

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**February 27, 2022**

**Minister** Rev. Neal Palmer    **Music Director** Martha Vickers  
**Office Adm.** Margaret Daniels    **Greeters** Gayle Ferron  
**Custodian** Lester Scott    Margaret Payne-Chénard

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 Luke 9:28-36	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8 <sup>b</sup> -13 Luke 4:1-13
<i>We welcome <b>John &amp; Isabel Clouston</b> as our guest vocalists this week and thank them for the beautiful music</i>	

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

*GATHERING*

**MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Light to soften the shadows. Light to warm the air. Light to warm our hearts.

*The Christ Candle is lit.*

Light of presence, refining light, light of Christ.



**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

MV #12 (Verse 2)

“Come Touch Our Hearts”

***Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us,  
come touch and bless our souls.***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** – “Let Us Build a House” MV #1

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:  
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 Gods’ grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, though Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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

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

#### **PRAYER OF HUMILITY**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** – "Don't Be Afraid" – MV #90

***Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.***

**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER** (*responsively*)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **SHARING A STORY** (*with those of all ages*)

*Margaret Daniels & Brenda Parrott*

Luke 9:28-31

**\*SINGING A SONG** – "We Praise You for the Sun" – VU #225

We praise you for the sun,  
the golden shining sun,  
that gives us healing, strength, and joy;  
we praise you for the sun.

We praise you for the rain,  
the softly falling rain,  
that gives us healing, strength, and joy;  
we praise you for the rain.

We praise you for your love,  
your patient, endless love,  
that gives us healing, strength, and joy;  
we praise you for your love.

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*responsively*)

Our faith stories are astounding. Read the Bible and discover an amazing group of faithful pilgrims, all with incredible faith stories.

**The story continues as we share prayers, hymns, and meditations.**

We, like Moses and Jesus, encounter the Divine in many ways. With awe and wonder, in surprise and mystery, the Holy One is revealed.

**We come, Ever-radiant and Glorious One, open to wonder, amazement, and surprise as we receive the Word today.**

**Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Gary Branch*

Exodus 34:29-35

Luke 9:28-36

## REFLECTION

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

## GIFT OF MUSIC

*John & Isabel Clouston*

*RESPONDING*

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Bev Murphy*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### \*OFFERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Holy One,  
may these gifts lift the veil  
that separates us from the gospel,  
illuminating all of us  
with the knowledge  
of your everlasting love.  
Amen**

### SHARING OUR CONCERNS – “Jesus, Remember Me” – VU #148

***Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.***

## 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 – “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” – VU #559

Come, O Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing  
call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of God’s unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,  
giving thanks for having come,  
come to trust, at every turning,  
God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God,  
came to rescue me from danger,  
precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
wander from the love I’ve known:  
here’s my heart, O, take and seal it,  
seal it for your very own.

### \*BLESSING

\***CHORAL CLOSING** – “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.)*

## POSTLUDE

# Church News

The regular church office hours are Monday to Friday 9 AM to 3 PM.

**Peanut Butter Update** - As of February 24, 2022, 33 jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center and an additional 96 jars have been dropped off directly at the Centre from the donations made to the church office. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office hours.

**Please Note** - In an effort to assist the Bathurst Volunteer Center, should you wish to make a monetary donation you may now do so by **issuing your cheque to First United Church**, indicating it is to be used for the purchase of Peanut Butter. Your donation will be marked as such and will be included on your annual tax receipt. Your cheques can be dropped off at the church office or mailed to 309 St. Patrick Street, Bathurst NB E2A 1E2. Periodically someone from our Community Outreach Team will purchase the peanut butter and have it delivered directly to the Volunteer Center.

**Covid-19 Update** - Anyone 5 years of age or older will be asked to show proof of being fully vaccinated (two doses) or medically exempt when entering the church building. This practice will continue for Sunday services and those visiting the Church office and buildings during the week, until further notice. We are also required to wear masks at all times while in the church building. Physical distancing in the seating arrangements will also continue.

# Church News

**Reminder** – As we have returned to in-person services you will need to register with the church office, either by telephone (546-3532) or email ([firstadmin@nb.aibn.com](mailto:firstadmin@nb.aibn.com)) before noon each Friday for the following Sunday's service. This will allow for proper set up with physical distancing and also preparation of the correct number of bulletins.

**Purses Plus** – The Community Outreach Sub-team, in consultation with Passage House, a residence for the abused, has decided to coordinate a project in support of needy residents. Supplies will be gathered, delivered to Passage House and replenished, as available. Requested supplies include, but are not limited to used purses in good condition, reusable shopping bags, tooth brushes/past, hand/body cream, soap/shower gel, hair combs/brushes, nail files/clippers or cleaning supplies. Donated items may be deposited in a designated container in the narthex. For more information please contact Helen Knowles at 546-9563.

**Christian Development Team** will meet on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM via Zoom. A reminder email with the Zoom information will be sent on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TAKE OUT Roast Pork Supper** will be held on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Tickets will be available starting February 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$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. Please contact a member of the *Ways & Means Committee* or drop by the church office.

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**Annual General Meeting** for First United Church has been scheduled for Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. Any teams who have not submitted their report to the office yet, please do so at your earliest opportunity.



## Herbert S. Sharp Scholarship

2022

This scholarship was established by Herbert S. Sharp, Class of 1890 and is awarded to students located in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island, who are Protestant, a non-smoker, and who have demonstrated financial need. Preference given to members of the United Church of Canada and to applicants from Prince Edward Island.

### How to Apply:

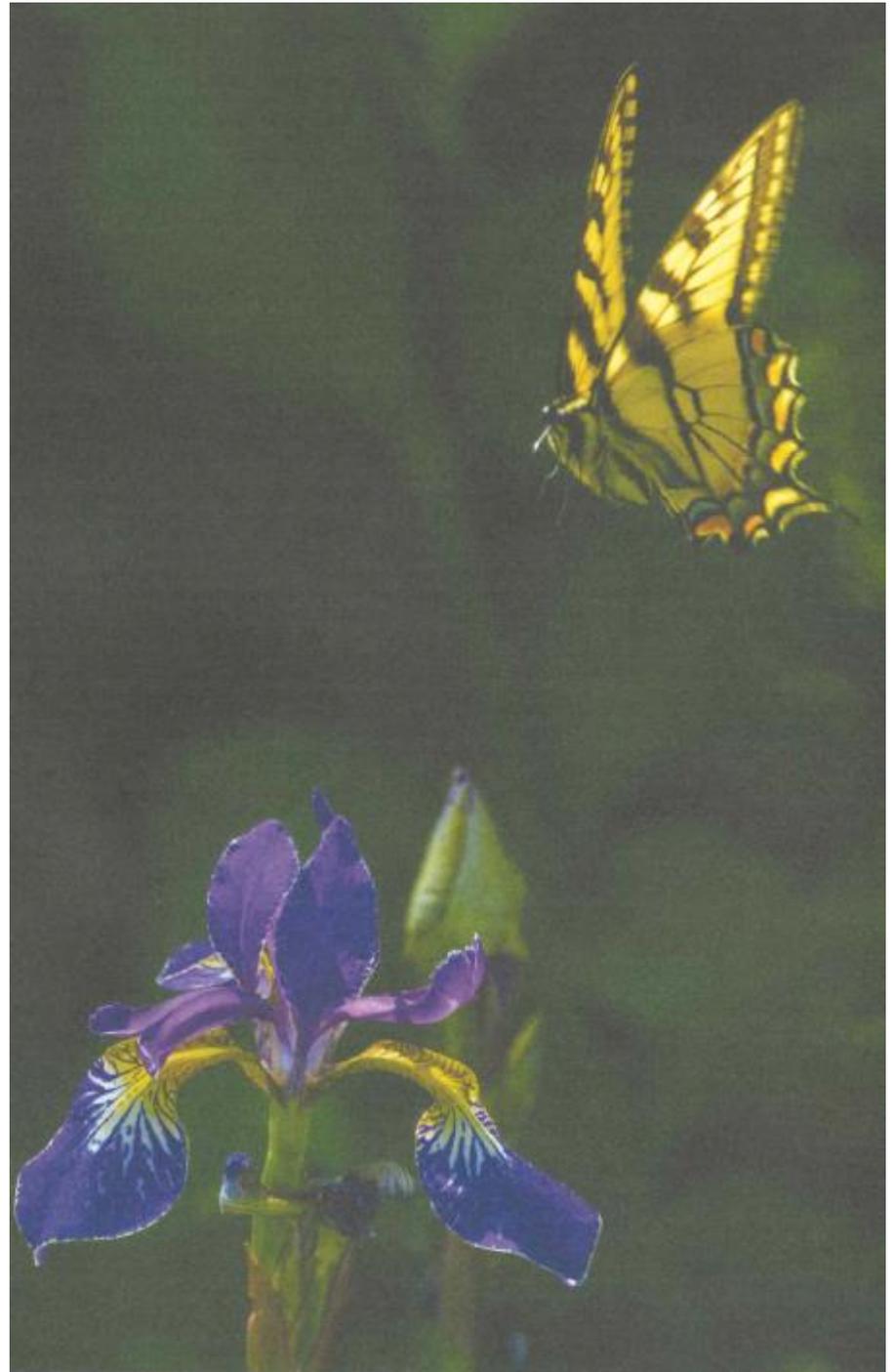
- Submit an online admissions application to MtA and specify that you are a member of the United Church of Canada within **Section IV Scholarship Donor Criteria** located on the **Entrance Scholarship** tab of the online application. ([mta.ca/apply](https://mta.ca/apply))
- Submit the following supporting documents:
  - Entrance Bursary Application (available online within [Connect@MtA](mailto:Connect@MtA) once admitted)
  - One letter of reference from a minister

**Value:** \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year – renewable upon maintaining 3.3 GPA on full course load)

**Deadline:** An admission application and all supporting documents must be received by **March 1**.

**Information:** [financialaid@mta.ca](mailto:financialaid@mta.ca) | 506-364-2258

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS – NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

### EXODUS 34:29-35

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

### LUKE 9:28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.