

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

**November 18, 2018 11:00 a.m. Twenty-sixth after Pentecost**

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

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

**PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GOSPEL STORY: Mark 12: 41-13:8**

*Brian Veno*

**SERMON: "Strength in Small things"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**"While it may seem small, the ripple effects of small things is extraordinary." Matt Bevin**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A Prayer for Hope**

**587**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

**959**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: (Inspired by Richard Wagamese)**

**One: Standing in the early morning chill, clearing the car of snow,  
I look up and see around me,**

**All: my breath as I breathe in the cool morning air, the ballet  
of cat tracks in the snow, the house lights burning in the  
darkness of a winter morning.**

**One: It occurs to me that the secret of fully being here is to learn  
to see things as though I was seeing them for the first time.**

**All: Nothing is too small then, too mundane, too usual.**

**Together: Everything is wonder...Everything moves my  
spirit...and I am spiritual.**

**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) For who we are and all that  
we have been given, we give you thanks O God. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "I Have Called You..."**

*(see page 7)*

**\*COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Psalm 100"**

**820**

**OPENING PRAYER: Spirit of Gentleness, help us to be 'light' in  
the darkest moments of someone's life. Like the widow who gave  
when she had but only a small amount to give, let us remember  
small acts of giving grow into great things. We pray in the name  
of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers  
and loving enemies. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine"**

**585**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**POSTLUDE**

MINISTER  
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR  
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR  
CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS  
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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 Mike & Gail Oliver and next week will be Irvine & Judy Banks. **Tellers** today are Brian & Joy Veno and next week will be Brian & Marliese Cail. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Krista Doucette and next week will be Lindsey MacKay.

### Services & Meetings this week: Nov. 19 - 24, 2018.

|           |             |                                 |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday    | 9:30        | No Shuffleboard                 |
| Tuesday   | <b>9:30</b> | <b>Pie Day</b>                  |
|           | 1:30        | Women Together                  |
|           | 7:00        | <b>Council</b>                  |
| Wednesday | <b>6:00</b> | Journey Wesleyan Seniors Dinner |

### Upcoming Services & Meetings:

|         |       |                                                         |
|---------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 18 | 11:00 | Children's Sunday                                       |
| Nov. 20 | 7:00  | <b>Council</b>                                          |
| Nov. 23 | 5:00  | Set Up for Market (5 – 7 p.m.)                          |
| Nov. 24 | 8:00  | <b>Christmas Market &amp; Breakfast</b>                 |
| Nov. 25 | 11:00 | Mission & Outreach Service with<br>Collective Theatrics |

**Today's bulletin** has been donated in loving memory of *Kaitlin Beverley Seymour*, Nov. 16, 2003 – Nov. 20, 2003, by Todd, Stephanie, Tyler & Emily Seymour.

A donation has been made to the **Gibson Memorial United Church Sunday School** in memory of *Kaitlin Beverley Seymour* by Nana Seymour (Marilyn Seymour) & Family.

**Also, Today's bulletin** has been donated in loving memory of *Glen V. MacKay* by August 20, 1933 – November 18, 1988 by Marie MacKay & Family.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Lawrence Durling* by Lanna & Lorne Henry, Gertrude Henry and Diann Etter & Allan Green.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Lloyd Marshall* by David & Barbara Morrison and Lanna & Lorne Henry.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Boyd MacTavish* by Minard & Valerie Jewett, Ron O'Neill & Nancy Worthen and Brian Dixon.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Boyd & Helen MacTavish* by Mike & Lori Donovan.

**A very BIG thank you to all who helped with the reception for the Durling Funeral. Your dedication and hard work are always appreciated by me. Kelly**

### Storm Closure Policy:

It's that time of year again! Gibson Memorial United Church will remain open for Sunday worship services unless the City Police or the RCMP recommend that people stay off the roads. Otherwise please use your own discretion and travel safely during the upcoming winter weather.

**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.  
(see page 6 for a list of vendors)
- Dec. 14 & 15** **Songs for a Winters Night:** A Christmas dinner with live musical performance from Collective Theatrics, 7:00 – 9 p.m. **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 today in the hall and you will have until Nov. 18 to list your favourites.

**Upcoming community Events:**

- Nov. 23 Beef Stew Take-Out Dinner at Nashwaaksis United Church. Pick-up time 4 – 6 p.m. \$12/person. Phone Rindy or Tom at 450-7151 to reserve your meals.
- Nov. 24 A Christmas Luncheon, Bake & Craft Sale at St. Paul’s United Church. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$10/person.
- Nov. 30 Christmas Carols, the story of Christmas and Glowsticks at St. Paul’s United, 6 – 7 p.m.

**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. **Also, we are need of Size 8 men’s winter boots and Size 12 men’s winter boots and a men’s large winter coat.**

-The Committee is also collecting toiletries for those who need help at Christmas. If you would like to donate Shampoo/conditioner, hand-wipes, face-cloths, hand towels, personal products, hand-cream, razors, body lotion, shaving cream, soap, nail clippers, bottles of nail polish, tooth brushes, toothpaste, handwarmers for mittens, socks, gloves, and of course small packages of candy or chocolates; please contact the office or bring them with you to church. Thanks for supporting the Mission & Outreach Committee.

**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.              | 84                | 2,725            | - 1,651            |
| Nov. 4 (No Power) | 62                | 1,924            | - 2,304            |
| Nov. 11 (9 a.m.)  | 68                | 1,771            | - 3,110            |

**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.

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**Mission & Outreach Christmas Market & Breakfast**

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 12 noon.**

**Breakfast: \$7 adult**

**Market Vendors are:**

**Lindsey MacKay – “Visual Artist” – Paintings**

Spa & Person Care Products by Patti Tinholt

Tupperware by Marie Youssef

**Salsa by Ruth Goodine**

**Cards by Lori Donovan**

Woodworking by Wolfgang Handwerk

**Sewing, baking, pickles, etc by the congregation**

**Upcoming Fund Raising Events:**

- 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 – 6 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.  
 Dec. 5 Elm City Quilting Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Pie Day – **1:30 p.m.**  
 Dec. 11 Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Pie Day – **1:30 p.m.**  
 Dec. 13 Dolphin Swim Club 12 – 12 noon
- Dec. 14 & 15 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.  
 Dec. 14 & 15 Songs for a Winter's Night – 7 – 9 p.m.

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. **Thanks to the congregation for your continued support of our Fund Raising!**

**I Have Called You by Your Name**

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
 I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
 I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
 You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**I will help you learn my name as you go;  
 read it written in my people, help them grow.  
 Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
 offer Jesus' body given long ago.**

**I know you will need my touch as you go;  
 feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
 Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
 hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;  
 I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
 With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
 go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

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