

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Office Adm. Christina Doucet **Greeters** Debrah Watling &
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<u>Lectionary for Today</u> Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12
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Today's Music Leader: Linda Knowles MacPherson

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "This Is the Day" – MV #122

***This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!***

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we will rejoice and be glad!***

***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu!***

We will rejoice and be glad!

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We will rejoice and be glad!

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We are people on a journey – a journey of faith and hope in God's love.

Let's continue on this journey, keeping our sights on the promises of God's grace.

The invitation has been sent to each of us – no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey.

We are invited to follow Christ wherever we're led; to follow in service, in contemplation, in worship, and in communion with God, God's people, and God's created world.

Come, people of God, let's recognize ourselves as one family of God, as we journey together towards peace and justice.

God unites us as one people, and journeys with us all the way.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" - VU #395

Refrain

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.

Refrain

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE – "Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts" - MV #101

*Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,
our minds with your peace,
and our lives
with your joy.*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (with those of all ages)

Matthew 22:35-39

SINGING A SONG – "Jesus Loves Me" – VU #365

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.

Refrain

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.

Refrain

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Catherine Eddy

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Matthew 22:34-46

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

Linda Knowles MacPherson

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

We, Holy One, dedicate the journey to you.

In thanksgiving for all the beauty and potential we see from this vantage point, we give our time, talent, and treasures.

Bless and transform them, we pray, into the fulfillment of steps along "the way."

Amen

SHARING OUR CONCERNS – "I Am the Dream" – MV #106 (Verse 1)

*I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in ev'ry silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever
and ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – "To Show by Touch and Word" – VU #427

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

BLESSING

CHORAL SENDING FORTH – "May the God of Peace" – MV #224

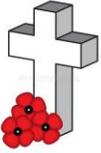
*May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you. Amen!
May God's peace be with you. Amen!*

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

*What gives me the most hope
every day is God's grace;
knowing that his grace
is going to give me the strength
for whatever I face,
knowing that nothing
is a surprise to God.*

Rick Warren

Church News



Annual Remembrance Service

Each year, on the Sunday immediately prior to Remembrance Day, we honour our war veterans as well as those who lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, November 8th. Those wishing to place memorial crosses in the sanctuary are reminded to contact the Legion office directly by November 3rd. There will be a secretary at the Legion commencing at the end of next week. Date and time is from Monday-Saturday from 1-4:30PM.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Each year the Shriners have calendars and fruit cake for sale. All profit goes to help support sick children in our region. Calendars are 20\$ each and fruit cake are 3 in a box for 20\$. If interested please contact Harvey Spence at 546-2742 or by email at colovey@hotmail.ca

Thank you for supporting the Shriners!

Information Sheet for In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary

Revised October 15, 2020

Please do not attend or plan to attend:

- If you have any symptoms of COVID-19:
 - fever or signs of a fever (such as chills)
 - new cough or worsening of a chronic cough
 - sore throat
 - headache
 - runny nose
 - new onset of fatigue
 - new onset of muscle pain
 - diarrhea
 - loss of taste or smell,
- Have travelled outside the Atlantic Bubble within 14 days, or
- Have had close contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

- You will need to register at the church office before 2.00 p.m. each Friday for the following Sunday's service. Your name and phone number for you and those attending with you in your bubble will be recorded by Christina.

- On Sunday morning, you will be met at the door by a greeter wearing a mask who will:
 - Ask you the above screening question, and
 - Confirm your name(s) and phone number(s) on the list provided by the church office.
 - If there is sufficient space with physical distancing, attendees who have not pre-registered will be welcome to enter, and their names and contact information will be added to the registration list.
 - Unfortunately, if there is insufficient space, non-registered people may need to be turned away, and will be given information about the church website and Facebook page.

- Each person in the church is expected to:
 - Wear a mask at all times
 - Use hand-sanitizer upon arrival and when leaving
 - Maintain a physical distance of at least 2 meters or 6 feet at all times with anyone outside your bubble.
 - Not shake hands or touch or hug others.

- Offering plates will be available on a table in the entry for you to place your offering, on the way in or out.
- Please go directly into the Sanctuary and be seated. You are to remain seated for the whole service. However, if you need to use the washroom, please do so.
- Coats and hats are to be taken into the Sanctuary.
- No congregational or choir singing is allowed.
- There will be no hand-shaking or moving around during the Passing of the Peace. Please smile or wave to others.
- There will be no Sunday School at this time, and children will need to remain in their seats during Children's Time and during the whole service.
- There will be one or two video cameras at the back of the Sanctuary, as the service will be recorded for viewing later on the church website and Facebook page.
- When the service is over:
 - Rev. Neal will remain in the pulpit and the organist/pianist will remain at the organ or piano,
 - You will be asked to exit pew by pew starting at the back, and to go directly to the parking lot or your vehicle,
 - Please take your bulletin home or put it in the blue bin in the narthex,
 - There will be no serving of refreshments, and
 - Please respect the physical distancing requirements while outside in the parking lot.

Many thanks to each of you for helping us meet the Provincial Health requirements. As uncomfortable or difficult as these procedures may be, by all of us doing so, we will help with keeping our families, congregation and community healthy, and allows us to share worship with our church family.

Your COVID-19 Response Team,

Sandra Boone
 Bev Murphy
 Ian Oliver
 Jini Palmer

Rev. Neal Palmer
 Brenda Parrott
 Lester Scott
 Martha Vickers

Deuteronomy 34

Moses Dies and Is Buried in the Land of Moab

34 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel

Matthew 22:34-46

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Question about David’s Son

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah?^[a] Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit^[b] calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.