

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

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October 7, 2018 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Sunday

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE APPROACH GOD**

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new  
landscapes, but in having new eyes.” Marcel Proust

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP:** written by Louise Hart

One: God, you have many names, but what shall we call you?

**All: When I am sick, I'll call you Healer.**

One: When I am lonely, I'll call you Friend.

**All: When I am worried, I'll call you Comforter.**

One: When I am angry, I'll call you Peace.

Together: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship our God  
of many names. Amen.

\***OPENING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” 232**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Creator God, thank you for the blessings  
in our lives. We are grateful for the earth, for families and friends  
who love us and who give us life. Inspire us to hear you not only  
in the Gospel stories we share but also in the voices of your people  
as they call out for food, for friendship, for freedom from  
oppression, for a lasting justice and peace. On this Thanksgiving  
Sunday may we commit again to create a community where  
everyone is deserving of human kindness, compassion and love.  
We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi, who spoke of  
welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: “This Is God's Wondrous World” 296**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD...**

**PSALM: Psalm 139: 7-10** (written by Staci Johnson in 7<sup>th</sup> grade)

One: Where should I go from the spirit? Or where should I run  
from God's presence?

**All: When things are going great, God will be there. When  
life doesn't seem so great, God will be there.**

One: When I'm walking in the morning or hanging out in the deep  
end of the pool, God's hand will be there for me to hold  
onto, for he is always there. Amen.

**A GOSPEL STORY: Matthew 6:25-33**

**SERMON: “Already here and not yet Come”**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**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:** written by Beth W Johnston

**On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we celebrate the bounty of this  
earth, the love of family and friends, the grace that surrounds our  
lives, and the opportunity to be a means of grace in the lives of  
others. Through these offerings, may your love and grace be  
known here and around the world. Amen.**

\***CLOSING HYMN: “To Show by Touch and Word” 427**

\***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.  
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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 celebrate share in coffee/tea/cookies and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Lyman & Carrie Coy and next week will be Beth Arsenaault and Mei Huang. **Tellers** today are Dale Horncastle and Wayne Alexander and next week will be Gladys Gallant and Phil & Valerie Barton. **Taping** the service is Lorne Henry and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** is Krista Doucette and next week will be Lindsey & Laurel MacKay.

**Services & Meeting this week: Oct. 8 - 13, 2018.**

Monday	9:30	No Shuffleboard (Thanksgiving Monday)
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	<b>Finance</b>

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Oct. 14	11:00	Communion Sunday
Oct. 15	1:30	Pie Day
Oct. 16	12:00	Catering to FOS
Oct. 16	7:00	<b>Council</b>
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	<b>Worship</b>
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

**Flowers** have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of **John Robison** by Brenda Robison & Family.

**The M&P Committee** wishes to announce the hiring, with the approval by Council, of **Brian Bubar**, to fill the position of custodian for Gibson Memorial United. Brian will commence duties on Tuesday October 9th and on behalf of Gibson we wish to welcome Brian as the newest addition to our already phenomenal staff. The M & P would also like to thank everyone who has helped with the custodial duties over the last month!

**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)  
 -A big **‘thanks’** to everyone who helped with the funeral reception on Tuesday, you are very much appreciated!

**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 now 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. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **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.

#### **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**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>+/- to date</u></b>
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

#### **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. 9 End of Life Planning Seminar, sponsored by the Barker’s Point Northside Lions Club, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 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>
- 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.

**Upcoming Fundraising events:**

- Oct. 15 Pie Day – 1:30 p.m.  
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 & 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!**

