

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</i> <i>Psalm 62</i> <i>I Corinthians 7:29-31</i> <i>Mark 1:14-20</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</i> <i>Psalm 111</i> <i>I Corinthians 8:1-13</i> <i>Mark 1:21-28</i>

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Musical Prelude:

***Choral Opening:** *'Arise, Your Light Is Come'* #79 VU vs. 1
Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.

Welcoming:

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:28

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lightening of the Christ Candle:

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.
All: We come to celebrate God's presence,
 One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.
All: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
 One: and the life we are called to live.
All: We come as a pilgrim people to light the Christ candle.
We are searching for ways to live out our faith.
 One: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.
All: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

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)

Wondrous God:
 you touch our lives with healing and with justice;
 new life is your gift.
We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ.
May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose.
May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week.
We pray in Jesus' name, our Source and Saviour.

*Opening Hymn:

'Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore' #563 VU

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

O God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth
in faith and love. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Anne Brooks

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 62: 5-12 **#779 VU**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1 :14-20

***Hymn:** *'Simon, Simon'* **#597 VU**

Message: "The beginning of the Galilean ministry"

Anthem: *'Will You Come and See the Light'*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

Choral Response: *'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'*
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

***Prayer of Dedication:** (in unison)
**God of all peoples and God of all places,
we present these offerings,
that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.
With them, we offer our varied ministries,
that each of us may be part of your answer
to the cries of the world. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

One: Jesus taught us not to be anxious
about our lives or about tomorrow.
Are there anxieties that cause us to feel separated
from the peace which Christ promises?
Let us turn to God in prayer.

All: **Dear God, we confess
that we have skirted around the things
in our past that are painful to remember.
In our prayers, we have acted
as if those painful memories do not exist.
We confess how we have chosen to pray
about the soft sins in our lives
and let the hard ones go unnoticed;
hoping you will not notice them either.
Forgive us, O Lord,
for the deceitful use of memory
in our prayer life. Amen.**

Choral Response: *'How Deep the Peace'* **#95 MV**
***How deep the peace, the confidence,
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence
Of those whose hearts are healed.***

Assurance of pardon:

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
The gift of God's grace is freely given for all.
The brightness of God's love forgives and sustains you.

Silent Prayer / Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer: (in unison)
**Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all that is good.
We praise you for all your mercies:
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your wisdom that has challenged us,**

**your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.
Help us to love you and all your children,
and to be thankful for all your gifts,
by serving you and delighting to do your will.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** *'I See a New Heaven'* **#713VU**

Commissioning: (in unison)
**God of wonder and joy,
send us forth as people of life, light, and love.
Through Jesus Christ,
help us to live in the new creation;
in the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.**

Blessing: (in unison)
**In the morning, while it was still dark,
Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,
and there he prayed.
As we turn to you in prayer this morning, God,
bless us with a sense of purpose.
As we go out into this day,
show us what we are able to do
when we are open to your guidance.**

***Choral Closing:** *I am Walking a Path of Peace'* (**#221 MV**)
***I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
lead me home, lead me home.***

Organ Postlude:

Community Events

The annual **Robbie Burns Night**, a fun Scottish evening to chase away the winter blues, will be held downstairs at Bathurst Curling Club on Saturday, January 27. The night begins at 5 p.m. with a cash bar followed by a ham dinner at 6 p.m. There will be entertainment and door prizes and the 2018 memberships will be received.

Tickets at \$15 are available by calling Isabel MacLaggan at 546-5521 or Jean Babin at 546-5758. Everyone is welcome!

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, February 10, 2018 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

*How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait a single moment
before starting to improve the world.*

~Anne Frank~

Church News

This Week at First United –Jan. 22- Jan. 27

Monday	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15pm	Beavers – Rms 1,2 & 3
Tuesday	2pm	Bible Study – Eddy Rm
	4pm	Pastoral Council – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9am	TAB – Rms 1,2 &3
	9 -11am	Badminton
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday		Roast Pork Supper

The bulletin has been placed in loving memory of

Verna and Allison Scott

by Myles, Dawn and family & Robert and Ellen.

Ken Babin

by Jean and family.

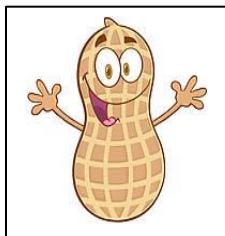
Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2018 **900**

Total to Date **52**

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 Jan. and Feb. 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.



Roast Pork Dinner

Thursday, January 25, 2018

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Takeouts available 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

\$15. Adults \$6. Children (under 12)

All tickets sold in advance

Tickets available from Ways and Means team members and at the church office

Notice from 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. The Chair Person of each team is requested to confirm with their members if they will be remaining on their team. Please advise Rick Watling 548-9361 or the church office if you require assistance in filling any vacancies. We thank you in advance for your continued support, and for your feedback by Jan. 31, 2018. This would give the Team sufficient time to prepare their report for the Annual Meeting for approval.

The position of Property Management Chairperson is vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer is encouraged to call Rick Watling.

Receipts: The 2017 income tax receipts are in the Narthex.

*Down in their hearts,
wise men know this truth:
the only way to help yourself
is to help others.
~Elbert Hubbard~*

*I am a little pencil
in the hand of a writing God
who is sending a love letter
to the world.
~Mother Teresa~*

Jonah 3:1-5 New International Version (NIV)

Jonah Goes to Nineveh

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:

²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Mark 1:14-20 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Announces the Good News

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.