

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

July 2, 2017                      11:00 a.m.                      Fourth after Pentecost

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE                      WELCOME                      ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**\*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L:        Everyone is welcome here! The presence of Christ, who  
welcomes everyone who wants to join his circle of friends, is  
in our midst!

P:        "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house  
of the Lord.' "Let's gladly gather in Jesus name!"

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Let Us Build a House"        (see back cover)**

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Loving God, it is you who have drawn us  
here, even if we hadn't planned on coming when we first got out of  
bed. Whether we come with glad or heavy hearts, with keen  
interest or half-heartedly, may we sense your loving presence,  
open ourselves to you, give worshiping you all we've got, and go  
on our way rejoicing in one another's friendship as well as in your  
goodness. We ask this because Christ makes it all possible, amen.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD...**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 10:24-39    Jeremiah 20:7-13

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

**SERMON:**    "Standing on Guard: The Big Picture"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"                      578**

**PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY:                      541**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (all)**

**The gifts we bring are what you have given to us. We offer them  
back to you, and ask that you will use them for the healing of the  
earth as Christ is proclaimed through us. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me"                      567**

**\*COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG BLESSING:**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of everyday.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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### CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

**Welcome to all!** May this worship experience be meaningful and spiritual for you. Everyone is invited to share in coffee/tea, cookies and conversation in the hall immediately following the service.

#### Services & Meetings this week: July 4 – 8, 2017.

Tuesday 7:30 **Joint Search Committee meeting**

A welcome is extended to **Rev. Brian MacDonald**, our guest minister today. Rev. Brian will be back with us until August 20, 2017. Thanks Rev. Brian for leading Gibson in worship over the summer months!

The bulletin today is donated by the Harding family to celebrate **Wanda Harding's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Happy Birthday Wanda!

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Gyda Scott** by Hazel Stairs.

Gibson will be offering a **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**, Aug. 14 – 18<sup>th</sup>. **Vacation Bible School Details:**

Ages: 4 – 10 years old

Time: 9 – 12 noon

Drop off & pick up times: 8:30 – 12:30 or other arrangements

Cost: Free; **Junior helpers needed: ages 10 & up**

This **VBS** will be offered to **Gibson children and their friends first** then will be advertised to the community. If you have an interest please let me know.

### Upcoming Community Event: (see bulletin board for more info)

- July 5 **Noon Hour Recital of Piano Duets featuring pianists Krystyna Higgins & Dianne Roxborough Brown.** 12:10pm-12:50pm at Christ Church Parish Church All are welcome! Admission by freewill donation to support the music programs.
- July 24 – 28 Vacation Bible School at Nashwaaksis United Church 9 – 12 noon, ages 4 – 10 years old
- Aug. 21 – 25 Vacation Bible School at Wilmot United Church, 9 - 12 noon, ages 4 – 10 years old

**Hospital News!** If a person is admitted to the hospital but has not gone to the Admitting Department to go through the admitting process, these persons will not show up on clergy lists. In this case the Patient or their Next of Kin can dial 5019 from a bedside phone to have the religious care section filled out in the admitting module, so that their name will then appear.

### Office Summer Hours: Will be posted next week.

### **Let Us Build a House**

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 God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

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:

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:

