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Bathurst Pastoral Charge
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Thanksgiving Sunday

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<u>Lectionary today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 19	Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 9:6-15	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Luke 17:11-19	Matthew 22:15-22
We welcome and thank Rev. Ivan Gregan for leading us in our worship service today.	
Today's bulletins are placed in loving memory of Hugh (Bear) Ellis . We are forever thankful for the time we were blessed to have you in our lives. Forever missed by Randy, Peter, Shari and the Breckenridge & Chiasson families.	
The hydrangeas at the front of the sanctuary have been placed in loving memory of Edna & Huntly, David, Peter & John Ferguson by Linda and family	

*The asterisk * identifies those times in the service where you are
invited to stand as you are able.*

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *(in unison)*

**As we gather to worship, let's respectfully pause to
remember we live and love and work and worship on lands
that are, by law, the unceded territory of the original
peoples, the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this
land and among its waters, and live in peace and in
friendship with its people.**

***GATHERING HYMN:** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU #516

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of the harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of the harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in,

free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

We are given the light so that we may be people of memory and of vision. We are given the light so that we may better understand the divine desire. We are given the light too so that our paths may be consequential, creative and clear. And so, we light this candle as a reminder of these things and the presence of Christ shining within and among us all, the light of the world.

(The Christ Candle is lit...)

LIGHTING THE AFFIRMING CANDLE:

From the Christ Candle we light our Affirming Candle, as a further illumination for us all that the divine light, the Lovelight, shines in all of us, in all of God's beloved and good Creation. Here, and always, we affirm that all are equally created in the image of God; here, all are welcome. You are welcome no matter how old you are or how much you know or who you know. You are welcome no matter how many questions you have, how much is in your pocket or how often you go to church. You are welcome no matter who has your heart, with whom you share the intimacy of your life; you matter to God and you matter to God's Creation. Here, we seek to let our love shine as on the first day. We are all, together through Christ and the affirmation of Jesus, the light of the world. God affirms your life and immerses you in love. We shine with the light, the light that changes the world.

(The Affirming Candle is lit...)

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Know That God Is Good"

MV 104

***Know that God is good,
know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is good.***

***C'est vrai: Dieu est bon!
C'est vrai: Dieu est bon!
C'est vrai: Dieu est bon!
Dieu est bon! Dieu est bon!***

***Know that God is good,
know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is good.***

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsively)*

In the Name of God, le Père, le Fils, et le Saint Esprit,

We gather to Worship.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Come, let us worship God.

Amen.

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.***

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PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Eternal God, who calms the stormy seas of life with a word of hope and assurance, come now and calm our busy lives that we may sit with you, commune with you, and be refreshed by you, so that we

may serve you and bring your peace to all around us. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, One God, forever and ever Amen.

***HYMN:** "The Church Is Wherever God's People" VU #579

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for the joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbors in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the bible in gift and in deed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(responsively)*

Holy and Merciful God,
who forgives, restores and makes all things new,
we ask your forgiveness
for opportunities not taken – for care not given,
forgive us, we pray.
For sorrow not shared – for joys not celebrated,
forgive us, we pray.
For love not offered – for pardon not extended,
forgive us, we pray.
For fears we carry – for life not lived,
forgive us, we pray.
Holy and Merciful God
who forgives, restores and makes all things new,
forgive us, restore us, and make us anew,
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:** *(responsively)*

Let us join together in the ancient ritual of the passing of the peace

The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Please share with one another words and signs of peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(in unison)*

**Eternal God, whose voice is heard in many forms, whose
inspiration breathes now life into ancient words, send your
Spirit among us that we may hear You and receive You,
through the presence of your Word made flesh in Christ
our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Anne Brooks

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 19 – refrain 2

VU page 740

Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,
And night shares its knowledge with night,**
and this without speech or language;
their voices are not heard.

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,
their words to the ends of the earth**
Refrain

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,
like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,
it runs its course to the other,
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.**
Refrain

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

**God's instruction is sure,
giving wisdom to the simple;**

God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

**God's commandment is pure
giving light to the eyes;**

God's fear is clean, enduring forever;

**God's judgements are true,
every one of them righteous;**

more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;

**Sweeter also than honey,
pure honey from the comb.**

Refrain

By them is your servant warned;

for in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins?

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the better of me.

Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

Refrain

Let the words of my mouth

And the thought of my heart

Be acceptable in your sight, O God,

My strength and my redeemer.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19

REFLECTION

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS

The Ronalds Family

INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFERING

God has shared with us the gifts of creation and challenges us to share with others so that none around us would be in need. Let us share what we have and be thankful that we have it to share. Our offering will now be gathered.

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** "What Can I Do?"

MV #191
(2 times)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

Receive the offerings of your people. Use us and them for your glory and the good of others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: "All Who Hunger"

VU #460

All who hunger, gather gladly;

holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;

seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered

in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The LORD is with you

And also with you.

Open up your thoughts, your dreams, your life to God.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Source from which creation flows, to the creative Energy that imagines and calls forth new life, and to the Breath that animates and refreshes existence.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are You, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth.

Source créatrice de lumière, de vie et d'amour. By your Word, creation came into being. Even today, tu guides le soleil, tu berces la lune, et agites les étoiles. All creation is held in You.

We praise You for your self revelation in Jesus Christ, for his care, mercy, understanding, and love as revealed in Scripture and for his continued Presence with us in this celebration of la Sainte Cène.

We praise You for His glorious resurrection, for His continued life with You in Glory and for His being the host of this meal with us in the Church. He has taken away the sins of the world and brought us into unity with You.

Therefore, we join our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of the redeemed on Earth and in Heaven to proclaim your praises.

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might;
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name, comes in the name of our God.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name, comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest!

On the Night of the Passover, our Lord sat at table with his friends as He sits at Table with us now. He took bread, gave You thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying, "*This is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.*"

Almighty God, we have broken open the Body of Your Word, heard your voice in scripture, recounted your story of redemption and, with Christ, are becoming part of your unfolding drama of salvation.

When the meal was finished, Jesus raised his cup. Again he gave You thanks and praise. Then he gave the cup to his disciples and said to them, "*Drink from this cup all of you.*" This is the cup of Covenant Renewal that binds us together in one Body with the blood of God flowing in us. "*Do this in remembrance of me.*"

**Almighty God, we drink from a common cup of memory and in each of us flows the force of your presence.
Strengthen us to do your will and to proclaim our faith.**

singing

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Christ has died as all of us die, when dreams end, when life turns in unexpected ways, when what we imagined is no longer our life.

Christ has died as all of us die.

Christ is risen as all of us will rise, when new opportunities come to us, new dreams enter us, and new life revives us to try again.

Christ is risen as all of us will rise.

And Christ will come again
and comes again to walk with us,
à partager nos joies, nos peines, nos rêves,
to heal the sick, to lift the fallen, to feed the hungry
and set the captives free.

Christ will come again and comes again.

Loving God,

**pour out your Holy Spirit upon our offerings
of bread and wine.**

**Grant that they may be for us
the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Loving God,

**pour out your Spirit on all who share this Feast
that we may be for the world, the Living Presence of
Christ, serving and reconciling all people to you.**

Remember your Church scattered on the face of this earth,
gather her in unity and preserve her in truth.

Remember our friends who have gone before us into the richness
of your Presence, especially ----- and ----- and all those whom
we mention in silence.

In communion with them and with all creation,
we worship and glorify You always.

**Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in your Holy Church, all glory and honour is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever,**

singing

Amen! Amen! Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER – NOTRE PÈRE

SHARING THE SACRAMENT – PARTAGE DU SACREMENT

All who wish to receive Communion are welcome.

Cette table est celle de Jésus Christ;

*tous ceux et toutes celles qui aspirent à s'y rassembler sont les
bienvenus.*

GIFT OF MUSIC: "Love Over Hate" (as the elements are served)

***CLOSING HYMN: "Praise God for the Harvest" VU #517**

Praise god for the harvest of the orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
then sifted, and smelted, and shaped, and refined;
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create, and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

COMMISSIONING: (responsively)

Go into the world, with a vision of what can be!

We are the children of God, made in the image of God.

Go into the world bearing Christ to all!

We are ambassadors for Christ.

Go into the world, filled with the breath of new life!

We are vessels for the Holy Spirit.

Go into the world, for God so loved the world that God came into
the world, that through incarnation all the world might be saved.

Amen!

BENEDICTION:

Gras Dhè bith maille ruibh, bho'n Athair, 'is bho'n Mhac, 'is
bho'n Spiorad Naomh, an t-Aon Dhia beo is fìor, ann a' sheo, 'is a
mach 'is gu sìorraidh bràth.

Que la bénédiction toute puissante de Dieu le Père, le Fils, et le Saint Esprit soit toujours avec vous et vos proches d'ici jusqu'à l'éternité.

May the LORD bless you and keep you, may the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, may the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And may the Blessings of God Almighty, the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever more. Amen.

***CHORAL CLOSING:** "May God's Sheltering Wings" MV #214

***May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.***

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SHARING THE LIGHT

(The Christ Candle and Affirming Candle are extinguished.)

POSTLUDE

Church News

This Week at First United Church

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Friday

Tuesday	9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Quilters – DEMH Downstairs office
	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Knitters & Rug Hookers - RMR
	7:00 PM	Property Management - RMR
Wednesday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:00 PM	Knitters & Rug Hookers - RMR
	4:00 PM	Financial Management – RMR
	7:00 PM	Christian Development - RMR
Saturday	8:00 AM–1:00 PM	Bathurst Community Market – GYM

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY OCTOBER 12TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

Peanut Butter – Once again this year our goal is to collect 1,000 jars of peanut butter to donate to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Up to October 9th we have received 753 jars with funds on hand to purchase another 20 jars

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

God has invited everyone to the great feast of life.
Accept the invitation and bring something to share!

The Property Management Team will meet Tuesday, October 13th at 7 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

The Financial Management Team will meet Thursday, October 15th at 4 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

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The Christian Development Team will meet Thursday, October 15th at 7 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Knitting and Rug Hooking groups meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room. Everyone is welcome whether a beginner or a seasoned crafter.

Quilters have started to meet each Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM. If you like to quilt or would like to learn to quilt, come and join us each Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM downstairs in the old office in the DEMH. Contact Anne Brooks 506-548-2156 or Pat Thibideau 506-546-2705. Tea and Coffee supplied.

All new members welcome.

Ladies Badminton Fun Group will be starting on Wednesday, October 14th and will continue each Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 AM in the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall gym. Any ladies interested in joining please contact Joyce Daley for information.

Rev. David is away on vacation until Tuesday, October 14th, returning to the office on Wednesday, October 15th. Rev. Blair Lewis (506-252-0305) will be available for any pastoral care emergencies.

At a **joint meeting of the CD & Pastoral Care teams**, Rev. David discussed celebrating communion with any seniors and/or shut-ins, whether it be in their own home, in a care home or hospital. This would happen the week following our celebration of the sacrament here in our church worship service. Rev. David is planning to do the first one the week of October 19th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would be interested in joining Rev. David to assist with this celebration.

Choir Practice for a *Christmas Hymn Sing*.



The choir of First United Church in Bathurst and Central United Church in Clifton will once again be offering an afternoon of Christmas music with a reception to follow. If you would like to join the combined choir for this event, practices will begin

Wednesday, October 14th from 7:00 to 8:15 PM. All are welcome! Confirmation of the date and ticket information will be coming soon!

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Thank you to our volunteers in September - Counters – Beth & Bob Sullivan; **Greeters** – Cheryl & Dave Brewster, Margaret Payne-Chénard, Mike Kierstead and Dale Vance; **Your Generosity Matters** Anne Wilson, Ronalds family, Judy Losier and Martha Vickers; **Scripture Readers** – Isabel MacLaggan, Jennifer Oliver and Judy Losier; **Hospitality & Friendship** – Nancy Jagoe and Pam Smith; **Sound System** – Shirley Allain, and Ralph Jamieson; **Audio Specialist** – Don Eddy for preparing audio for CDs; **Videographer** – Lester Scott and to Josh Gammon and his staff at WebSolutions.ca for uploading the YouTube link to the website and Facebook.

Community News

A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Avenue, on **Saturday, October 17th from 8:00 – 10:00 am.** **Please note the change to the 3rd Saturday for the month of October.** As this community event helps to fund our local mission projects, we rely on donations and ask that you consider a minimum donation of 8.00 to help defray costs. We appreciate your kindness and support. Come and enjoy fellowship and great food.

Central United Church in Clifton, will be having a Roast Pork Supper on **Saturday, November 14th, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.** For tickets, please call Nisha Ellis-Silver (506-544-1577) or Debbie Henry (506-543-8420). Tickets are \$20 per person. You will have the choice of eating in or take-out.

"Help Lesotho" Calendars – The Anglophone School District – North has been sponsoring "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fundraiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2027 calendars for sale at a cost of \$15.00. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) (egbranch@rogers.com) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 13, 2026. Payment can be made in advance by cash, cheque, or e-transfer, or when the calendars are delivered in November. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho". Thank you to the congregation of First United Church for your continued support of this initiative.



SCRIPTURE READINGS – New International Version

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills;

8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey;

9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down,

13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied,

14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock.

16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."

18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Generosity Encouraged

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

9 As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance

13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”

19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

*For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us all, thanks be to God.*