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Bathurst Pastoral Charge

First United Church, Bathurst

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Remembrance Sunday

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Lectionary for today	**Lectionary for next Sunday**
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

We welcome this morning the Members and Auxiliary Members of the
Herman J. Good (V.C.) Branch #18
Royal Canadian Legion
who join with us in this time of remembrance.



Today's bulletins have been placed in loving memory of:
Cleveland Jagoe *by the family*
&
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:
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)*
&
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 stand as you are able.*

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather for worship on this solemn and sacred day. A day for remembering, a day for acknowledging both the meaningful and troubling truths of our ongoing story, along with our faithful hopes and dreams. A day for pausing to give thanks to God, and for those whose sacrifices we honour. *(continued on page 3)*

A day for reoffering our lives to the world God so loves. We prepare to sing our national song, a song of pride and commitment. And yet, today, we have again woken to a world of both beauty and catastrophe, a world of vision and violence, compassion and cowardice. We live in such a wounded world – beyond the grief of natural disasters, we face the devastation of human violence. How do we give prayerful expression to our grief? How do we give our faithful commitment to peace?

We reflect and pray in silence…

Adapted from words by Juanita Austin of Salmon Arm, BC
from her book *Cup of Wine and a Piece of Bread*
(Raven Spirit Press, 2020)

***NATIONAL ANTHEM –** "O Canada" VU # 524

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée.
Des plus brillants exploits.
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** *Ian Oliver*

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE *(The Christ Candle is lit…)*

Despite the clouds of conflict, the shadows of shared hatreds and the darkness of destruction, the light of Christ yet shines. The light of the world pierces the pain of the world, heralding peace and the love that heals, that never ends. God's new Creation! The restless Spirit is here!

Let there be light!

LIGHTING THE AFFIRMING CANDLE:

From the flame of the Christ Candle, we light our Affirming Candle. We affirm our part in the diversity of God's Creation, of our being in God and our fashioning in the Divine image. We affirm our experience of God's delight in it all, in all of us, of God's witness that what God calls into being, is good.

There is light in us all, and it is good!

(The Affirming Candle is lit…)

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:

Loving God, we come as your people, people who have served our country in many ways, and as ones who serve one another and you in the cause of justice and peace, love, hope and healing. As we remember your love, may we be grounded in faith and courage so as to be channels of your peace. We remember and pray for those of us around the world and close at hand who live in fear, who suffer and mourn, who know intimately the presence of evil, of violence and death. We pray for all of your people, those of us in full view on the news, and those in the anonymity of where they live, those of us forgotten as the world's attention shifts, and those

ignored as old justifications are repurposed. We pray for all who seek, need and desire healing, their own and that of others, the healing of us all. We pray for your blessing, and your kingdom come. We pray for peace in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace, who came to reconcile and make new. **Amen**

RECOGNITION OF THE POPPY CROSSES *See page 13 & 14*

IN FLANDERS FIELDS *Sherry Mitton*

***GATHERING HYMN:** VU #593

"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

***WE OPEN OUR HEARTS:**

We have just sung of loving and serving our neighbour, as Jesus taught, as Jesus did. And we know that the old question that Jesus was once asked - "Who is my neighbour?" - has an answer that is still too often forgotten and disputed in this world. With open hearts we admit and recognize that love of neighbour, that love of all isn't always easy to accept and live out, and we can struggle to embrace the truth and wisdom of this foundational teaching of the faith. And so, we place our trust in God…

Psalm 78:1-7 (Part 1) VU Page #792

We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done.

Refrain:
We will tell new generations
of the wonders God has done.

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will reveal the hidden meaning
of things in the past.
What we have heard and known,
what our parents have told us,
we will not hide from their grandchildren,
but declare to the next generation
the testimony that you gave to Jacob
and the law you appointed in Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children,
that the next generation might know them,
children yet unborn,
and these in turn should arise, and tell their children,
that they should put their trust in you,
and not forget your great deeds,
but keep all your commandments.

Refrain:
We will tell new generations
of the wonders God has done.

OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED:

Love your God with all that you have and are, and love your neighbour as yourself. This is not just the first and essential commandment, it is a blessing. It is a blessing because in living it out, we find our true selves, we find freedom, healing and peace, in living it out the kingdom of heaven is ours. And not only that, but in the grace of unconditional love, we better know our God, who is Love, and in whose wondrous image we are blessed to be born and reborn. Tell the generations, tell the world: You are loved.

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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: *(responsively)*

…The peace of the risen Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Please share with one another words and signs of peace.

*__HYMN:__ "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.

(Chorus)
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.

(Chorus)

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.

(Chorus)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Creator God, may the wisdom of your Word and the words of your people inspire us to lives of reflection, understanding, compassion and peace. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING *Linda Young*

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18, 25 Choose God

Matthew 25:1-13 The 10 bridesmaids and the lamps

REFLECTION: Choices

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC: "Look Beyond"

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YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS *Ronalds Family*

INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFERING

We have been blessed with this day given for remembrance, this day given for hope, this day given for us. It is a day given for the giving of abundant life and selfless love. Our offerings will now be gathered.

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

***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)*

God of blessing, God of all creation, your vision is of renewal and restoration, of all things new, of all things bright and beautiful. Bless all that we offer here that your world will rejoice in your love and your justice and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" VU#686
(tune 651 CWM Rhondda)

*** COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

***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.

***SHARING THE LIGHT**

(The Christ Candle & Affirming Candle are extinguished.)

POSTLUDE

The Canadian flag currently being flown has been donated
in loving memory of Clinton CL Gammon
by Bev & Brian Murphy

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	**Remembrance Day - Office Closed**	
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Golden Knitters – Eddy Room
	6:00 – 8:00 PM	North Shore Girl Guides – GYM
	7:00 PM	Christian Development Team
Friday	1:30 PM	***Peanut Butter & "Jam"*** Music by the Treble Makers
Saturday	8:00 AM–1:00 PM	Bathurst Community Market – GYM

The office will be closed November 11th in observance of Remembrance Day.

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 November 5th we have received and/or purchased 852 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.

Words matter. As do actions. We are challenged to match our actions and our words. If we speak out against injustice, then we act to bring justice to pass. If we call out for peace, then we work for peace for all people. If we recognise the needs around us, then we generously share.

Church News

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.



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 27th

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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(A Division of Stothart Automotive)

Save the date...Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 2 PM for the Christmas Hymn Sing. Tickets are available from some of the choir members.

Community Outreach Pantry has received a very generous donation of items thanks to our friends at ***Central United Church in Clifton.*** They dropped off 3 bins of food after collecting non-perishable items during the month of October. Many thanks for this kind and caring donation. As the saying goes - "It takes a village"!

Community News

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.



SHRINERS – Give help and hope for Children

The North Shore Shrine Club is currently fundraising by selling fruit cakes (dark and light) for $25.00 (box of 3 cakes) and 2027 calendars for $20.00.

For further information contact Fred Duke at 506-543-2540, Mike Kierstead at 506-545-0474 or any member of the Shrine Club. Thank you for your continued support.

RECOGNITION OF THE POPPY CROSSES

In loving memory of:	***Placed by:***
Burns Branch	Sharon, Beverley, Catherine & families
Tracy Branch & Thomas Scott	Lester & Shirley
Robert Carmichael	Carol, Donna, Linda, Dale & 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
Clinton C. L. Gammon	His grandchildren
Guy & Winifred Hierlihy	Blake, Kathy & family
Vivian Howatt	The family
Cleveland A. Jagoe	The family
Robert L. (Bob) & Helen Knowles	The family
Harold A. MacKay	Emma
Jim MacLaggan & Ken Shirley	Isabel & family
Hugh & Laura Parrott	The family
Howard Pettigrew	Ina & family
C. Norman Scott	Emma
Tom Sullivan	Sullivan family
Rodney Scott	Elna & family
Norman R. Young	Edith & family
George Watt & Lorne Fraser	Neal & Jini Palmer
Charles Knowles	Wendy, Stan & family

RECOGNITION OF THE POPPY CROSSES

In loving memory of:	***Placed by:***
Harold Payne	The family
James C. (Jim) Knowles	Joyce, Bill & families
Robert Keswick	Lynn & family
McLaren Keswick	Lynn & family
Walter Fournier	Daughter, Helené
Clair Gosnell	Ron, Peggy & family
Duncan Gosnell	Ron, Peggy & family
Thomas Jamieson	Joan, Allan, Peter & their families
Patrick McLaughlin & Austin Wiseman	Patrick, Jill & family
Alansan K. Schryer	Schryer family
Percy Scott	The family
Thomas Scott	Karen, Don & family
Burnham Logan	Daughters, Dawn, Brenda & Ellen
Colin Ramsay	Michael & Anne Marie Ramsay
Alcide & Hector Roy	Rose Marie David
Leo Landry	Leonard Imbeault
John A Watling - WW II	Ed, Sandra, Jeff & Meaghan
H. H. (Bud) Williamson	Joan & family
Bruce Harvey & George Edward Brooks	Earnest Brooks & family
Winston Knowles	Wanda Miller
Donald J. McLean	The family
Unknown Soldier	Bathurst Legion Branch 18

SCRIPTURE READINGS – New International Version

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18, 25

1 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

2 Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

3 But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.

14 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!

17 It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled.

18 And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

25 On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Matthew 25:1-13

1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.

8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

13 "Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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.