Speaker- Sister Patricia Melanson Service prepared by the people of Cameroon.

The man who is blind to the beauties of Nature has missed half the pleasure of life.

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**Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (New International Version)**

<sup>1</sup> When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup> take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup> and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." <sup>4</sup> The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup> So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup> And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

**Luke 4:1-13 (New International Version)**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'<sup>[a]</sup>"

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'<sup>[b]</sup>"

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

" He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'<sup>[c]</sup>"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'<sup>[d]</sup>"

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.