

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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November 1, 2026

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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<u>Lectionary today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Revelation 7:9-17	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 34:1-10; 22	Psalm 78:1-7
1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13
<p><i>Today's bulletins have been placed in loving memory of</i> Charles, Dorothy and Scott Knowles <i>by Wendy, Stanley and family</i></p>	

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

All Saints' Day

"Love the Lord, all you his saints!"

Psalm 31:23

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

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:**

VU #326

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

We are seekers of the light. We are bearers of the light. We are, Jesus said, salt and light, in and with Christ bringing new and abundant life into the world. Where shadows fall, the light rises, and here, in this sacred place, in this sacred time of memory and of hope, in this sacred moment, we light the Christ Candle as a reminder and a sign of the presence of the light, of Christ among and within us all. We light this candle in the presence of Love.

(The Christ Candle is lit...)

LIGHTING THE AFFIRMING CANDLE:

From the Christ Candle we light our Affirming Candle. Here we affirm the wondrous diversity of God's good and beloved Creation, created all in the divine image, created all as a blessing and a gift. Created all to be as one, in the One who lights us with grace and unconditional love. May God's countenance shine upon you, you who are God's glory.

(The Affirming Candle is lit...)

MINUTE FOR AFFIRMING

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts" MV #101

***Jesus, you fill our hearts with love,
our minds with your peace,
and our lives with your joy.***

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsively)*

Come all you saints! Come, people of faith, hope and love!

Come, to worship our God who is always with us.

Come, called by the Spirit into the freedom we have been promised!

**Come; let us gather together,
following the path set before us.**

For our God is with us here today,

and God's steadfast love endures forever!

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain only

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.***

OPENING PRAYER:

Intimate, loving God, you are with us in this time of worship. Touch and fill our hearts; sanctify our remembering. Bless our renewed commitment as your people and disciples of Jesus to learn, to love, and to be a light to the world. With you and without fear, these things we pray as the Body of Christ. **Amen!**

PSALM 34

VU Page 761

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

*Refrain:
Taste and see,
taste and see the goodness of our God.*

I will bless God at all time,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

**My soul will glory in God,
the humble will hear and be glad.**

O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought God, who answered me,
and freed me from all of my fears.**

Look to the Most High, and let your light shine,
and your faces will not be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried out and God heard,
and saved me from all my troubles.**

Refrain:

Your angel, O God, keep guard over those who fear and delivered them.

**Taste and see that our God is good.
Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Fear God, you who are the saints,
For those who fear God lack nothing.

**Strong lions suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek God lack no good thing.**

Come, my children, and listen to me,
I will teach you the fear of God.

**Which of you delights in life,
and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.
Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

**God's eyes are upon the righteous,
God's ears open to their cry.**

God's face is set against evil-doers,
to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

**The righteous cry out and God hears them,
and rescues them from all their troubles.**

Refrain:

God is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but God sets them free from every sorrow.**

God guards every bone in their body;
not one of them will be broken.

**Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;
none who take refuge in you are condemned.

Refrain:

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

The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Please share with one another words and signs of peace.

***HYMN:** "When We Are Living"

VU #581

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(in unison)*

**Your love is inscribed upon our hearts, O God, blessed are
all who know you. In the light that we share, may your
word be revealed as we speak, listen and ponder anew.
Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isabel MacLaggan

1 John 3:1-3 What we will be has not yet been revealed

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

REFLECTION: What a blessing!

GIFT OF MUSIC: "Bring Many Names"

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS

Martha Vickers

INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFERING

*"What did the meadow say to the sun
that made it lavish such light on it?
What offering did the ocean make
to convince the rivers to pour themselves into it?
What could you possibly have offered to God
that you receive such love and delight?"*

*The offering is purely God's;
ours the awe and gratitude."*

With thanks for the gift of grace,
our offerings will now be gathered.

Acknowledgement:

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***OFFERING RESPONSE:** "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.***

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***OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

Through your love, Creator God, we are consecrated, we are changed. Through our giving and these gifts, may your world be changed and blessed. In your light may all Creation be reflective of your loving desire, and moved to bring peace and justice to all. Amen

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Gary Branch

*For all the saints, who from their labour rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

*William Walsham How, 1864
(alt.) verse 1, VU 705*

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Shall We Gather at the River" VU #710

Shall we gather at the river?
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God

Yes, we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God

Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace

Yes, we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

***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!***

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

Monday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
Tuesday	9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Quilters – DEMH Downstairs office
	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Knitters & Rug Hookers – RMR
Wednesday	9:00-11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH GYM
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:00 PM	Knitters & Rug Hookers – RMR
	6:00 – 8:00 PM	North Shore Girl Guides – GYM
Saturday	8:00 AM–1:00 PM	Bathurst Community Market – GYM

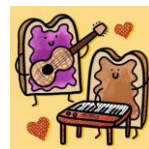
Peanut Butter – Once again this year our goal is to collect 1,000 jars of peanut butter to donate to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Up to October 29th we have received and/or purchased 828 jars.

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.

“Good stewardship is not conserving and holding, protecting and preserving. Good stewardship is growing, developing, advancing, and building the gifts with which God has blessed us.” (Kennon L. Callahan)

Rev. David is proposing a **Bible Study for this fall**. If you are interested, please let him know or contact the office. Ideally, we would have at least 6 people in order to go ahead, and all, of course, are welcome. Once we know the level of interest, we can discuss dates and times.

Church News



On Friday, November 13th, at 1:30 PM, a **Peanut Butter and "Jam"** session will be held at First United Church, 309 St. Patrick Street in Bathurst, featuring a variety of music performed by The Treble Makers.



There is no admission fee. Voluntary donations of peanut butter or other nonperishable items for the church pantry would be very much appreciated.

Turkey Supper will be held on Thursday, November 26th

Take out will be from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Eat in will be from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Tickets are \$18 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 Team* or drop by the church office from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday to Friday.

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Save the date...Sunday, December 6, 2026

at 2 PM for the Christmas Hymn Sing. Tickets and other information will be provided in the near future.



Thank you to our volunteers in October -

Counters – Anne Brooks, Wayne Cormier, Margaret Payne- Chénard and Mike Kierstead; **Greeters** – Julie & Harvey Spence and Cheryl & Dave Brewster; **Your Generosity Matters** - Martha Vickers, Ronalds family, Anne Wilson and Judy Losier; **Scripture Readers** – Helen Knowles, Anne Brooks, Jennifer Oliver and Hendrika Black; **Hospitality & Friendship** – Nancy Jagoe and Pam Smith; **Sound System** – Brenda Parrott, 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

Annual Remembrance Service - Each year, on the Sunday immediately prior to Remembrance Day, we honour our war veterans as well as those who lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, **November 8th**. Those wishing to place memorial crosses in the sanctuary are reminded to contact the Legion office no later than **November 4th** by telephone 506-546-3135 or drop by the Legion located at 1220 Bridge Street between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Monday to Friday or during regular legion hours on the weekends.

Thank you for supporting our veterans and the Legion.



The crosses will be placed in the church on Thursday, November 5th.

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon Christmas Craft, Bake Sale and Breakfast Buffet will be held at Christ Church Hall on **Saturday, November 14th from 8:30 to 10:30 AM**. Start your day with a continental breakfast buffet and then get a jump on your Christmas baking and shopping at our sale tables.

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.

St. George's Anglican Church Outreach Program is having a **"Winter Coat Drive"**. You can drop them off at the church or call Cathy Gallagher at 506-543-1401.

A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Avenue, on **Saturday, November 21st from 8:00 to 10:00 AM**. **Please note the change to the 3rd Saturday for the month of November**. As this community event helps to fund our local mission projects, we rely on donations and ask that you consider a minimum donation of 10.00 to help defray costs. We appreciate your kindness and support. Come and enjoy fellowship and great food.

COMMEMORATING ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Harry Williamson

Doris Good

Bonnie Van der Pluijm

Arthur "Timmy" Garrett

Marilyn Allan

Linda Lee

Robert "Bob" Willis

Archie Fowlie

Peggy Scott

Kenneth Leaman

Dale Keehn

Hugh Smyth

Helen Ellis

Rheese Dickie

William "Billy" Broome

Sharon Gillis

Alton Smith

Judy Cumming

Laura Hutchison

Jean Babin

Elizabeth Ann Prisk

Hugh Ellis

Arthur Ward

Osborne "Ossie" Gildart

Murray Higgins

John "Jack" MacKay

Dave Morison

Ken Lavigne

Arthur Jagoe

Sharon Stothart

Stacy Stymiest Blair (died 2025/service 2026)

Norman Conde

Joyce Beaven

SCRIPTURE READINGS – New International Version

1 John 3:1-3

1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

2 and he began to teach them. He said:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.