

The United Church of Canada

Bathurst Pastoral Charge

First United Church, Bathurst - South Tetagouche United Church

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February 7, 2010
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)</i>	<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>
<i>Psalms 138</i>	<i>Psalms 99</i>
<i>I Corinthians 15:1-11</i>	<i>II Corinthians 3:12-4:2</i>
<i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	<i>Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)</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:

"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:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: A star shining brightly in the East,
All: discovered by those who have eyes to see the unusual and the challenging.
One: A journey into unknown territory,
All: taken by those who have courage and curiosity.
One: An encounter with an evil presence,
All: evil faced, yet resisted with care.
One: The Holy One recognized, in spite of humble origin.
All: the glory and the gifts given, to God's Chosen Child.
One: Let us worship God!

Call to Worship:

Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst! Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope. Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and our strength. We place ourselves before our God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's spirit.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

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. Amen

***Opening Hymn:** *'Immortal, Invisible God'* #264 VU

Children of All Ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding: (in unison)

God of Love and Hope, we long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways. Open our ears to the call of your voice. Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day. Fill us with anticipation for our future. Guide us on the way. Amen

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-8* *Helen Knowles*

*Responsive Psalm: *Psalm #138 #860 VU Helen Knowles*

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 5:1-11 Helen Knowles*

*Hymn: *'I Have Called You by Your Name'* #161 MV
I have called you by your name, you are mine,
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
Read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
Offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
Feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
Hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Message: **The Plan and Hope for Life**

Anthem:

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:

Prayer of Confession:

One: We are people of worth and value. When we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation. Let us pray, putting our trust in the accepting grace of Christ.

One: Let us offer the sins of our mouths.

All: **Gracious God, we offer up to you the words we've said in anger or when feeling spiteful or hurt, lies we've told that we thought didn't matter or that we could "get away with."**

One: Let us offer up the sins of our minds.

All: **Holy God, we offer up to you thoughts we've had that "cut down" others or show lack of respect for ourselves.**

One: Let us offer up to God the sins of our hearts.

All: **Merciful God, we offer up to you the times our hearts were bitter and we refused to forgive, or when we were sad and refused to be comforted, or when we were hardened to others and didn't share love.**

One: Let us offer up the sins of our hands.

All: **Loving God, we offer up to you the times we used our hands to do things that brought harm to others, to the earth or to ourselves, the times we were not kind.**

One: Let us take the sins of our mouths and our minds, our hearts and our hands and release them to the heart of God.

All: **God will transform us, pure and clean as the dove of the Holy Spirit, for we are beloved. This is the Good News of the Gospel. Thanks be to God.**

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: We call to mind our concerns and commitments, and join our prayers for peace and well-being to the prayers of the whole church as they are offered this day for the whole world.

Let us pray:

All: God our creator, our center, our friend, we thank you for the blessings of life, for those who are dear to us, for those who have died, and for all who have helped and influenced us. Most of all, we thank you for the faith that is in us, for our awareness of you, and our hope in you. May your loving presence be a comforting reality for all those who find themselves in despair, lost or alone. May your transforming presence create generosity in place of greed, harmony in place of hatred and everlasting justice where evil now reigns. O God, lover of the world, from the silence of our hearts, we bring before you these people and places that need your healing, loving, transforming presence:
(silence)
O God, lover of the world, this is your world, and we claim your power and your presence to make it whole. Keep us, we pray, thankful, faithful, and hopeful until our lives shall end. Amen

Lord's Prayer:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** 'Eternal Light, Shine in my Heart' #629 VU
(Tune Maryton #472 VU)

Commissioning: (in unison)

God, whose glory the heavens are telling, we praise you for light leaping across northern skies and for the joys of blade upon ice, ski upon snow, fire in the hearth, and friends for celebration. We praise you also for your continuing presence in a world where people are separated by wealth and poverty, and the wicked prosper. In our world relationships go sour, and hearts and dreams are broken. In laughter and tears alike we praise you. In this new week guide us enlighten us. May we be engaged in hope for a new day.

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.
Go in Peace, Go with God.*

***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 – Feb. 8 – Feb. 13

Monday	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	7:00	Worship Team – Fellowship Room
Friday		Valentine Luncheon

The bulletin today has been donated *in loving memory of Mary and Sterling Anderson* by their daughter Ruth and family.

The bulletin today has been donated *in loving memory of Clara Daley* by Fenton and family.

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been placed *in loving memory of Clara Daley* by Fenton and family.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010 **900**

Total to Date **129**

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

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.

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 Outreach Sub Team has recruited Shirley Sealy & Helen M Knowles to be co-captains of a church team in the local 2010 Relay for Life to be held June 12-13 in Coronation Park. Per usual, this is an overnight event in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. Those considering being team members may sign a sheet in the narthex or contact either Shirley (546-5425) or Helen (546-9563) for more information. Registration info & fundraising packages will be available later.

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

Thank you to Mae and Byron Branch for being our greeters and to Gloria and Hugh Currie for being our counters for the month of January.

The Community Outreach Sub Team would like to thank all who contributed to the benevolence fund over the Christmas season. Thanks to your generous donations, in excess of \$1300.00 was able to be donated to the Volunteer Center.

The Ways and Means Team would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the Jiggs Dinner such a great success. A net profit of \$2144.18 was realized. For anyone who brought desserts, be sure to pick up your dishes in the kitchen.

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.

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

Casserole Supper/Entertainment: Central United Church, Clifton

Saturday, February 13, 6pm. Storm date, February 20, 6pm.

Adults \$10.00 Children (under 12) \$5.00

For tickets call Bonnie Wiseman 546-3908, Darlene Wilks 546-8213, Joanne Wiseman 546-3690 or Kay Morrison 546-6012

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.

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 Family and Community Breakfast will be held in Saint George's Anglican Church Hall on Saturday, February 13 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Free will offering.

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

Isaiah 6:1-8 (New International Version)

Isaiah 6

Isaiah's Commission

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Luke 5:1-11 (New International Version)

The Calling of the First Disciples

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, ^[a] with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, ² he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down ^[b] the nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Highlights – Bathurst Pastoral Council

January 26, 2010

- ~ As Council Chair, Brenda Parrott, presided over the first meeting of the year attended by 13 members. Rev. Blair Lewis and Church Treasure, Dave Morison were present as well.
- ~ Nominations Team Chair, Bill McCallum, presented a full slate of those willing to act on the 15 teams, sub-teams, boards and Council executive. The eight newcomers are Heather Gildart, Council secretary succeeding Judy Losier; Jennifer Oliver-Lavigne, Church School coordinator replacing Debbie McLean who will chair the Education and Program Development team; Courtney McLaughlin and Chad Nelson, Education and Program; Gordon Murphy and Wayne Lord, Ways and Means; Joyce Daley, Community Outreach and Hayden Hatheway succeeding Cleveland Jagoe as one of the auditors.
- ~ The annual meeting of the Pastoral Charge was set for Sunday, April 18, much later than usual. Alberta Buttimer is acting as church treasure while Dave Morison is on vacation.
- ~ The Worship Team reported that monthly services are being held at the Veterans Unit and at L'Oasis on Union Street. Ruth Lewis will assemble and sew the baptismal scarves and Shirley Gammon will continue to look after the felt sheep.
- ~ Dorothy Ann McCallum will be sending greeting cards on behalf of the pastoral care team and the church while Gwen Sturgeon is away. Please contact her at 546-6909 with suggested names. The tape machine has been cleaned and repaired, it was reported by the team.
- ~ Lynn Moffit is the new chair of Community Outreach succeeding Shari Smith-Ellis. The next Soup and Sandwich meal for Bathurst Volunteer Center is February 24.
- ~ The UCW would appreciate donations of food for the home bake sale being held in conjunction with the Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 12 at 12 noon. The items can be dropped off the previous afternoon.

- ~ All members of the Hospitality and Friendship Sub-team are willing to continue but they are asking for volunteer conveners for the Sunday food and fellowship time. The sign up sheet is in the Ruth Morrison Room.
- ~ The Education and Program Development Team decided that the proceeds from the birthday box should be given to the Church School to buy an animal or animals for a family in a developing country. An approximate amount of \$180.00 has been contributed by members of the pastoral charge. Council agreed with the idea.
- ~ A policy on risk analysis, as it relates to volunteer programming, was presented by Jack MacKay, chair of the Policy and Planning Team. Risk will be managed by taking steps to avoid, minimize, eliminate or act upon situations which may lead to injury, abuse or harm to program participants. The policy was approved.
- ~ The outstanding loan for the DEM Hall renovations was paid off in December, The Financial Management Team reported.
- ~ The financial statement for 2009 showed a deficit of \$3,779 compared to the \$15,355 deficit predicted. Some of the reasons were less required for salaries and benefits, moving and recruitment, insurance, postage and kitchen expenses.
- ~ Considering the deficit budget again for 2010, Council agreed that additional revenue is required for the future in order to meet the needs. Most of the expenses are set. Accordingly, the stewardship challenge was referred to the Council executive for investigation and action.
- ~ The minister gave a positive report for the period since the last Council meeting in November. He commented on the great team effort by staff and volunteers and expressed happiness with his ministry here since September.
- ~ The next Council meeting will be held on March 23.

Isabel MacLaggan