

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH**

**FREDERICTON, N.B.**

**September 23, 2018 11:00 a.m. Eighteenth after Pentecost**

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

**PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

“A person’s a person, no matter how small.” Dr. Seuss

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Inspired by Richard Wagemese

One: We are travellers on a sacred journey.

**All: Yearning to explore what it means to be spiritual.**

One: “Pack light,” my mentors tell me. “Carry only what you need for the journey.”

**All: Like what?**

One: Travel with an open heart. Spirituality isn’t found in your head or in your talking. It’s found in silence.

**All: If we travel with our hearts and our quiet, we’ll find the way to spiritual. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: “Make a Joyful Noise” 820**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Silence) God who loves us into being, we thank you for the gift of life and all the possibilities that this day brings. Inspire us to be quiet, to shut off the noise of the TV, texts, the internet so that we may listen to our hearts and be guided by our desire to love and be loved in return. We are travellers on a sacred journey, often walking on paths we have never travelled before. Help us to greet each new morning with the vision of a purposeful day, filled with adventures and teachings. Remind us with each step we take that we do not walk alone. Your presence with us is only one touch away in the person standing next to us. Amen.

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

**CHILDREN’S TIME: “The Lion King Medley” (Elton John)**

**CHILDREN’S PRAYER: We gather within the Circle of Life**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...**

**THE LETTER OF JAMES: James 3: 13-4:3; 7-8a**

**A GOSPEL STORY: Mark 9: 30-37**

**SERMON: “The way UP is down”**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Your Song” (Elton John)**

**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:** God of a big heart, we present our morning offerings trusting that they will make a difference in the lives of those who are looking for HOPE: in the face of a friend, in a grocery bag filled with food, in a church community that is welcoming and accepting. For each and every gift we bring, may the miracle of the 5 loaves and two tiny fish be witnessed again. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: “I Have Called You ...” 161**

**\*COMMISSIONING & 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

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.

Rev. Kelly's office hours: Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday, 9 – 12 noon.

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**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION**

Good morning and welcome to **EVERYONE** especially **COLLECTIVE THEATRICALS**. May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to celebrate share in coffee/tea/cookies and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Today's Reader** is Tom O'Connell. **Greeters** today are The Henderson Family. **Tellers** are The Grant Team and next week will be the Morrison & Seymour Team. **Taping** the service is Lindon Miller and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** is Marchell Coulombe.

**Services & Meeting this week: Sept. 24 - 29, 2018.**

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	9:30	Pie Day
	1:30	Women Together
Wednesday	12:00	Catering to Retired Nurses
	7:00	<b>Trustee Meeting</b>

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Oct. 4	6:30	Decorating the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving
Oct. 7	11:00	Thanksgiving Service & Baptism Sunday & Transfer of Membership Sunday Group Sunday School Class
Oct. 14	11:00	Communion Sunday
Oct. 16	7:00	Council
Oct. 21	11:00	World Food Sunday
Oct. 28	11:00	Peace Sunday
Nov. 11	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Service</b> – the service will be at 9 a.m. to allow for people to attend services at the Cenotaph
Nov. 13	7:00	Worship
Nov. 18	11:00	Children's Sunday
Nov. 23	5:00	Set Up for Market (5 – 7:00 p.m.)
Nov. 24	8:00	Christmas Market & Breakfast
Nov. 25	11:00	Mission & Outreach Service

**Mark your calendars** for the upcoming “Catch the Excitement” events at Gibson: (watch upcoming bulletins for more information)

Nov. 24 Christmas Market & Breakfast, hosted by the Mission & Outreach Committee 8 a.m. – 12 noon.

Dec. 14 Songs for a Winters Night:  
 A Christmas dinner with live musical performance from Collective Theatrics, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25  
**This dinner is in support of Sound System Upgrades.** (Only 100 tickets are being sold, if you would like to purchase your tickets early please contact the office and I will put your name on the list.)

Dec. 16 Sunday School Christmas Concert & Potluck lunch, 11 a.m.

Dec. 23 Christmas Carol Sing, 11 a.m.



**Office News:**

-Rev. Kelly needs your help ... If you know of anyone who is in the hospital, or in need of a visit, please contact the office!

-Children’s book are available for “free”. Please check out the books in the hall!

-**Telephone & Email messages**...if you would like to receive our weekly messages on upcoming services & events, please let the office know your contact info. (But if you have Rogers as a provider you won’t be able to get telephone message)

-**Baptism & Transfer Sunday is Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to have your baby baptized or transfer your membership or have questions concerning adult baptism, please contact Rev. Kelly.

**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. (average)	86	2,312	- 4,589
Apr. (average)	97	2,747	- 3,737
May (average)	91	2,440	- 3,644
June (average)	85	2,638	- 3,402
July (average)	77	2,834	- 2,118
Aug. (average)	57	2,318	- 3,155
Sept. 2	61	1,958	- 3,774
Sept. 9	105	3,877	- 2,474
Sept. 16	100	2,333	- 2,718

**Finance Notes:**

-We need approx. \$2,577\* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$878 per week) is included in the amount 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.

**Mission & Outreach News:** In support of the **Christmas Market & Breakfast** the committee will be setting up a table. Donations of baking, sewing, wood working, pickles, etc. will be gladly accepted!

**The Worship Committee** is decorating the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving on Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. **Donations** of food items, pickles, pumpkin, etc. can be dropped off at the church over the next week and these items will be given to the Food Bank.

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

Sept. 24 – 29 Stanley United Church will be hosting daily dinners, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$14/person

Sept. 27 The UCW of New Maryland United will hold a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 3 p.m. To book a table call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.

Sept. 29 Rummage Sale at St. Paul’s United Church, 9 – 12 noon. Bring your own bags!

Oct 11 Adult Singing Workshop at Central United Church, Moncton NB., 7pm. with Dr. Victoria Meredith

Oct. 12 – 14 Choral Fest 2018, Come Sing with us! Central United Church, Moncton. Registration Deadline, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

**Fun Facts: Did you know...**

**The Place of Music in Worship.** The people of God sing. After escaping from the Egyptians and crossing the Red Sea, the people of Israel sang a song to the Lord (Exod. 15). Singing was part of Israel’s formal worship in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chron. 6:31-31, 16:42). The Psalms bear rich testimony that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raise their voices in song to God. Hymn singing was practiced by Jesus and his disciples (Matt. 26:30).

Music and song continue to play a vital role in the life of God’s people today. The people of God sing; what they sing and how they sing are important issues. Let us then each Sunday open “wide” our hearts to the **Ministry of Music** in this place. Let us listen to allow the music to minister to us in our joys and in our sorrows. Amen.





**Upcoming Fundraising events:**

- Sept. 25 Pie Day - 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 26 Catering to Retired Nurses - 12 noon
  
- Oct. 16 Folks on Spokes Luncheon – 12 noon
  
- Nov. 13 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 14 Mission Thrift Store – 6 p.m.
  
- Nov. 20 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 21 Journey Wesleyan Seniors Dinner – 5 p.m.
  
- Nov. 23 Set up for Market & Breakfast - 5 -7 p.m.
- Nov. 24 Market & Breakfast – 8 a.m. – 12 noon
  
- Nov. 27 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 28 Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
  
- Dec. 4 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 5 Elm City Quilting Dinner – 6 p.m.
  
- Dec. 10 Pie Day – 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
  
- Dec. 12 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 13 Dolphin Swim Club – 12 noon
  
- Dec. 14 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 14 Songs for a Winters Night – 7 p.m.  
(Dinner & Collective Theatrics)

**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.** (Then we don't have to call you to bring in bag of peas, etc.) **Thanks to the congregation for your continued support of our Fund Raising!**

