

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

April 15, 2018 11:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“We could never learn to be brave if there were only joy in the world.” Helen Keller (1880-1968)

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: For this one hour let us stop the hurry in our lives,
All: Let us come into the quiet presence of God.
One: For this one hour let us open ourselves to God's love,
All: Let us feel God's love for us in this sacred place.
One: For this one hour let us know within our hearts that we do not travel the road of life alone.
All: Let us be thankful to our God who loves us, who never abandons us, who walks with us in the light and in the dark.

Together: Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” 232

OPENING PRAYER: (Begin with silence)
God of the journey, we are grateful that you walk with us every day. Thank you for the blessings in our lives. May we always be appreciative of good health, home cooked meals, a roof over our

heads, and family and friends who love and care for us. As we walk together with you, inspire us to bring your light and love to those we meet along life's way. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: “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.

CONVERSATION TIME

(Children leave for Sunday School)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 15 Pg. 736
Luke 24:13-35

SERMON: “If not now, then When?”

*HYMN: “Teach Me, God, to Wonder”

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

*THE DOXOLOGY

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



***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (ALL)**

God of a big heart, our blessings are overflowing. And we thank you! Inspire us to be overflowing with the love that has been bestowed upon us. Where there is darkness, let us bring light; where there is sadness, let us bring joy; where there is hunger let us bring food; where there is apathy, let us bring acceptance. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" 806**

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

Sunday Worship and Sunday School: 11 a.m.
Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12noon; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Rev. Kelly's office hours: Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday, 9 – 12 noon.
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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/juice/cookies and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Gwyneth & Bronwyn Davies. **Tellers** today are Brian & Joy Veno and next week will be Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Susan Madore and next week will be Melissa Banks.

Services & Meetings this week: April 16 - 21, 2018

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| Monday | 9:30 | Shuffleboard |
| Tuesday | 9:30 | Pie Day |
| | 1:30 | Women Together |
| | 7:00 | Council |
| Wednesday | 6:00 | Catering to Progressive Credit Union |

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

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| Apr. 22 | 11:00 | Earth Sunday |
| Apr. 29 | 11:00 | Memorial Service (see page 5) |
| May 3 | 1:30 | Pastoral Care Meeting |
| May 6 | 11:00 | 144th Anniversary Service of Gibson Memorial United Church & POTLUCK & CAKE |
| May 13 | 11:00 | Christian Family Sunday & Baptism & Transfer of Membership Sunday (see page 5) |
| May 20 | 11:00 | Pentecost Sunday |
| May 27 | 11:00 | Conference Sunday. Rev. Kelly and Jean Henry will be attending conference. Guest Minister is Rev. Lisa Greenwood. |
| June 3 | 11:00 | Sunday School Service & Potluck |

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Alexina & Perry Stewart** on the death of Alexina's brother, *Wilson Sobey*.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Wilson Sobey* by George & Marilyn Burt.

A donation has made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Roland "Rolie" Mansfield* by Boyd & Helen MacTavish.

On Sunday, April 29th The Annual Memorial Service will be a quiet service giving us time to remember our loved ones who have passed away during the year. This service is an opportunity for you or a member of your family to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved one. Letters will be mailed out to families of our congregation who have lost loved ones but if you do not receive a letter and would like to light a candle, please contact our office at 457-1951 or gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com.

Sunday May 13th is Christian Family Sunday and Mother's Day. During our service we will celebrate: the baptism of Molly Marie Doucet, the transfer of membership for new church members. If you have been worshipping with us for a while now and would like to have your membership transferred to Gibson Memorial please call the church office. Thanks.

Senior's Fitness, hosted by St. Paul's United Church, will be Monday and Friday, starting April 6, 10 – 11 a.m. For more information call Tyler Drost at 754-2205. Cost is \$65/month or \$10/drop in.

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2018

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offerings</u> | <u>+/- to date</u> |
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| 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 |
| Apr. 8 | 121 | 2,009 | - 3,694 |

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 22 ELVIS GOSPEL CONCERT with Mike Bravener in support of Youth Ministry at Wilmot United Church, 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
- April 28 Bel Canto Singers of Fredericton are presenting an *"East Coast Kitchen Party"* at Christ Church (Parish) Church, 7:30 p.m. (Murray McFarlane is part of the Bel Canto Singers)
- April 29 Greenwood Drive Baptist Church "Special Music" evening, 7 p.m.
- May 5 The UCW of St. Paul's United Church will be hosting a Bridge Luncheon at 12 noon. Call 459-7116 to book your table.
- 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.
- July 16 – 20 The GO PROJECT ADVENTURE CAMP! Hosted by Nashwaaksis United Church. Grades 2 – 7. This action packed day camp will give campers the confidence to change the world one small step at a time! Children will spend time volunteering in their community and learning about their faith. For more information, check out facebook/thegoproject

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.
- 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.)

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