

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Lectionary for next Sunday

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

Today's bulletins are in loving memory of:

*Laura and Hugh Parrott &
Liz and Bill Morison,
all of whom served
from Brenda, Dave and families
&*

*Cleveland Jagoe & Scott Family Members
(Eldon [Dad], James and Rodney)
from the Jagoe family*

*&
Charles and Dorothy Knowles,
& Scott Knowles
from Wendy, Stanley and family
&
Husband, Jim MacLaggan
& Cousin Ken Shirley
from Isabel MacLaggan & family*

In loving 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)

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**

***ROUSE**

***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.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**RECOGNITION OF POPPY CROSSES*****In loving memory of:***

<i>In loving memory of:</i>	<i>Placed by:</i>
Burns Branch	Sharon, Beverley, Catherine & families
Tracy Branch & Thomas Scott	Lester & Shirley
Robert Carmichael	Joyce & family
Sanford Cormier	Wayne, Phyllis & family
Fenton Daley	John & Isabel
Keith Dobson	The family
Clarence (Nib) & Betty Gammon, & F.F. (Frank) Cameron	The family
Clinton C. L. Gammon	The family
Guy & Winifred Hierlihy	Blake, Kathy & family
Vivian Howatt	The family
Cleveland A. Jagoe	Alice & family
Robert L. (Bob) Knowles	Helen & family
Harold A. MacKay	Jack & Emma
Jim MacLaggan & Ken Shirley	Isabel & family
Hugh & Laura Parrott	The family
Howard Pettigrew	Ina & family
C. Norman Scott	Emma & Jack
Tom Sullivan	Sullivan family
James Stanton Vibert	Holly & Randy Vibert
Sprague Wiseman	Joy Wiseman
Robert Keswick	Lynn & family

*Ian Oliver****In loving memory of:***

Sprague Wiseman	The family
Rodney Scott	Elna & family
Norman R. Young	Edith & family
Gordon Graham	Bette & family
Lorne Fraser	Jini & Neal
George Watt	Jini & Neal
Charles Knowles	Wendy, Stanley & family
Harold Payne	The family
Herb Dodge	Barbara & family
Bill Wiseman	The family
James C. (Jim) Knowles	Joyce, Bill & family
MacLaren Keswick	Lynn & family

Placed by:

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: "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!
**Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu!**
We will rejoice and be glad!

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Who are we?

We are followers of Christ, the Prince of Shalom.

What is this shalom?

It's peace with justice, a peace that is right, God's peace.

Why are we here?

**To remind ourselves that we're an important part of shalom—
in our relationships, in our communities, in our world.**

Come then, let's gather to prepare ourselves
to carry peace into the world.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** "Let Us Build a House" MV #1
(Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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)

***SINGING A SONG** "I Saw the Rich Ones"

MV #127

I saw the rich ones I saw what they gave
the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved
and I saw she was smiling I knew she was glad
and I wondered because she gave all that she had.

Refrain:

***But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found
Let's work for a world where all people are free
where it's good to feel good about God loving you and me.***

I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said
but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread
and I knew something special had happened that day
when Zacheus gave half of his riches away.

Refrain

The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid
for the ones who came later were paid just the same
as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came.

Refrain

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Mark 12:38-44

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

John & Isabel Clouston

"A Soldier's Prayer"

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

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.

Remembering the many who gave their lives so we might be free,
we've come to this hour of peace.

Remembering all who've suffered loss and grief in the name of war,
we've come to this service of peace.

Remembering all who continue to live in the midst of violence,
we've come with our gifts of peace.

Amen

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

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

"Through Ancient Walls" VU #691

Through ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife we fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

***Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!***

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack.

Refrain

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new.

Refrain

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name!

Refrain

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery!

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.

(*The Christ Candle is extinguished.*)

POSTLUDE

*Thank you to the brave men and women
who have made
the ultimate sacrifice.*

*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~

Church News

The church office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Peanut Butter Update – As of November 4, 2021, 495 jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go 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.

Rev. Neal will be on Continuing Education leave from Tuesday, November 9th through to Monday, November 15th. Rev. Sue White will be covering for any pastoral care emergencies. She can be reached by calling 547-5745.

Membership - If you are an adherent of First United Church and wish to arrange for confirmation or transfer of membership please contact the church office at 546-3532.

Property Management Team Meeting will be held on Monday, November 8th at 7:00 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room. Masks are mandatory.

TAKE OUT TURKEY SUPPER will be held on November 25th from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. \$15 for adults and \$6 for children. As there are a limited number of tickets they will be sold on a first come-first served basis. For tickets please contact a member of the *Ways & Means Committee* or the church office at 546-3532.

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Reminder – If you plan to attend the service in-person, please call the church office at 546-3532 by **Friday** morning, and give Margaret the name(s) and phone number(s) for yourself and anyone in your bubble who will be sitting with you. A seating plan will be pre-arranged based on the required physical distancing rules. On-line services will continue, on a delayed basis, as the in-person service will be recorded and then uploaded to the church website and Facebook page in due course.

Church News

Thank you to our volunteers in October: **Counters** – Dave Cumming & Bev Murphy; **Greeters** – Lester Scott, Beth Sullivan and Gary Branch; **Minute for Missions** – Bev Murphy and Pat MacIntosh; **Readers** – Helen Knowles, Isabel MacLaggan; Jini Palmer, Gary Branch and Brenda Parrott; **Vocalists** – John & Isabel Clouston; **Sound System** – Brenda Parrott, Shirley Allain and Ralph Jamieson; and **Videographer** – Don Eddy

Annual Christmas Benevolence Fund: - It's that time of year! Giving to this fund is even more important than ever because COVID-19 is still affecting lives. Once again this year the process is a bit different, but we hope the results will be the same or better as previous years. Should you wish to give you will find an envelope on the tree which will be placed in the narthex on Sunday, November 21st. And then you may drop it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office during the week. 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 your generosity

– Community Outreach Sub-Team

Community News

The North Shore Shrine Club are raising funds to help sick children by the sale of calendars and fruit cakes. The funds are used to pay for the transportation of sick children to the hospital in Montreal. The calendars are \$20 each and you have the chance to win \$25 each day of the year. The fruit cakes - 3 cakes per box - are \$20 per box. To order a calendar or cakes please contact Harvey Spence at 546-2742. Thank you!

There will be a **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** on Saturday, November 13, at **Christ Church Hall in Clifton**. It will run from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM and be market style with no admission. Masks and proof of vaccination are required."

SCRIPTURE READING – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

RUTH 3:1-5; 4:13-17

1 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you.

2 Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

3 Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do."

5 She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

Chapter 4 -----

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son.

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel!"

15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."

16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse.

17 The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

MARK 12:38-44

38 As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,

39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!

40 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."