

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

May 13, 2018 11:00 a.m. Christian Family Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

**“I long, as does every human being, to be at home wherever I
find myself.” Maya Angelou**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Life is a miracle.

**All: Let us be aware of the worth of our lives and the beauty
of all God’s people everywhere.**

One: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: “Psalm 100: Make a Joyful Noise” 820**

OPENING PRAYER: A PRAYER OF SILENCE

**BAPTISMAL HYMN: “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”
(Children come to front) (verses 1-3) 644**

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM:

**Baptism of Miss Molly Marie Doucette
(Beloved daughter of Krista and Nathan)**

**Congregational Promise: Do you as the Gibson Church Family
promise to support and nurture Molly and her parents by holding
them close in your hearts and in your prayers? If so please respond
by saying “WE DO!”**

PRAYER AFTER BAPTISM

**BAPTISMAL HYMN: “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”
(verses 3-7) 644**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4: 11-12; 16-21

**MEDITATION: “Mostly Sweet with A Few Nuts”
SILENCE**

**TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: WELCOMING Mei Huang,
Ronald O’Neil, Melbourne Pond and Roxanne Stewart INTO
OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

HYMN: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” 509

PROFESSION OF FAITH and PROMISES

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT: (all who are able may
stand)**

L: As a baptized and baptizing church, will you continue to
support and nurture these persons in a community of
faith which worships God, resists evil and seeks justice for
all people?

Response: We will, God being our helper.

THE ACT OF TRANSFER AND WELCOME:

L: In the name of God we receive **Mei, Ron, Mel and Roxanne**
into our church family and we welcome them to the worship
and ministry of this congregation.

ALL: As your brothers and sisters in Christ we welcome you
with joy and thanksgiving. Together we will share in the
mission and ministry of Christ’s church as we do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY CREED (see insert)
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)

God of a Big Heart, look graciously upon us and the world which you have made. Where there is loneliness may we bring friendship, where there is hatred may we bring love, where there is indifference may we bring acceptance, where there is despair may we bring joy, where there is hunger may we bring food. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 288

*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
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS
HEATHER FYFFE
MARSHA DALEY
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/cookies** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Gail Oliver and Pan Poore. **Tellers** today are Lawrence Durling and Sybil Grant and next week will be the Morrison & Seymour Team. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will be Lindsey & Laurel MacKay.

Services & Meetings this week: May 14 - 19, 2018.

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	9:30	Pie Day
	1:30	Women Together
	6:00	Mission & Outreach Meeting
	7:00	Council
Wednesday	4:00	Ham, Baked Beans & Brown Bread Dinner (Tickets will be on sale today)
	6:15	Pathfinders

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

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
June 9	8:00	Gibson Yard Sale & Breakfast 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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Today's bulletin, in honour of Mother's Day, has been donated in memory of our Mothers *Ann Johnston and Olga Pond* and in celebration of our daughters *Melissa Houle and Melanie Darrah*, who are wonderful Mothers as well, by Sandra & Mel Pond.

Happy Birthday wishes are extended to *Annie Walker* who celebrated her birthday this past week! Happy Birthday Annie!

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Fund** in memory of *Mary Dodds* on Mother's Day by Susan Dodds, Ellen Boone and Gail Bongard.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Wilson Sobey* by Lyman & Carrie Coy.

The Mission & Outreach Committee will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Clean-up crew on Wednesday, May 23rd. We will be supplying a Chicken Dinner to 25 people. If anyone would like to help prepare the dinner, please contact the office.

Upcoming Community Events: (see bulletin board for details)

- May 26 Barker's Point Lions Club Yard & Craft Sale at Gibson's church hall. Vendors \$15 per table – call Marg at 206-9014 to reserve a table. 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- May 27 Hymn-Sing & Concert at Forest Hill United Church
- June 7, 8, 9 Monty Python's **SPAMALOT**, presented by Collective Theatrics, with Musical Director: Heather Fyffe
At the Tom Morrison Theatre, \$20 per ticket.

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Happy Mother's Day!
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Upcoming Fundraising events

- Feb. 13 Shrove Tuesday Dinner – Profit: \$1,225**
- Mar. 21 Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner– Profit: \$960**
- Apr. 18 Catering to Progressive Credit Union - \$1,120**
- Apr. 25 Catering to Retired Nurses - \$1,015**
- May 8 Catering to Folks on Spokes - \$300**

- May 15 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.**
- May 16 Church Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.**

- June 8 Set up for Yard Sale & Breakfast – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.**
- June 9 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.

The Robert Maynard Coburn Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships, valued at \$200.00, are made possible through a contribution from the estate of **Mr. Allan Greene** given in loving memory of **Bobby Coburn**, the brother of Mr. Greene's wife Helen, who was killed in a tragic accident in 1943 at the age of eleven years. The scholarships will be awarded to high school graduates who are members or adherents of Gibson Memorial United Church intending to further their education at the University, Community College or equivalent upgrading level. Application forms are available at the church office. The deadline for submitting an application is **Friday, June 8, 2018**. The Scholarships will be presented on June 17, 2018.

Christian Family Sunday Creed
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We are a church family.
We come from various walks of life.
Our families, though many and different, we cherish. We are as distinct
as the many grains of sand in God's creation.

**We are one
We are many
We are widows,
We are single,
We are married without children,
We are married with children,
We are separated,
We are single parents,
We are divorced,
We are interracial families,
We are blended families,
We are foster families,
We are families of all sexual orientations and gender identities,
We are widowers,
Though different we are all the same,
We are God's Family.**

We believe in each other; the journeys we're on.
We trust that although we experience changes, a family
blessed by the spirit of love, survives and grows.

**We are called to be servants to one another:
to offer encouragement and acceptance
to bring comfort and challenge
to give support and love
to seek justice and peace
that all may know wholeness and well being.**

All of us are a part of God's Family.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God! ...Kelly D Higgins...1994 (revised 2018)

