

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

October 14, 2018 11:00 a.m. Communion Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Sometimes divine revelation simply means adjusting your brain to hear what your heart already knows.” (unknown)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: God, who walked with our ancestors, who walks among us now, and who will walk with our children’s children for generations to come,

All: we give thanks for your presence.

One: In the air we breathe, in the sound of rustling leaves and in the waving grass,

All: we give thanks for your presence.

Together: Let your Spirit move us to honor and respect one another—from the least to the greatest. May we treat everyone we encounter with dignity and love. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” 409

OPENING PRAYER: (silence) “Breathe on Me...” vs. 1 382

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...

THE STORY OF JEREMIAH: Jeremiah 1: 4-8

SERMON: “The Mystery of Being here!”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “You Raise Me Up” Tyler Seymour

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

COMMUNION HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” vs.1 288

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY: Creator God, as we prepare to walk from this place with renewed strength for the journey before us, let us follow the path of Jesus, as the Spirit guides our steps. Help us to make wise choices in the days ahead, to serve those in need, and to remember our place in the circle of life. Remind us to listen to our elders, to teach our children the traditions of our people, to respect one another and all creation. Keep our hope alive and our footsteps on the path of doing justice and loving kindness. Amen. (Inspired by a Native American Celebration of Holy Communion).

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

*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

We pray as we serve in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: “Nothing More”: Alternate Roots (insert)
(led by Tyler Seymour)

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

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!

-There is someone in our Community in need of a **large – x-large woman’s winter coat**. If you have one you wish to donate please drop off at the office.

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:

& Dec. 15 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 for each show, if you would like to purchase your tickets early please contact the office and I will put your name on the list.) **Dec. 14 is almost sold out!**

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 in the hall on Oct. 28th.**

Sunday School News:

-Sunday School snacks – If you would like to donate snacks (cookies, munchies, etc.) for each Sunday, could you please sign-up. There will be a Sign-up Sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.

Wendy Topolski Memorial Scholarship 2018. This scholarship is awarded to one recipient per year and the recipient will receive one thousand dollars for their post-secondary education expenses. The candidates must be attending an accredited University or Community college in Canada. Please see bulletin board for more information.

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 (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
Sept. 23	120	3,033	- 2,262
Sept. 30	86	2,600	- 2,239
Oct. 7	81	2,872	- 1,944

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

Upcoming Community Events: (see bulletin board for details)

Oct. 14 New Maryland United Church Salmon Supper \$17 and call 459-3313/455-1948 for reservations.

Oct. 19 & Oct. 20 A Quilt Show hosted by Elm City Quilters’ Guild at Gibson Church Hall. Friday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission; \$5.00

Oct. 20 Roast Pork Dinner at Nashwaaksis United Church \$14 and call 450-7151 for reservations.

Nov. 3 Craft Sale at Grace Memorial Baptist Church in support of an upcoming Mission Trip. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Nov. 3 Missions Artisans Market at Douglas Baptist Church in support of local and global mission work. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Upcoming Fundraising events:

- 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 & 15 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 14 & 15 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!**

.....