

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

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November 25, 2018 11:00 a.m. Mission & Outreach Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Where mercy, love, pity dwell, there God is dwelling too.”

William Blake

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: This is God’s world I step upon. The air I breathe, the food I eat.

All: This is God’s world I step upon. The sounds I hear, the people I meet.

Together: This is God’s world we step upon, our footsteps where we place our feet. Thank you God for walking with us and inspiring the footsteps we take. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” 375**

OPENING PRAYER: God of patience and consolation, life can be difficult for those who are different; different in how they dress, the language they speak, the food they eat, the customs they observe, the places where they live, and the God in whom they believe. Grant us the graciousness to be open and willing to learn. And in our learning, help us to practice the gifts of hospitality and acceptance that are lacking in this world in which we live. May we feel your support and encouragement as we learn how to be your “hands and feet” in this broken world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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: “I’ve Got A Dream...” Kermit the Frog

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

GOSPEL STORY: John 18:33-37

SERMON: “Upside Down and All Around”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “God Help the Outcasts”

Collective Theatrics

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

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**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 who gives to life its goodness, thank you for the heat that warms our homes, the food that fills our stomachs, the acceptance we find when we worship here together. For these and every good gift we have been given, we say THANKS! May our gifts of money benefit those in need of heat, food and acceptance. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: “We Are A Rainbow”**

(see insert)

Collective Theatrics

***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	REV. KELLY HIGGINS
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR	HEATHER FYFFE
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	MARSHA DALEY
CUSTODIAN	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 Irvine & Judy Banks and next week will be Glenn & Audrey Kitchen. **Tellers** today are Brian & Marliese Cail and next week will be the Morrison & Seymour Team. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Lindsey MacKay and next week will be Ashley Sheppard.

Services & Meetings this week: Nov. 26 – Dec. 1, 2018.

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard

Tuesday 9:30 **Pie Day**

1:30 Women Together

Wednesday 12:00 **Retired Nurses Dinner**

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Dec. 2	11:00	Advent 1 – Flute Soloist Genevieve MacRae
Dec. 9	11:00	Advent 2 – Communion Sunday
Dec. 14 & 15	7:00	Songs for a Winters Night Dinner
Dec. 16	11:00	Advent 3 – Sunday School Christmas Concert & Potluck
Dec. 23	11:00	Advent 4 - Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long
Dec. 24	7:00	Christmas Eve Family Service
Dec. 30	11:00	1 st Sunday after Christmas

Today's bulletin has been donated by **Ken & Sally Smith**.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Lawrence Durling** by Rod & Hazel Stairs, Valerie Barton and Peter & Dorothy Snowball.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Boyd MacTavish** by Ken & Sally Smith, Sunny Bank Cemetery and Ellen & Doug Boone.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Lloyd Marshall** by Rod & Hazel Stairs and Ellen & Doug Boone.

Upcoming community Events:

Nov. 30	Christmas Carols, the story of Christmas and Glowsticks at St. Paul's United, 6 – 7 p.m.
Dec. 7	Christmas Tea "Angels Among Us", 1- 3 p.m. at Nashwaaksis United Church
Dec. 3 & 10	Talks for Advent/Christmas 2018 with Bishop Bill Hockin & Friends at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12:15 – 1 p.m.
Dec. 5	Advent Carol Festival at St. Paul's United Church at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be received on behalf of the CBC Feed a Family campaign to support the 12 food banks in this area.

Mission & Outreach News:

-The Committee is 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, hand warmers 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.

-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.

- “Buy A Night” cards are for sale in the hall after the upcoming services until Dec. 23. This \$10 per night card provides a night at the shelter for a homeless person and this helps the shelters assist them in accessing the supports and services they need to get back on their feet.

- **Benevolent Fund Envelopes** are included in the bulletin this Sunday. If you wish to make a donation please place envelopes in the offering plate.

Thank you for the donations of money to buy coffee for the homeless living in makeshift tents. Thanks also for more hand and foot warmers. Kelly

Christmas Greetings for Canadian Troops.

“If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards will be sent to these wonderful special people, who have sacrificed so much.” We will have cards available in the hall after services until Dec. 9th. These cards will be mailed in bulk to the following address Any Canadian Forces Member, PO Box 5140 Stn Forces, Belleville ON K8N 5W6 or you can pick up cards and mail them individually. You can follow this Pay Forward Effect on their facebook page “**Christmas Greetings for Canadian Troops**”.

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 - Sept.	81	2,668	- 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
Nov. 18	110	3,308	- 2,379

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 Fund Raising Events:

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 – 6:30 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!**