

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

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April 1, 2018 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“I don’t understand it any more than you do, but one thing I’ve learned is that you don’t have to understand things for them to be.” – A Wrinkle In Time.

JOY comes with the Dawn

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*OPENING HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” 155

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today is a new day!

All: We come with the past behind us, and the future open.

One: We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings.

Together: Living Christ be present in the lives we live, in the words we speak and in the love we share. Alleluia! Amen!

OPEING PRAYER: (Begin with silence)

God of Understanding, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. Inspire us to believe that whatever is broken can be mended: hurts can be healed, hungry people can be fed, darkness can be light once more. Grant us hope that no matter how dark it gets the sun is going to rise again! In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: “Like A Rock” (see back cover)

CONVERSATION TIME: “...asparkle and ablaze...”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Heather Fyffe

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 146

Sandra Pond

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

SERMON: “Not that any of this is Easy...”

*HYMN: “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” 703

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

COMMUNION HYM: “Into Words” by Jasmine Murray
(see lyrics on insert)

EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) 959

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)**

God of a big heart, may every step we take be a step toward loving our neighbours as ourselves. Grant us courage to be generous in our love and charity-justice. As always may your love light our giving. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “A Light Is Gleaming” 82**

***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

MINISTER **REV. KELLY HIGGINS**
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR **HEATHER FYFFE**
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR **MARSHA DALEY**
CUSTODIAN **EDWARD GALLANT**

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Welcome to all! May this worship experience be meaningful and spiritual for you. Everyone is invited to share in coffee/tea/juice/cookies and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are the Lanna & Lorne Henry. **Tellers** today are Gladys Gallant & Valerie Barton and next week will be Bill Field & Family. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will Lindsey & Laurel MacKay.

Services & Meetings this week: April 2 - 7, 2018

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard
Tuesday 1:30 Women Together
7:00 Finance

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Apr. 8 11:00 Special music by “Collective Theatrics Group”
Apr. 11 7:00 **Covenanting Service** with Presbytery, Gibson Congregation and Rev. Kelly
Apr. 17 7:00 Council
Apr. 22 11:00 Memorial Service

Today’s bulletin has been donated in memory of *Bonnie Grant*, June 23, 1942 – April 8, 2012, by Robert Grant & Family.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Irvine & Judy Banks** on the death of Irvine’s sister, *Sharon McLeod*.

A donation was made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Roland “Rolie” Mansfield* by Barbara & David Morrison.

Sunday School News: Thank you all for helping to make the bake sale a great success! The Sunday School raised **\$253.55** in support of the **Fredericton Homeless Shelters**. Thanks to all the wonderful bakers of Gibson and thanks to the congregation for taking the baking home!

Mission & Outreach News:

To date the **Benevolent Envelopes** has brought in **\$897.75**. Thanks very much for supporting our Community! The last Sunday of the month, in the bulletin, you will find a Benevolent Fund Envelope. Please don’t feel obligated to give each month, we are taking small steps towards helping our community! Also, every Tuesday, 9 – 11:30 a.m., we will be offering coffee and muffins to our community and all are welcome. We will be distributing groceries and clothes at this time too and the Mission & Outreach Committee are working on setting up a room in the basement to facilitate this process.



From the office of Rev. Kelly:

Thank you to ‘Everyone’ who made our Lenten journey together so meaningful. Special thanks to:

- The choir with their beautiful singing
- The scripture readers
- The builder of the cross
- The youth who dramatized Palm Sunday
- The adults who dramatized Maundy Thursday
- The coffee & tea makers
- The greeters & ushers & tellers & tapers
- The Elders who served communion
- The organists, Heather Fyffe, Lynda-Jean Coffin & Margaret MacDonald

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. (average)	95	2,303	- 1,097
Feb.	85	1,970	- 3,527
Mar. 4	78	2,852	- 3,252
Mar. 11	70	2,176	- 3,653
Mar. 18	93	1,920	- 4,310
Mar. 25	103	2,298	- 4,589

Finance Notes:

- We need approx. \$2,577* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$783 per week) is included in the amount for each week.
- Bulletins can be donated in memory of loved ones. The cost of bulletin covers is approx. \$20. Bulletins can also be donated for Anniversary, Birthday and for other Celebrations.
- PAR, Pre-Authorized remittance is available. Please contact the office for more information.
- *\$2,577 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Special Offerings.

Upcoming Fundraising events

- Feb. 13** Shrove Tuesday Dinner – Profit: \$1,225
- Mar. 21** Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner– Profit: \$960
- Apr. 17** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Apr. 18** Catering to Progressive Credit Union – 6 p.m.
- Apr. 24** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Apr. 25** Catering to Retired Nurses – 12 noon
- May 7** Lunch Prep – 1:30 p.m.
- May 8** Catering to Folks on Spokes – 12 noon
- May 15** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- May 16** Church Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
- May 22** Prep work for lunch, soup & sandwich – 9:30 a.m.
- May 23** Catering to NB Celtic Affairs - 12 noon
- June 1** Set up for Yard Sale & Breakfast – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- June 2** Yard Sale & Breakfast – 8 – 12 noon
- June 12** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- June 13** BBQ Steak or Chicken – 4 – 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with making pies, set-up, working at the dinner and clean-up, so mark these dates on your calendar! We are asking families of the congregation to donate **\$20 a year** towards the cost of purchasing supplies. (Approximate cost per dinner is \$300, excluding the meat.)
Thanks to the congregation for their continued support of our Fund Raising.

Like A Rock

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

