

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Job 28:20-27</i> <i>Psalm 29</i> <i>I Corinthians 1:21-31</i> <i>Luke 8:22-25</i>	<i>Proverbs 8:22-31</i> <i>Psalm 148</i> <i>Colossians 1:15-20</i> <i>John 6:41-51</i>

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

GATHERING

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)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

...Even the loudest and most frightening of storms can be brought to an end.

And the Spirit is with us through it all.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – VU #288

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

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)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with children of all ages)

***SINGING A SONG** “When We Seek Language” MV # 49

When we seek language to praise you, O God,
 All we can utter seems stale, tame, or odd.
 Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find
 Phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind:

Refrain:

Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
Cosmic companion who loves without end,
Nearer than heart-beat, more subtle than breath,
Keener than insight, and stronger than death.

Steadfastly loving, you gave us your Word,
 Living among us on earth, seen and heard,
 Teacher and healer whose promise came true,
 Dying and rising to make all things new:

Refrain:

To be our guardian, supporter, and guide,
 You sent your Spirit to stay by our side,
 Source of community, well-spring of prayer,
 Power to strengthen, and courage to dare:

Refrain:

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 28:20-27

Psalms 29

Luke 8:22-25

Catherine Eddy

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – “As the Wind Song Through the Trees”

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joanne Wiseman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

(in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

***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.

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

Holy One,
we marvel at your ability to calm storms and to bring
comfort and strength, even more so,
when we feel weak and powerless.

Holy One,
take these gifts and use them
to continue transforming the world.
Amen.

SHARING OUR CONCERNS –

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” – VU #400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “Will Your Anchor Hold” – VU #675

***BLESSING** (responsively)

...in all times in between.

Amen.

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “Take Up His Song” – MV #213

*Take up his song of peace and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace in ev’ry moment.
In ev’ry moment of the journey,
we’re laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace, lay them down,
and take up his song.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Church News

This Week at First United –Sept. 15 - 21, 2019

Monday	6:15	Beaver Scouts
Tuesday	6:30	Choir Practice -this week only
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **599**

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 September and October 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.

Broadview (Observer)

Would you like to receive Broadview, a United Church of Canada publication? For a new subscription, please contact the church office at 546-3532 before Monday, Oct 7, 2019. The annual subscription rate is \$25 (Tax included) Renewals are also payable at the office.

The Hospitality and Friendship Committee is looking for a chairperson and also people to help with coffee time after Sunday's services. If you are able to help in either of these positions please contact Rick Watling at 548-9361

Beavers Scouts will begin on September 16th at 6:15. This group is open to girls and boys between the ages of 5 and 7. New members welcome!

Choir practice begins on, September 17th for this week only it will be held on Tuesday. It will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

The Fall Rally of the Miramichi Presbyterial UCW will be held on September 21st at First United Church, Bathurst.

Sound System Survey:

Located in the Narthex and available from the greeters is a survey available to be taken over the next four Sundays. Please take one and return when completed to the greeters or drop it into the offering plate. If you notice differences in sound on different Sundays please feel free to complete a survey on more than one Sunday indicating the date the survey is for. The information compiled from the surveys completed will enable us to better understand any issues we may be having with the Sound System.



Beef BBQ

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

309 St. Patrick Street

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Takeout's available 4:00 - 5:30 pm

\$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.*

*Sponsored by
Hatheway Auto Group*

Community Events

The Point Church is hosting a concert by former guitarist for the Newsboys, **Paul Colman, on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM.**

Tickets: Cost is \$10 per person from our building. Available online also at <https://paulcolman.eventbrite.com> (there is a small service fee). If there are tickets left, we will make them available at the door. If you have a group of 10 or more, contact Kurt R. Parks Bathurst Site Pastor 546.4184 and he will work out a deal for you.

"Help Lesotho" Calendars The Anglophone School District – North has been sponsoring "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 2020 calendars for sale at a cost of fifteen dollars. 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, 2019. 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".

Salmon Supper

Saturday, September 21, 2019, Christ Church Hall Clifton

Sittings at 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm, takeouts available

\$20 adults, \$10 children under 12

Tickets available by contacting Norma Ellis 546-9638; Kay Addison 350-0960, Elaine Good 546-2970, Mitzi Whelton 546-4969 or Lorna Veneau 546-2948

*"Your heart knows the answer
your mind has been searching for."*

~Katherine Hiraldo~

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "Dazzling Sounds" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Karen and Jim Chamberlain, talented musical duo, will present us with a musical adventure, and Sue Ferguson will tell us how "Nothing worked in her happily ever after, until she discovered WHO makes that dream come true".

Reservations and cancellations are necessary. Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or ejgodin@bellaliant.net or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal.

Can you please say:

1st Annual Anglican Parish of New Bandon Apple Pie and Apple Crisp Sale

Home made apple pies (8") or Apple Crisp (8" x 8" pan)- uncooked. Ready to cook or put in the freezer.

Made fresh the morning of Saturday, October 5th, 2018 and ready for pick up any time between 12:00 and 2:00 PM the same day.

Great dessert for Thanksgiving Dinner.

All pies/crisps will be sold in advance. Contact Mitzi Whelton 546-4969 or e-mail mitzi.whelton@gmail.com, Nancy Hodnett 545-5623, Lorna Veneau 546-2948, Kay Addison 350-0960 or Norma Ellis 546-9638.

*I can smell autumn
dancing in the breeze.
The sweet chill of pumpkin
and crisp sunburnt leaves.*

~Author Unknown~

Fall's Chores

*Summer's getting drowsy now;
Soon she will be dozing;
Flowers are folding up their heads,
Another season's closing.*

*Fall is waiting in the wings,
Impatient to get going,
He has a lot of work to do,
Before it's time for snowing.*

*"I have to paint the leaves," he says,
"In shades of red and gold,
And send the geese along their way
Before it gets too cold.*

*"I'll ripen pumpkins on the vine,
For sweet Thanksgiving pies,
And plump the apples on the trees
To make cider that satisfies.*

*"Sunshiny days will be shorter now;
I'll add a cool, crisp breeze;
For this relief from summer heat,
I make no apologies.*

*"I have just one more thing to do;
My work is almost done;
I'll turn the leaves to crunchy piles,
So kids can have fall fun!"*

By Joanna Fuchs

Job 28:20-27 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁰ "Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?

²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of all living,
and concealed from the birds of the air.

²² Abaddon and Death say,
'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'

²³ "God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.

²⁴ For he looks to the ends of the earth,
and sees everything under the heavens.

²⁵ When he gave to the wind its weight,
and apportioned out the waters by measure;

²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain,
and a way for the thunderbolt;

²⁷ then he saw it and declared it;
he established it, and searched it out.

[Based on] Psalm 29

The Voice of God

The night air still felt charged with electricity, and the earth smelled damp as the stars began to wink in the sky. The clouds had moved past, and the storm was over.

David sat under a large tree, the same tree he raced to when the storm first surprised him while he was out walking. It came up suddenly. The temperature dropped and the evening grew cool as a

strong wind blew across the rocky shoreline, twisting the trees, foaming the waves, and cloaking the sunset in large purple clouds. A crack of lightning over the sea sent David diving under a tree, just as the heavy drops of rain began to pound the earth. David felt a little afraid, but he knew God was with him, all around him. He pulled out his small harp. Singing always helped him calm down and would be a good way to wait out the storm.

David sang:

Give credit to God,

And worship God's holy splendour.

The voice of God thunders over the waters;

The voice of God is powerful, full of majesty.

The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars;

The voice of God flashes forth and shakes the wilderness.

God sits enthroned over the high waters and will reign forever.

May God give strength to the people, may God bless the people with peace!

And just as the last notes of David's song rang out, the last rumble of thunder rolled in the distance, and the leaves of the tree above grew still. David sat for a bit longer, enjoying the sounds of the now calmer waters lapping against the stones. Finally, as the moon climbed high in the sky, David stood and stretched and headed for home.

Luke 8:22-25 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus Calms a Storm

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out,

²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.

²⁵ He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"