

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>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>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i> <i>Psalm 71</i> <i>I Corinthians 13:1-13</i> <i>Luke 4:21-30</i>

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

We welcome the Men's choir today and thank them for leading our music.

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:

"Come to me,
all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads,
and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28)

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: This light reminds us of Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who is the light of the world
and the light in our darkness

All: **Give us, we pray, comfort in our anxiety and fear,
courage and strength in our suffering,
patience and compassion in our caring,
consolation in our grieving.**
**But above all, give us hope now and always,
through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

Call to Worship:

One: The Spirit of God is upon us.

All: **We are called to be God's people.**

One: The Spirit of God is upon us.

All: **We are called to be the body of Christ.**

One: Come let us worship God,
who binds us together in love and service.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

Bountiful God,
you have blessed us with so many gifts.
In this time of worship,
may we be open to receiving these gifts.
Help us claim our gifts and use them
to bring liberation and justice
to a hurting world.
May the words of our mouths,
and the meditations of our hearts,
be acceptable to you.
May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity
bind us together as your body,
that we may be your hands and feet and voice
in this, your world. Amen.

(1 Corinthians 12, Luke 4)

***Opening Hymn:** *'God Reveal Your Presence'* #391VU

Children of all ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding: (in unison)

Holy One,
no wisdom or truth comes apart from you
and so we seek your guidance
as we read your scriptures.
Let your Holy Spirit move over and in us
so we might better understand your story
and make it our own. Amen

Scripture Readings:

Anne Brooks

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Responsive Psalm : Psalm 19 (p 740-741 VU)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

***Hymn:** *'Jesus Calls Us'* # 562 VU

Message: The body of Christ

Anthem:

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)

Glorious God, the beauty in your creation is awesome.
We are often speechless by the majesty
of your mountains, oceans, forests and rivers.
Yet, you enthrall us with something even as small
as a fragile snowflake or a grain of sand.
Your genius and power is manifest in the natural world.
We share these gifts as stewards
of your resplendent creation. Amen.

(Psalm 19)

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Ever present One,
you call us to be your presence,
your body in this world,
but too often we get caught up
in being a hand or a foot,
and lose sight of the overarching mission
you set before us.
We fracture into pieces.
We go our separate ways,
forgetting we need each other to be whole.
You have given us your law to be our guide,
but we turn our backs
on what we see as rules and restrictions,
fearful that we will not live up to your expectations.
Help us see with new eyes,
and hear with the ears of our heart,
the liberating spirit of the law
that strengthens and revives
and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do.
O God of liberation and justice,
help us be faithful witnesses
to your law of love and unity. 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:

The Spirit of God is upon us.
God has called us to bring good news and liberation
to the poor, to the marginalized,
and to all who are in need anywhere.
God's joy is our strength.
Through God we can do all things.
God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love.

Silent Prayer / Reflective Music:

Pastoral Prayer: (in unison)

Almighty and eternal God:
hear the prayers of your people,
strengthen us to do your will
and to serve you in the world
in ways that bring about your reign of grace,
reconciliation, peace, and healing.

We pray for the poor
and those who live on the margins of society;
for those who do not have sufficient housing,
food, and health care,
or are isolated in any way
and do not have the support of a loving community.

Soften our hearts and to be speakers
and doers of your good news.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body,
in mind, or in spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles
and patience in their healing.

We pray for your Church.
Wherever it is strong keep it humble,
wherever it is weak give it strength,
where it is lost give it direction.
And help the body of the church
to walk in a manner worthy of the calling
you have given us.
Give us humble and gentle hearts
and words in all our interactions with one another;
patience with for one another,
and unity in worship and service of you.

We pray for all who govern and form the law
or hold authority in every nation of the world
so that there may be justice and peace
in people's lives, homes and communities
and around world.

Let us pray for our own needs
and for the needs of others we know and love

And now in one voice we pray in the words
that Jesus taught. Our Father...

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** 'In Christ There is No East or West' # 606 VU
(tune VU 344 St. Peter)

Benediction:

One: The Spirit of God is upon you.

All: We go forth
proclaiming God's love and liberation.

One: The Spirit of Christ is upon you.

All: We go forth to live lives of justice and freedom.

One: The power of the Spirit is upon you.

All: We go forth as one body, one spirit,
one witness to the promises of our God.

(1 Corinthians 12, Luke 4)

***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:

I know not what the future holds,
but I know who holds the future.
~Author Unknown~

Church News

This Week at First United –Jan 28 – Feb. 2

Monday	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15	Beavers Rms 1,2 & 3
Tuesday	2pm	Bible Study – Eddy Rm
	4pm	Pastoral Council – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-12am	TAB
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday		Roast Pork Supper

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of

Laurie Davidson

by DeeDee & Family

Robert Carmichael Sr. & Jr.

from Joyce Carmichael, Dale & Leonard McGrath,
Linda & Bill Young, Donna & Gerald Pettigrew,
Donna Carmichael, Carol & David Branch and families.

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.

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

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.

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

&

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.

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

*What good is the warmth of summer
without the cold of winter
to give it sweetness.
~Author Unknown~*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 New International Version (NIV)

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For we were all baptized by ^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be?

²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues ^[b]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Love Is Indispensable

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

Luke 4:14-21 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”^[a]

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”