

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**January 20, 2019**

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**Custodian** Steve White

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

I have asked the Lord for one thing;  
one thing only do I want:  
to live in the Lord's house all my life,  
to marvel there at his goodness,  
and to ask for his guidance.

*(Psalm 27:4)*

### Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

### Announcements:

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### Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: O God, as light comes from this candle,  
**All: O Blessed Lord,**  
**accept this burning candle**  
**as a sign of our faith and love for you.**  
**Like this candle,**  
**we are ready to be used in your service,**  
**we wish to stand in your presence**  
**to be consumed in the light**  
**and warmth of your love.**  
**Above all, make us loyal and faithful to you**  
**in all circumstances of our life. Amen.**

### Call to Worship:

One: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.  
**All: But there is only one Spirit.**  
One: There are a variety of things  
we can do to serve the Lord.  
**All: But it is the same Lord we all serve.**  
One: There are many activities we can do to serve God  
**All: But all these are activated by God.**  
One: There are many manifestations  
of God's Spirit in the world.  
**All: It is impossible to list them all.**  
One: To say that one is better than another is foolish.  
**All: God gives to each as God chooses.**  
**Thanks be to God! (1 Corinthians 12)**

### Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

**God of all good gifts,**  
**we thank you and praise you.**  
**Your Spirit has touched our lives,**  
**bringing wisdom, ability, strength,**  
**courage, and passion.**  
**Enable us to use our gifts**  
**in service to you and to others.**  
**In all that we do, and in all that we are,**  
**may your name be glorified,**  
**that your kingdom will be with us**  
**and reside here on this earth.**  
**We pray this in the name of your Son,**  
**our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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**\*Opening Hymn:** 'We are One' #402VU Vs 1,2&4

**Children of all ages:**

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Prayer for Understanding:** (in unison)

**God, you have given us  
such amazing gifts of the Spirit.  
We pray now for the wisdom to hear,  
understand and respond faithfully  
to your sacred Word. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

Gary Branch

**New Testament Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 36:5-10 (#762 VU)

**Gospel Lesson:** John 2:1-11

**\*Hymn:** 'This is God's Wondrous World' # 296 VU

**Meditation:**

**Anthem:** 'Though I May Speak'

### THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

**Invitation to the offering:**

**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)

**Holy Spirit, you have honored  
each of us with unique spiritual gifts.  
We acknowledge that these gifts  
are to be used for your glory alone.  
Help us to offer our talents  
so that others may be encouraged  
to share abundantly.**

**We are honored and humbled  
by the responsibility of using these gifts  
as stewards of your Kingdom.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(I Corinthians 12:1-11)*

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

**Merciful God,  
you call us to fullness of life  
but we confess our shortcomings and offences,  
that we have wandered from your ways  
and wasted your gifts;  
we have ignored your miracles among us  
and focused on loss  
rather than the bounty of your grace.  
We have been suspicious  
of the motives of others  
and too quick to judge  
and too slow to forgive.  
Give us the courage to see clearly  
who and what we are  
and cleanse us from all our faults  
and forgive our sins.**

**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:**

God's love is continually poured out for us.  
Drink from the cup  
of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones.  
In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! AMEN.

**Silent Prayer:**

**Reflecive Music:**

**Pastoral Prayer:** (in unison)

**God through Jesus Christ  
you bring hope and transformation into the world;  
turning war into peace;  
distress into calm; hatred into love;  
and water into wine.  
You call us to pray with hopeful hearts.  
Trusting in you,  
we pray in confidence that your will be done  
and your people nurtured.  
We thank you for the healing  
that you offer in our lives.  
For times of reconciliation  
when we have experienced your forgiveness,  
for times when our pain has been eased  
and our grief has been comforted.  
We pray for those whose emotions are raw,  
whose bodies are weak,  
and whose minds are troubled;  
give them hope for new life.  
We thank you for the work of your church;  
for calling leaders and people to your way  
and for what we are able to do together  
to bring your world more and more  
under the guidance of your kingdom.  
We pray for churches  
that are tired and needing renewal  
and for congregations  
that have found renewal  
and a new sense of purpose;  
guide them with your grace.  
Strengthen us to serve you  
not only with our prayers  
but also with our actions.  
Help us to see with your eyes  
and reach out with your compassion.  
Strengthen us to work together  
so all may know the wonders  
of what it means to follow you.  
Send us your transforming grace  
as we pray together the words  
Jesus taught us, 'Our Father'...**

## **THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*Closing 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.

### **Benediction**

One: Drink deep of God's love.

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: Drink deep of God's Spirit.

**All: God's Spirit endures forever!**

One: Feast on the abundance of God's gifts.

**All: God's gifts never end!**

*(Psalm 36, 1 Corinthians 12)*

**\*Choral Closing:** *'I Am Walking a Path of Peace'* #221MV

***I am walking a path with heart  
I am walking a path with heart  
I am walking a path with heart  
lead me home, lead me home.***

**Organ Postlude:**

# Church News

## This Week at First United –Jan 21 – Jan. 26

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15	Beavers Rms 1,2 & 3
Tuesday	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-12am	TAB
	3pm	Office Closed
	6:30	Choir Practice

The bulletin has been placed in loving memory of  
**Verna and Allison Scott**  
 by Myles, Dawn and family & Robert and Ellen.

### **Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2019      **900**  
 Total Collected      **47**  
 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.

### **Volunteers required**

The UCW are looking for people who are willing to bake for and/or work at receptions held after funerals. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex or call the church office at 546-3532.

**Receipts:** The 2018 income tax receipts are in the Narthex.



### *Roast Pork Dinner*

**Sponsored by  
 Kent & White Insurance**

*Thursday, January 31, 2019*

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



## Valentine Luncheon

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### Bake sale

**Sponsored by Catherine & Company and Elm Tree Resources**

Friday, February 8, 2019 (*Storm Date: Feb. 9, 2019*)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm \$12.00/person

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

*Tickets available at the church office (546-3532)*

*Anyone wishing to volunteer on the day of the Luncheon please call the church office or Brenda Parrott (545-7425). Donations of baking would also be appreciated for the Sale Table.*

*Faith is taking the first step  
 even when you don't see  
 the whole staircase.  
 ~Martin Luther King, Jr. ~*

## Community Events

### **The Ladies Auxiliary to Herman J. Good VC Branch 18,**

Royal Canadian Legion

BBQ Chicken Supper

Includes coffee, tea, and dessert

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Served at 5:00pm

Cost: \$15.00

Tickets are on sale at the Legion.

### **Family & Community Breakfast**

Saturday, February 9, 2018

8:00 – 10:00 am

Saint George's Church Hall

432 King Avenue

*The purpose of life is not to be happy -  
but to matter,  
to be productive,  
to be useful,  
to have it make some difference  
that you have lived at all.  
~Leo Rosten~*

## 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

### Concerning Spiritual Gifts

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

<sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

<sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

<sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

<sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,<sup>[a]</sup> and to still another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

## John 2:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

### Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,

<sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

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

<sup>4</sup> "Woman,<sup>[a]</sup> why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.<sup>[b]</sup>

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

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

They did so,

<sup>9</sup> 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

<sup>10</sup> 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."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.