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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for Today</u> Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
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Today's Music Leader: Linda Knowles MacPherson

GATHERING & REMEMBERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

***NATIONAL ANTHEM** - "O Canada" – VU #524

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

***LAST POST**

***SILENCE**

***ACT OF REMEMBRANCE** (responsively)
They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

***REVEILLE**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

RECOGNITION OF POPPY CROSSES

IN FLANDERS FIELDS (by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae)

Sherry Mitton

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields

WELCOME

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "God Weeps" – MV #78

God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused,
at children's innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love,
God weeps.

God bleeds at anger's fist, at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win,
God bleeds.

God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care,
God cries.

God waits for stones to melt, for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other's need,
and till we understand the Christ,
God waits.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

The measure of a people's heart is this: do we remember the sacrifices of the past; do we work for peace in the present; do we declare hope for the future?

We come before The Holy to name God's reign of shalom as our dream, to commit ourselves to the cause of peace, and to remember.

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN - "God! As with Silent Hearts" - VU #527

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish human kind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
"lest we forget" the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

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 – "Brighten the Corner Where You Are"

Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,

Do not wait to shed your light afar;
To the many duties ever near you now be true,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Chorus

*Brighten the corner where you are!
Brighten the corner where you are!
Someone far from harbor you may guide across the bar,
Brighten the corner where you are!*

Just above are clouded skies that you may help to clear,
Let not narrow self your way debar;
Though into one heart alone may fall your song of cheer,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Chorus

Here for all your talent you may surely find a need,
Here reflect the bright and Morning Star;
Even from your humble hand the bread of life may feed,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Chorus

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Helen Knowles

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “The White Cliffs of Dover”

Linda Knowles MacPherson

RESPONDING

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (responsively)

Remembering the generations who've gone before us, Holy One,
we've come to this place of peace to worship.
Remembering the many who gave their lives so we might be free,
we've come to this hour of peace to worship.
Remembering all who've suffered loss and grief in the name of war,
we've come to this service of peace to worship.
Remembering all who continue to live in the midst of violence,
we've come with our gifts of peace to worship.
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 – “How Great Thou Art” – VU #238

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

But when I think that God, his son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

BLESSING

***GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious, Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

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(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE

*As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget
that the highest appreciation
is not to utter words,
but to live by them.
~John Fitzgerald Kennedy~*

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

*He does not believe
who does not live
according to his belief.
~Thomas Fuller~*

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The Poppy Crosses

in our sanctuary are placed

in loving memory of:

- Burns Branch
- Tracy Branch & Thomas Scott
- Robert Carmichael
- Sanford Cormier
- Fenton Daley
- Keith Dobson
- Clarence (Nib) & Betty Gammon
F.F. (Frank) Cameron
- Clinton C. L. Gammon
- Clair Gosnell
- Duncan Gosnell
- Guy & Winifred Hierlihy
- Vivian Howatt
- Cleveland A. Jagoe
- Thomas Jamieson
- Robert Keswick
- James C. (Jim) Knowles
- Robert L. (Bob) Knowles
- Harold A. MacKay
- Jim MacLaggan & Ken Shirley
- Harold Payne
- Hugh & Laura Parrott
- Howard Pettigrew
- Wilfred Ross
- C. Norman Scott
- Tom Sullivan
- H.H. (Bud) Williamson
- James Stanton Vibert
- Sprague Wiseman
- Thomas Samuel Wiseman
& Sprague Wiseman
- Rodney Scott

by:

- Sharon, Beverley, Catherine
and Families
- Lester and Shirley
- Joyce and Family
- Wayne, Phyllis and Family
- John & Isabel
- The Family
- The Family
- The Family
- Lynn & Family
- Lynn & Family
- Blake, Kathy & Family
- The Family
- Alice & Family
- Joan, Andy, Allan, Peter
and their Families
- Lynn & Family
- Joyce, Bill and Family
- Helen and Family
- Jack and Emma
- Isabel and Family
- The Family
- The Family
- Ina and Family
- Andrew Ross
- Emma & Jack
- Sullivan Family
- Mildred, Hayden, Harry,
Joan and Families
- Holly & Randy Vibert
- Joy Wiseman
- The Family
- Elna & Family

- Alanson K. Schryer
- Thomas Scott
- MacLaren Keswick
- Norman R. Young
- Gordon Graham
- Lorne Fraser
- George Watt
- Charles Knowles

- Schryer Family
- Karen, Don & Family
- Lynn & Family
- Edith & Family
- Bette & Family
- Jini & Neal
- Jini & Neal
- Wendy, Stanley & Family

Today's bulletins is in memory of:

Cleveland Jagoe and Scott Family (Eldon [Dad], James and Rodney).

From the Jagoe Family.

In loving memory of Charles & Dorothy Knowles, & Scott Knowles

By Wendy, Stanley & Family

In loving Memory of Husband Jim MacLaggan and Cousin Ken Shirley

By Isabel

In memory of Norman R. Young

1944-1945 Royal Canadian Navy

From Wife Edith & Family.

His Father Robert M. Young

First World War 1914-1918

Brothers – Robert H. Young 1942-1945 (RCAF)

Ernest & Arthur Young (Korean War)

In Loving Memory of Edith's Father, Thomas A. Knowles

World War I, 1914-1918 & World War II 1940-1945

Brothers – Earl (Army 1940-1945)

Hewlett (RCAF)

Gerald (RCAF)

Russell (Army)

Peanut Butter Update To date, 400 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.

Annual Christmas Benevolence Fund: - It's that time of year! Giving to this fund is even more important than ever because of COVID-19. Things will be a bit different, but we hope the results will be the same as other years. Should you wish to give, please place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate, or drop it off at the Church or mail to First United Church, 309 St. Patrick Street, Bathurst N.B, E2A- 1E2. Make your cheques payable to First United Church. Please mark clearly that this donation is for the Benevolence Fund. The proceeds from this fund support the Bathurst Volunteer Center and people in our congregation who need assistance.

We thank-you for you generosity.

Community Outreach Sub-Team

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 The United Church benefits package.

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



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!

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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."

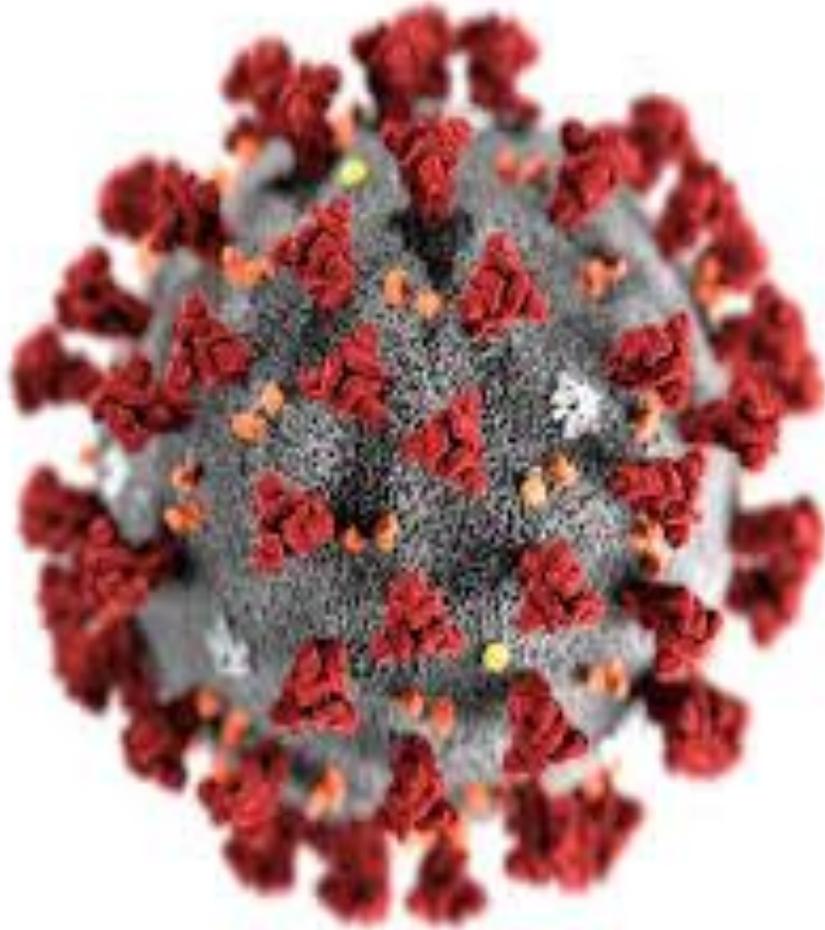
Thank you,
Nancy

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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 it 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

Joshua 24:1-3

The Tribes Renew the Covenant

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

Joshua 24:14-25

¹⁴ "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" ²² Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³ He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.