

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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March 3, 2019

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</i>
<i>Psalm 99</i>	<i>Psalm 91</i>
<i>II Corinthians 3:12-4:2</i>	<i>Roman 10:8b-13</i>
<i>Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)</i>	<i>Luke 4:1-13</i>

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

We welcome Linda Knowles-MacPherson today and thank her for leading our music.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

***CHORAL OPENING:** "Praise to the Lord" – VU #835 (Verse 1)

*Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name
of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun—
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!*

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(responsively)

...It is the same with our lives: we may think we are nothing special, but when we are touched by the Spirit of God, we are transformed from dull wax into a glowing beacon.

We light this candle [*light the candle*] to remind us that the transfigured Christ is also the transforming Christ.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN:** "Let All Things Now Living" – VU #242

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE: "How Deep the Peace" – MV #95

*How deep the peace, the confidence,
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence
Of those whose hearts are healed.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages)

***SINGING A SONG** – "We Praise You for the Sun" – VU #225

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Wayne Lord

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 99 (VU #819)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

REFLECTION: "Live in Glory"

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM: "Love Lifted Me"

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THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (including ourselves)

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer,
That with our faithful care,
our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy One,
as we come into the presence
of a transfigured God,
we pray that you'll take
our carefully doled out money
and the few hours we have left over
from doing other things
and transform them and us
into a lifelong love affair with you.
Amen.

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

"O God, Hear My Prayer" – **VU #948 (2X)**

*O God, hear my prayer,
O God, hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O God, hear my prayer,
O God, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

Response: may they not lose heart.

...For the grieving, the wounded, the dying, and the worrisome, **R.**
For the prisoner, the hungry, the victim of violence, **R.**
For the leader, the teacher, the parent, **R.**
For the healer, the pastor, the counsellor, **R.**
For the church, the community, the country, **R.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER – VU #921 (in unison)

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN –

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" – **VU #651**

*BLESSING

*CHORAL CLOSING:

"I Am Walking a Path of Peace" – **MV #221**

*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

*God tells us to burden him
with whatever burdens us.
~Author Unknown~*

Church News

This Week at First United –March 4 – March 9

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

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **159**

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 March and April 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.

Thank you Lois Beaven, Wilma Dempsey, Brenda Parrott & Lester Scott for being our greeters and to Haines Scott and David Cumming for being the counters for the month of February.

Notice of 2019 Congregational Annual Meeting

Please note: The 2019 Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2019, following the church service.

Thank You to all who supported the Sunrise Breakfast held on Feb. 24th \$ 1970.00 was raised. Thanks to all the volunteers who make these events possible. A special thanks to our sponsors for this event, Jean Coutu, Beresford and Websolutions.ca. Our next Ways and Means event will be the Ham and Scallop supper to be held on March 28, 2019.

Community Events

Saint George's Anglican Church 432 King Avenue

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Adults \$ 7.00, Children (12 & under) \$4.00, Family \$ 15.00

Tickets at the door – Take-outs available

Family & Community Breakfast: Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:00 – 10:00 am Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

St Patrick's Supper: Tickets for the Irish Canadian Cultural Associations St. Patrick's day supper at the Gowan Brea on Sunday, March 17th will be on sale to the general public March 4 to March 11th. The door opens at 5pm and supper is at 6pm. The supper is ham and scallop potatoes to be followed with entertainment by the "Friends of Erin". Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be obtained by calling or emailing Pat Murphy at 547-5525, email murpaw@gmail.com.

*It was one of those March days
when the sun shines hot
and the wind blows cold:
when it is summer in the light,
and winter in the shade.*

*~Charles Dickens (1812-1870),
Great Expectations*

"Springtime"

Gentle Spring's around the corner,
Waiting just to show her face
And to bring us flowers and sunshine;
Winter's almost run his race!

Be not, then, my friends, discouraged
That there's cold and ice and sleet,
For Springtime soon will be with us,
And the flowers we will greet:

Daffodils, so bright and yellow,
Hyacinths of varied hues,
As they nod their heads, in gladness,
Telling us they bring good news...

~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, (1940s)

Exodus 34:29-35 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Shining Face of Moses

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant^[a] in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Luke 9:28-36 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Transfiguration

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus^[a] took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,^[b] they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^[c] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen;^[d] listen to him!"

³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.