

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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September 13, 2015

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Proverbs 1:20-33</i> <i>Psalm 19</i> <i>James 3:1-12</i> <i>Mark 8:27-38</i>	<i>Proverbs 31:10-31</i> <i>Psalm 54</i> <i>James 3:13-4:3,7-8a</i> <i>Mark 9:30-37</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:** *'Praise to the Lord'* # 835 VU **vs1**
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!

Welcoming:

In the name of Jesus Christ,
who calls us to seek justice and resist evil,
to love and serve others,
let us worship.

Welcoming One Another:
Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:
Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: God's Spirit comes to us in moments of both strength and weakness,
All: In lighting the Christ candle we are reminded that God is always in our midst and with this light we are able to see and understand the word of God in fullness and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord.
One: God of love, you show your people how to be truly rich in faith, through the gifts you give when least hope for or expected.

Call to Worship:

One: God has given us this beautiful earth,
all that grows, all that lives upon it.
All: Thanks be to God.
One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.
All: Thanks be to God.
One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.
All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Prayer of Approach:

We feel your welcome, gracious God,
in this time of worship.
You welcome young and old,
all seeking peace,
and all brimming over with energy.
You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer,
and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.
You welcome us all, welcoming God.

***Opening Hymn:** *'All Things Bright and Beautiful'* # 291 VU

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

Eternal God,
who caused all scriptures
to be written for our learning:
grant that we may so hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that by patience and comfort of your holy Word,
we may embrace and hold fast
the blessed hope of eternal life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
BCP 16th Century

Scripture Readings: Judy Nicholson
New Testament Lesson: *James 3:13-4:3,7-8a*
Responsive Psalm: *Psalm # 19* **VU Pg 740**
Gospel Lesson: *Mark 8:27-38*

***Hymn:** *'God of the Sparrow'* **#229 VU**

Meditation: **"Integrity and Compassion calling us to live bravely"**

Anthem: *'As the Wind Song Through the Trees'*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Presentation of Self and Gifts to God:

***Choral Response:**
'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' **#541 VU**
***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)
**O God, author of all goodness,
who has entrusted us with material possessions
and made us stewards of your bounty:
except the offerings which we now present to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayer of Confession:

**All: We repent of our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is a grief to us;
the burden of them is great.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,
most merciful One;
for Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve
and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

BCP 16th Century

One: God of the Exodus,

All: you set Israel free.

One: Jesus of Easter,

All: you proclaimed freedom for all.

One: Spirit of Liberation,

All: empower us to live in freedom. 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:

God is the love that over and around us lies;
the grace that is totally unearned;
and the healing that makes the earth whole.
Give thanks to God; we are forgiven!

Pastoral Prayer:

One: God of love, you gave your only son
so that he would undergo great suffering for our sake.
Seeing this great suffering, we believe that you understand
the suffering of the world and our own suffering.
Believing that you of walked
in our footsteps and that you have lived through trials and
tribulations,
we offer our prayers to you.

**All: We pray for wisdom,
that we can communicate effectively
with love, shalom, and compassion
and strive to live in connectedness and
understanding.**

One: We pray for courage
so that we can live out our faith giving witness with our
words and actions
that you are the Messiah.
We pray for the will to take up the cross and follow
wherever you may lead.

**All: We pray for love,
your love in us so that we can live with the
intentionality
to know one another and to have the deep
relationships
that you want us to have with you and with each
other.
Through Jesus Christ,
who lives in unity with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen**

Silent Prayer:

Reflective Music:

The Lord's Prayer

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 'Water Flowing from the Mountains' #87 MV

Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

Refrain

*Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
the love that makes our spirit grow.*

Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free.

Refrain

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one.

Refrain

Commissioning: (in unison)
**Hear our prayers, God of grace.
Help us to fulfill them
working according to your purpose,
in peace, justice, and mercy, in all we do;
through Jesus Christ to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all power and glory.
Now and forever.**

Blessing:

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honour all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*I Corinthians 16:13, II Timothy 2:1, Ephesians 6:10
I Thessalonians 5:13-22, I Peter 2:17*

Choral Closing: 'When You Walk From Here' #298 VU

***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 –Sept. 13 – Sept. 18

Monday		
Tuesday	7:00	Christian Dev. Team - RMR

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of John E. McKinney
by wife Mae.

The bulletin has also been placed
in loving memory of James Knowles
by Joyce and Bill McLeod and family.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2015 **900**

Total to Date **564**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect

21-22 jars of peanut butter per week.

The Volunteer Center supplies, on average, 430 households monthly.



Church School Registration will be held next Sunday, Sept. 20th. If you have children, grandchildren or friends who would like to be part of our Church School we hope to see you then.

Miramichi Presbyterial UCW Fall Rally: This year only one Fall Rally will be held. Saturday, September 19th, 2015 at First United Church in Bathurst with registration beginning at 9:45 am. Guest speaker, Catherine MacLean, Maritime Conference UCW President on the theme of Child Poverty. Everyone welcome. We would appreciate knowing how many members to expect by September 14. Contact Diane Ellis at 506-546-6028 or at mirpresucw@gmail.com



Beef BBQ

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

309 St. Patrick Street

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 at the office 546-3532
or from Ways and Means team members.*

Pictorial Directory: First United along with Universal Portrait Studios, will be compiling a Pictorial Directory this fall. The photos will be taken Sept 22-26 and, if needed, Sept 28- Oct 2. Universal Portrait studios will be contacting you to set up an appointment time for your photo shoot starting Sept.1st. If you wish, you can set up a time convenient to you online at www.universalportriats.com

Observer

Would you like to receive the Observer, a United Church of Canada publication? For a new subscription, please contact the church office at 546-3532 before Monday, Oct 5, 2015. The annual subscription rate is \$20 (Tax included) Renewals are also payable at the office.

The Upper Room for Sept. and Oct. are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one. A container for donations is located with the publication.

Community Events

"Help Lesotho" Calendars The Anglophone North School District has sponsored "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fund raiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2016 calendars for sale at a cost of \$15. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) (egbranch@rogers.com) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 15, 2015. Payment can be made in advance by cash or cheque or when the calendars are delivered. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho."

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon Salmon Supper will be held on Saturday September 19, 2015. Christ Church Hall, Clifton Settings at 4, 5 & 6 pm. Adults \$15.00 and children under 12 \$7.50. All tickets sold in advance. For tickets contact: Kay Addison 350-0960, Lorna Veneau 546-2948, Elaine Good 546-2970, Norma Ellis 546-9638, Elsie Daley 546-5972, Laura McNulty 546-2890, Mitzi Whelton 546-9469, Kim Scott 546-5012.

Herman J. Good VC Branch 18, The Royal Canadian Legion

Turkey Supper Sunday, September 13, 2015

Served from: 5:00pm-6:00pm Cost: \$14.00

Tickets are on sale at the Legion.

Bathurst Christian Women invite you to their "Artistic Impression" Luncheon Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Danny's Inn and Conference Center \$15.00, 11:15 to 1:00 pm. Rita May Gates, President of the Bathurst Art Society, will show how Art is Therapeutic. Sue Ferguson, a summer resident of P.E.I, and guest speaker who knows that no matter what has happened to you or where you are in your life you can "Dare To Dream". Reservations are necessary. Call Edith 548-3924 or Connie 546-2127.

Old Fashioned Turkey Dinner, Sept 19, 2015, 5 pm, Evangel Pentecostal Church. Tickets \$10.00 (assorted desserts will be auctioned) A limited number of Take-out meals available. \$12.00/dessert included. For tickets call Joyce or Glen Daley 546-3764. In support of Evangel Dominican Mission Team.

Anglophone North School District Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year for will take place Oct 13-16, 2015, at the school where the child will be attending.