

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**November 5, 2023**

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<b><u>Lectionary for today</u></b>	<b><u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u></b>
Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

**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*  
 &

***George Jardine*** *from Bernice*

&

*Husband, Jim MacLaggan, cousin Ken Shirley, uncle Jim Archibald & Allan Spear representing the Air Force, Navy and Army, World War II from Isabel MacLaggan & family*

**Also in loving memory of:**

***David Gammon*** *from Shirley & family*  
 &

***Charles and Dorothy Knowles, & Scott Knowles***

*from Wendy, Stanley and family*  
 &

***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)*

*The asterisk \* identifies those times in the service where you are invited to present yourselves, body, mind, and spirit, as is comfortable for you today...*

GATHERING

**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** [2 minutes]

**\*ROUSE**

**\*ACT OF REMEMBRANCE** (*responsively*)

*Ian Oliver*

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** (*responsively*)

We live in a time of turmoil.

**Sometimes, it is hard to find peace in the world or in our hearts.**

In these anxious times, we turn to the light of Christ to ground us, to guide us, to comfort us.

**May this light be our peace,**

now and always.

**Amen**

*The Christ Candle is lit...*

**RECOGNITION OF POPPY CROSSES**

***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  
Clinton C. L. Gammon  
Guy & Winifred Hierlihy  
Vivian Howatt  
Cleveland A. Jagoe  
Robert L. (Bob) Knowles  
Harold A. MacKay  
Jim MacLaggan & Ken Shirley  
Hugh & Laura Parrott  
Howard Pettigrew  
C. Norman Scott  
Tom Sullivan  
James Stanton Vibert  
Sprague Wiseman  
Sprague Wiseman  
Rodney Scott  
Norman R. Young

***Placed by:***

Sharon, Beverley, Catherine  
& families  
Lester & Shirley  
Carol, Donna Linda, Gayle  
& families  
Wayne, Phyllis & family  
John & Isabel  
The family  
The family  
The family  
His grandchildren  
Blake, Kathy & family  
The family  
The family  
Helen & family  
Jack & Emma  
Isabel & family  
The family  
Ina & family  
Emma & Jack  
Sullivan family  
Randy & Holly Vibert & family  
Bette & the family  
Daughter, Joy  
Elna & family  
Edith & family

***In loving memory of:***

George Watt & Lorne Fraser  
Charles Knowles  
Harold Payne  
James C. (Jim) Knowles  
Robert Keswick  
McLaren Keswick  
Walter T. Fournier  
Clair Gosnell  
Duncan Gosnell  
Thomas Jamieson  
Everard MacLean  
Patrick McLaughlin  
Austin Wiseman  
Alansan K. Schryer  
Percy Scott  
Thomas Scott  
Burnham Logan  
Deceased Family Members  
Alcide & Hector Roy  
Unknown Soldier  
John A Watling - WW II  
H. H., (Bud) Williamson  
Leigh & Thomas Wiseman  
Bruce Harvey &  
George Edward Brooks

***Placed by:***

Neal & Virginia Palmer  
Wendy, Stanley & families  
The family  
Joyce, Bill & families  
Lynn & family  
Lynn & family  
Daughter, Helené  
Ron, Peggy & family  
Ron, Peggy & family  
Joan, Andy, Allan, Peter  
& their families  
Archie Fowlie & family  
Patrick, Jill & family  
Jill, Patrick & family  
Schryer family  
The family  
Karen, Don & family  
Daughters, Dawn, Brenda &  
Ellen  
Michael & Anne Marie Ramsay  
Rose Marie David  
Leonard Imbeault  
Ed, Sandra, Jeff & Meaghan  
Harry, Joan & family  
The family  
Earnest Brooks & family

**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 & TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *(in unison)*

***Ancient and modern people have inhabited and continue to inhabit this land on which we worship. This is the traditional land of the Mi'kmaq people, and we are deeply grateful to be here and to ground ourselves in the land which has been a place where people have lived for thousands of years.***

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

"Come Build a Church"  
*(Seasons of the Spirit – volume 7)*

**Come build a church with soul and spirit,  
come build a church of flesh and bone.  
We need no tower rising skyward;  
no house of wood or glass or stone.**

**Come build a church with human frailty,  
Come build a church of flesh and blood.  
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.  
It shall be built by the hand of God.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### GATHERING PRAYER

#### \*GATHERING HYMN –

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Refrain:*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Refrain*

Neighbors are rich and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbours are near and far away.

*Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love,  
all are neighbors to us and you.

*Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Refrain*

### PRAYER OF HUMILITY

*(Invite congregants to take the cord in their hands.)*

We carry with us Jesus' teaching.

We also carry heavy burdens tied up and laid upon and within us.

VU #593

We've tied up burdens like being someone we're not, or wanting something we don't have, or doing things that hurt others or ourselves.

Tie a knot in your cord as a sign of one of those burdens you wish to place before the Holy One.

*(Silent Prayer)*

When we walk alone with our burdens, Jesus' good news reminds us to reach out and share the command to love and serve.

Exchange your knotted cord with a neighbour.

Now—pray quietly for your neighbour's burden. Ask the Spirit for new hope in the journey.

*(Silent Prayer)*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*(Return the cord to your neighbour as we hear these words of assurance.)*

Friends in Christ,  
we never journey alone.

The Holy One works joyfully to lift the burdens and renew us with love.

The Spirit calls each of us into greater compassion for ourselves and our neighbour.

Live, then, in the Spirit of Love.

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

...The Spirit of Peace and Love be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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

**\*SINGING A SONG – “Friend to Friend”**

*(Seasons of the Spirit Vol. 7)*

Let us now as God’s own people,  
give the sign of peace,  
proclaiming our love for one another,  
binding friend to friend.  
Christ Jesus calls us to love one another,  
to be one in him,  
friend to friend, in love to each other,  
we shall give our hands.

In our care for one another,  
by each kindly word,  
by ev’ry loving deed,  
we make known the love of Jesus Christ.  
Christ Jesus calls us to love one another,  
to be one in him,  
friend to friend, in love to each other,  
we shall give our hands.

We feed the hungry, clothe the naked,  
give drink to those who thirst,  
for Jesus came in love as a servant  
and we follow him.

Christ Jesus calls us to love one another,  
to be one in him,  
friend to friend, in love to each other,  
we shall give our hands.

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Joshua 3:7-17

Matthew 23:1-12

*Wayne Lord*

**REFLECTION**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**GIFT OF MUSIC - “Look Beyond”**

*RESPONDING*

**YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS** *(Minute for Mission)*

*Martha Vickers*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**\*OFFERING HYMN – “These Gifts We Bring”**

***These gifts we bring with grateful hearts,  
to reconcile, make new.  
Gather us in grace, show us the way,  
to live our lives in Truth  
to share Your love in all we do.***

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

**Holy Teacher,  
give us the wisdom to use these gifts  
to practice what we hear and teach.  
Give us the compassion  
to lift burdens that oppress  
and replace them with an invitation  
to loving service.  
Amen**

**SHARING OUR CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(responsively)*

We pray in remembrance.

**We pray in hope.**

We remember those who have died; leaders in this Community of Faith, members of our family, cornerstones in this community, practitioners of justice and compassion in the world, the mighty saints of God:

**Holy One, we remember this love.**

*The bells ring.*

We remember their stories; shared with us at kitchen tables and firesides, tucked into family Bibles and revealed in actions that spoke louder than words, some left only partially told and waiting for us to pass on.

**Holy One, we remember this love.**

*The bells ring.*

We remember too the saints alive: leaders of children and youth, caregivers of vulnerable ones, keepers of peace; tellers of truth, seekers of good, servants out of the limelight; the ones who practice mercy in times and places that *try* mercy and patience; the ones who love, whether love is richly received or scorned in bitterness or ridicule.

**Spirit God, we remember this love.**

*The bells ring.*

We remember saints still to come: the ones who will rely on our witness, the ones who our stories will lead, the ones who will receive from our hands and stewardship, for good or ill; this island of life called Earth, and all its web of human relationships.

**Christ Jesus, we pray that our love continues into their story.**

*The bells ring.*

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kindom 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 kindom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*GOING OUT (as Spirit people)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** – “God of Grace and God of Glory” – VU #686  
*(tune 651 CWM Rhondda)*

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil your church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;  
fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee.

**\*BLESSING** *(responsively)*

*(Invite congregants to untie the knot in their cords and tie each end to a neighbour's cord. And then, to lift the lengthened cord above their heads.)*

...We are sent out to lift off the yoke of oppression and sadness and put on the yoke of love.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*GOD SAVE THE KING

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

*(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)*

## POSTLUDE



# Church News

## This Week at First United – November 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday	9:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH Gym
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Property Team Meeting - RMR
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH Gym
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Christmas Choir Practice
Saturday	<b>Market Closed for Remembrance Day</b>	

**Church Office Hours** - Monday to Friday – 9 AM to 3 PM.

Rev. Neal will be away from the office on study leave starting Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> returning Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Blair Lewis will be presiding over our service next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.



**Peanut Butter** – Our pledge this year to the Bathurst Volunteer Center is **900 jars**. As of November 2<sup>nd</sup> **727 jars** have been donated

**TAKE OUT Turkey Supper** will be held on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$17 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 from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday to Friday.

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# Church News

**Property Management Team** will meet on **Tuesday**, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

As part of our **Stewardship Program** here at First United, information on Planned Giving through Wills and Bequests will be made available to our congregational membership this fall. All members are encouraged to review this information and take the appropriate steps pertaining to your wishes. The information will be available later this year from the church office. Below you will find a stewardship scripture verse and quote relating to the same.

"What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?" *Luke 9:25*

**The two things that most clearly identify where our values lie are our cheque book and calendar—that is, how we make and spend our money, and how we use our time.**

*Author unknown*

**Thank you to our volunteers** during the month of October:

**Greeters** – Harvey & Julie Spence; **Counters** – Margaret Payne-Chenard and Mike Kierstead; **Scripture Readers** – Helen Knowles, Jini Palmer, Jennifer Oliver, Cheryl Brewster and Isabel MacLaggan; **Minute for Mission** –Anne Wilson, Sally Ronalds, Bev Murphy, Martha Vickers and Judy Losier; **Hospitality & Friendship** – Gayle Ferron, Shirley Sealy and Jini Palmer; **Sound System** –Shirley Allain, Brenda Parrott and Ralph Jamieson and **Videographer** –Don Eddy as well as to Josh Gammon for uploading our services to the website and Facebook.

**FSLDW Affirm Zoom Webinar is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Theme: Welcoming Gender Diversity:** A discussion on gender identity in our communities of faith. Capt. Rev. Beatrice Gale has been a United Church minister for 16 years. She joined the Canadian Army early 2017 and is the first openly transgender chaplain in the Canadian military. Register at: [Affirm Webinar](#) or go to the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council website, under the Affirm Committee.

# Community News

**The North Shore Shrine Club** is 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 Shriners Children's Hospital in Montreal. The calendars are \$20 each and you have the chance to win a prize each day of the year. The fruit cakes - 3 cakes per box - are \$23 per box. To order a calendar or cakes please contact Harvey Spence at 506-546-2742. Thank you!

**Tea and Tunes** – There will be a time for fellowship for seniors at Evangel Pentecostal Church, 150 Basin Street, on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**. Come enjoy the music. Sweets, tea and coffee will be served. Free Admission

**A Family and Community Breakfast & Bake Sale** will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Avenue, on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 10 AM**. Come and enjoy fellowship and great food. Free will offering at the door.

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon is holding its annual **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** on **Saturday, November 18, 2023**. It will be held at Christ Church Hall in Clifton from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. A continental style breakfast will be served with tea and coffee at a cost of \$10 per person. We hope you can join us once again for this event.

The Annual **Scottish Feast of Saint Andrew** event at Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club will be held on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**. For further information please contact Isabel MacLaggan

Central United Church in Clifton will be having a **Roast Pork Take-Out Supper** on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 to 6 PM**. For tickets please call Lois Archibald at 506-548-8927. Tickets are \$15 per person.



# *Bathurst Pastoral Council*

## *Highlights of meeting*

*September 26, 2023*

The Council meeting, held in the Ruth Morrison Room, opened with our land acknowledgement and a prayer by Rev. Neal Palmer. Sandra Boone convened the meeting as chair.

First United's Planned Giving Program through Wills and Bequests has sparked the faith and generosity of one of its members. As revealed in the Finance Team report, a \$10,000 bequest was made to the General Fund from an estate. An additional \$10,000 bequest from the same source was directed to the East Bathurst Cemetery on Bridge Street.

It was at the last Council meeting in May that the decision was made to name a Stewardship Team with focus being on planned giving. Named as team members were Dave Brewster, Brenda Parrott, Bruce Chamberlain and Rev. Neal Palmer.

The 2023 income statement as of August 31<sup>st</sup> showed a deficit of \$10,583, the recent bequest included.

Church treasurer, Dave Morison, said First United has actually received four bequests over the past year and a half.

Bill Stack, chair of Hospitality and Friendship, said he was pleased with the help received for fellowship time during the summer.

A report was given on May's Regional Council Annual Meeting (formerly Maritime Conference) which was attended by delegates Martha Vickers, Rev. Neal and Jini Palmer. Introduced during the meeting in Charlottetown were five candidates for Ordered Ministry, one Diaconal Ministry candidate and one Designated Lay Ministry student. Also, five new ministers were welcomed.

Reporting for Ways and Means, Wayne Lord said all 330 tickets for the Roast Beef BBQ Take-out were sold. He expressed special thanks to Ray Lavigne for the beef preparation coupled with the generous financial donation by the Hatheway Group net proceeds totaled \$4,791.62.

Lester Scott, chair of Property Management, reported that the Bathurst Community Market in the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall on Saturday mornings was going "really well" and with congregation support.

Brenda Parrott, head of the Christian Development Team said since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, there will be the usual morning service with communion, and a children's service later that day at 4:00 PM.

Council members and guests were pleased to receive the dinner invitation from Sandra and Ed Boone earlier this fall. Sandra is chair of the Pastoral Council.

The next Council meeting was set for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

***Respectfully submitted by  
Isabel MacLaggan  
Communications Team***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JOSHUA 3:7-17

7 The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses.

8 You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"

9 Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God."

10 Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites:

11 the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan.

12 So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

13 When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

14 When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people.

15 Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water,

16 the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

17 While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

### MATTHEW 23:1-12

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat;

3 therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.

4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.

6 They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues

7 and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi.

8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters.

9 And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven.

10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.

11 The greatest among you will be your servant.

12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

*May God bless to our understanding these significant parts of our Christian story...*