

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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November 1st, 2020

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Office Adm. Christina Doucet **Greeters** Shirley Sealy &
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<u>Lectionary for Today</u> Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
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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!
This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu!
We will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu!
We will rejoice and be glad!***

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Who are God's saints?

The people whom the Spirit's love shines through.

People of all ages and all genders?

The people whom the Spirit's love shines through.

People all around the earth?

The people whom the Spirit's love shines through.

Ones who have died, ones who now live, and ones who are yet to be born?

The people whom the Spirit's love shines through.

Who are the saints of God?

All God's people. All around the world. Yesterday, today, forever.

The people whom the Spirit's love shines through.

With God's love shining through us, we too are saints.

Alleluia!

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" - VU #315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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)

SINGING A SONG – “Jesus Bids Us Shine” – VU #585

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17
Matthew 5:1-12

Chesley Eddy

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “Mansion Over the Hilltop”

Linda Knowles MacPherson

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Because we’ve been loved, we dedicate ourselves to loving others.
Because we’ve been forgiven, we dedicate ourselves to forgiving others.
Because we’ve been blessed, we dedicate ourselves to being blessings to others.
Take these gifts, Holy One, and know our gratitude and devotion, today and always.
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 (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 – "For All the Saints" – VU #705

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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.)

*If you want others to be happy,
practice compassion.
If you want to be happy,
practice compassion.*

~Dalai Lama

Church News

Peanut Butter Update To date, 380 jars have been collected and \$1090.00 towards the purchase of Peanut Butter has been given to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office hours; cheques can be delivered or mailed to the Bathurst Volunteer Center at 464 King Ave. Bathurst NB E2A 1P5. Please indicate on your cheque that it is for the purchase of Peanut Butter for the First United contribution.

First United Church in Bathurst, NB is accepting applications for the position of full-time, permanent Office Administrator. The successful applicant will work closely with the Minister, Custodian and Music Director to conduct the operations of the church.

Location: 309 St. Patrick Street, Bathurst, NB E2A 1E2

Job Duties: Responsibilities include the general operation of the church office. This includes, but is not limited to, preparation of weekly church and special bulletins, congregational communications, annual reports, maintenance of church records, maintenance of banking activities - including petty cash, deposits, recording donations, etc. Duties also include preparation of weekly CD ministry packages, control of office supplies and maintenance of the church website.

Skills: Competence with the Microsoft Office Suite of software, as well as other relevant computer skills, i.e. email, CD burning, etc.

Effective oral and telephone communication skills. Confidentiality is a must.

Effective office management skills, including receptionist, filing, banking, scheduling and mailing. Strong work ethic, team player, organized and reliable.

Experience: Minimum of 2 years in an office setting.

Education: High School diploma

Security: Criminal record check at personal expense. At least 2 references required.

Hours: To be determined.

Wage: \$14 - \$16 per hour, commensurate with education and experience.

Benefits: Vacation, sick leave, compassionate leave as well as pension and various insurances as per United Church benefits package.

Interested candidates should apply in email to Wayne Lord at elordwam@nbnet.nb.ca.



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 5th

The legions phone number is 546-3135. For further information contact Graham Wiseman at 548-3600.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shriners - 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!

Team Esperanza -Due to pandemic-related restrictions, our mission team won't be holding a pre-Christmas craft sale. However, note that we have a large variety of crafts, suitable for gift giving on hand & Marie is prepared to take orders for hand painted items, prior to Dec 1st. As well, we have a limited quantity of chili (individual servings), smoked cheese & lobster paste for sale. For more information, contact Helen Knowles (546-9563) or Marie Oliver (548-3493).

Christmas Craft - "The Anglican Parish of New Bandon is holding its annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, market style, on Saturday, November 14, from 9:30 am until 11:30 am at Christ Church Hall in Clifton. There will be no food served and no admission at the door. Masks must be worn while inside the hall and Covid-19 guidelines will be followed."

Thank you,
Nancy

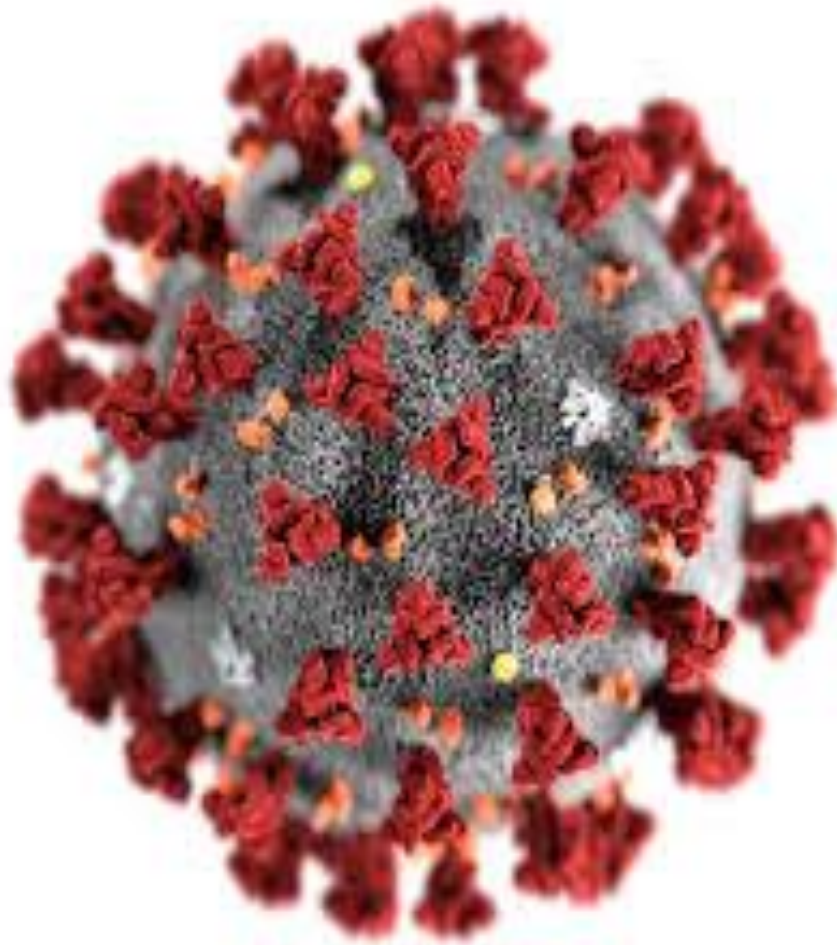
*We often take for granted
the very things that most
deserve our gratitude.
~Cynthia Ozick~*

*You have received
the glorious gift of grace -
unearned, undeserved favor.
No one and no set of circumstances
can strip you of this lavish gift.
You belong to Me forever!
Nothing in all creation
will be able to separate you from My Love.
Sarah Young, Walking in God's Grace*

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
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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

Revelation 7:9-17

The Multitude from Every Nation

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.