

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

May 6, 2018 11:00 a.m. 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“...the more generously I give of my life, the more it surges forth.  
It is inexhaustible.” Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

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: May you recognize in your life the presence of God.

All: I come to this day open to the quiet miracles of living.

One: May you realize that you are never alone.

All: I come to this place where something beautiful and  
eternal is happening.

Together: We come to give thanks for all that has been and for all that  
is yet to come to birth. Amen!

\*OPENING HYMN: “Let Us Build a House” (see insert)

OPENING PRAYER: (All) (Begin with silence)

Companion God, we come to this day with thanks for the blessing  
of our church family. You are our God and we are your people.  
Thank you for traveling with us and blessing us with peace the  
world cannot give. On this Anniversary Sunday, we are grateful  
that Gibson Memorial continues to thrive, to grow, to make a  
difference in this community. Our world is changing and we need

you to continue to walk with us showing us the way to be the  
“church” in this community. As we move forward inspire us to be  
a safe place full of understanding and acceptance. Help us also to  
deepen and refine Your vision for us. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: “Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold” 605

CONVERSATION TIME

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Psalms: Psalm 100 (page 824)

*Sandra Pond*

New Testament Lesson: Luke 13:10-17

SERMON: “Start Where You Are...”

\*HYMN: “The Church Is Wherever God's People”

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

959

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 known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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

Generous God, with love and warmth of heart we say thank you for the many blessings in our lives. Help us to hold sacred the work you call us to do. May we awaken each day willing to be open and to be led to those people and places in need of your justice and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "We Are Pilgrims" 595**

**\*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.

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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 **Potluck** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Worship Committee. **Tellers** today Lyman Coy and

Margaret Allen. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Susan Madore.

**Services & Meetings this week: May 7 - 12, 2018.**

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
	1:30	Preparing for Luncheon on Tuesday
Tuesday	12:00	Catering to Folks on Spokes
	1:30	Women Together
	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Worship Meeting</b>
Wednesday	6:15	Pathfinders
	7:00	Trustee Meeting

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

May 13	11:00	Christian Family Sunday & <b>Baptism &amp; Transfer of Membership</b> Sunday (see below)
May 15	7:00	Council
May 16	<b>4:00</b>	<b>Ham, Baked Beans &amp; Scallop Dinner</b> (Tickets will be on sale next Sunday)
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.

Today's bulletin has been donation in memory of *Bernadine Henderson*, May 7, 1931 – August 26, 2013, by Stuart Henderson & Family.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Fund** in memory of *Rollie Mansfield* by Thelma & Fred Titus.

Happy Birthday wishes are extended to the oldest member of Gibson, *Margaret Hawkes*! Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Margaret!

**Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 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 worshiping with us for a while now and would like to

have your membership transferred to Gibson Memorial please call the church office. Thanks.

**Upcoming Community Events:** (see bulletin board for details)

- May 10 St. Andrews United Church, Harvey, Drama & Dessert, May 10, 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee on Saturday May 12 at 2 p.m.
- May 11 Take Out Ham Dinner, hosted by Nashwaaksis United Church, \$10, call 472-2533 for tickets
- 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](mailto:forest.office@bellalliant.com) by May 1, 2018.

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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

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**Road Closure:**

**Union Street Closure, Sunday – May 13, 2018, 7:45 – 10:30 a.m. Between Cliffe and Gibson Streets, Union Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic to allow for the Scotiabank 40<sup>th</sup> Fredericton Marathon.**