

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

October 28, 2018 11:00 a.m. Twenty-third after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Cherish the present moment...all endings are inexorably tied to new beginnings. That’s the nature of the journey. It continues to unfold...” M. Beattie

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Inspired by R. Wagamese

One: Life is sometimes hard. There are challenges. There are difficulties. There is pain.

All: **And there are sunrises and sunsets that help us to believe in the unfolding of life, the promise of hope.**

Together: Come to us, in this time of worship, O God, that we may know you in both familiar and surprising ways. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “For the Beauty of the Earth” 226

OPENING PRAYER: Gracious God, it is never easy to meet life head-on. Our tendency is to avoid pain and difficulty. We are only human after-all. Help us O God to know that with each step we take we are not alone. Your presence with us is only one touch away in the person standing next to us. 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.

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

PSALM: Nick Kenrick’s version of Psalm 23 (seventh grade)

All: The Lord is my coach, I will not let down.

One: He supplies me with water after the game; He leads me down the home stretch.

All: The Lord helps me. He leads me through the basics and the rules of the game.

One: Even though I walk up to the plate of the wild pitcher, I will fear nothing. I am being watched over and taken care of. My bat and my helmet, they comfort me.

All: He gives me a strategy to follow. He fills me with plans and ideas. My fear is gone.

One: My coach loves me and cares for me like a father, and I shall dwell in the dugout of the Lord, forever.

THE GOSPEL STORY: Mark 10:46-52

SERMON: “Love not Fear”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) 959

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 mystery, who comes to us in people and places we least expect, thank you for your presence in our lives. Thank you also for this opportunity to offer you our gifts of money to support this community of faith, to provide food and support to those outside these four walls who do not have enough to live well each day. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "I Have Called You..." (see insert)**

***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

**MINISTER
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR
OFFICE ADMINISTARTOR
CUSTODIAN**

**REV. KELLY HIGGINS
HEATHR FYFFE
MARSHA DALEY
BRIAN BUBAR**

**Sunday Worship: 11 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. May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to share in coffee/tea/cookies and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Murray McFarlane & Ruth Goodine and next week will be Sybil Grant and Enid Beckwith. **Tellers** today are Beth Arsenault and Sybil Grant and next week will be Lyman Coy and Margaret Allen. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will be Marchell Coulombe.

Services & Meetings this week: Oct. 29 – Nov. 3, 2018.

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard
Tuesday 1:30 Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Nov. 11 9:00 **Remembrance Day Service** – the service will be at 9 a.m. to allow people to attend other Remembrance Day services
Nov. 13 7:00 **Worship**
Nov. 18 11:00 Children’s Sunday
Nov. 23 5:00 Set Up for Market (5 – 7 p.m.)
Nov. 24 8:00 **Christmas Market & Breakfast**
Nov. 25 11:00 Mission & Outreach Service with Collective Theatrics

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Richard, Nancy, Judy and Families** on the death of their father, **Boyd MacTavish**. Boyd will be greatly missed by the Gibson Church Family!

Today’s bulletin has been sponsored by the Harding boys to honour **Stewart & Wanda Harding’s 65th Wedding Anniversary** on November 1st. The Harding Family would like to invite all church family and friends to celebrate with them on **Saturday, November 3rd in the church hall from 2 – 4 p.m.** Congratulations to Stewart & Wanda!

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Charlotte Boyd* by Lorne & Lanna Henry and John & Colleen Booker.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Eric Bawn* and *Darrell Seymour* by Marilyn Seymour & Family.

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.

-**Benevolent Fund Envelopes** are included in the bulletin this Sunday. If you wish to make a donation please place envelopes in the offering plate. (Please don't feel obligated to give each month, we are taking small steps towards helping our community.)

-There is someone in our Community in need of **women's winter boots, size 8**. If you have a pair and wish to donate please drop off at the office.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming "**Catch the Excitement**" events at Gibson:

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

Dec. 14 & 15 **Songs for a Winters Night:** A Christmas dinner with live musical performance from Collective Theatrics, 7:00 – 9 p.m. This dinner is in support of Sound System Upgrades. Only **50 tickets are left for Dec. 15**, please contact the office to reserve tickets!

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

Dec. 23 **Christmas Carol Sing**, 11 a.m. **A sign-up sheet** for your favourite carols/hymns will be available today in the hall and you will have until Nov. 18 to list your favourites.

Upcoming community Events:

- Nov. 3 Craft Sale at Grace Memorial Baptist Church in support of an upcoming Mission Trip. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Missions Artisans Market at Douglas Baptist Church in support of local/global mission work. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Nov. 4 Personal Memories of John Deweyert during the Battle of Arnhem, September 17 – 26, 1944 at Morning Gate Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9, 10 Ten Thousand Villages, 2018 International Fair-Trade Gift Sale at Wilmot United Church, Friday, 10 am – 7 pm and Saturday 9 am – 4 pm

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. – Mar.	89	2,195	- 4,589
Apr.- June	91	2,608	- 3,402
July-Aug.	67	2,576	- 3,155
Sept.	94	2,760	- 2,239
Oct. 7	81	2,872	- 1,944
Oct. 14	91	2,666	- 1,855
Oct. 21	78	1,962	- 2,470

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 & Offerings