

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

April 8, 2018 11:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Gratitude is the lens that reveals God’s incredible grace at work. It is the key to tangible, everyday joy.” Ellen Vaughn

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Introit: Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us live each day to the fullest,
All: With a deep appreciation of the past,
One: An enriched sense of the present,
All: And a joyous anticipation of the future,
One: In the name of Jesus, our Companion, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” 409

OPENING PRAYER: (Begin with silence)
God of Love, each of us carries a piece of Your heart within us. Guide our steps along life’s journey and when we get lost, help us to get back on the path that leads to You. Enable us to give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Be with us, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Jesus Bids Us Shine” 585

CONVERSATION TIME: Collective Theatrics Group
Prayer with children *Rev. Kelly*
(Children leave for Sunday School)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Collective Theatrics Group

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (sung) 820

MEDITATION: “A Second Glance”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF 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)
Thank you, God of love, for the promise of today. May our gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us. Where there is hatred, let us bring love; where there is hunger, let us bring food; where there is conflict let us bring peace. Grant us courage to be the hands and feet of Christ on our journey. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: “It Only Takes A Spark” 289

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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. (average)	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
Apr. 1	101	4,040	- 3,126

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 Community Events: (see bulletin board for details)

- April 9 The Fredericton Concert and Marching Band, *Heather Fyffe*, Director, presents “A Spring Pops Concert” at Wilmot United Church, 7:30 p.m.
- April 14 Benefit Breakfast in Support of Charlotte Keays, (who is struggling with health issues), 9 – 11 a.m. at Gibson Memorial United Church hall. (tickets at the door)
- April 22 ELVIS GOSPEL CONCERT with Mike Bravener in support of Youth Ministry at Wilmot United Church, 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
- May 26 Barker’s Point Lions Club Flea Market at Gibson’s church hall.
- May 27 Hymn-Sing & Concert at Forest Hill United Church. To request a hymn, please email forest.office@bellalliant.com by May 1, 2018.

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.

