

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

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December 9, 2018 11:00 a.m. Advent 2

CHILDREN'S HYMN: "Make Me A Channel..." 684

CHILDREN'S TIME: A Prayer for PEACE

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD...

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25 752

WE APPROACH GOD

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6

"Let there be Peace on Earth...and let it begin with Me.

Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

SERMON: "A Single Step..."

PREPARE YE the WAY of the LORD:

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord,

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord,

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

One: Today we kindle the Advent candle of peace.

All: We welcome the glow that causes us to pause,  
the glow that entices us to gather together,  
the glow that shines in hearts of goodwill.

Together: "A Candle Is Burning" verse 2 6

COMMUNION HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" vs.1 288

One: Come, Holy Stranger, sharer of peace on this Advent  
Journey: welcome us as we welcome you.

All: We receive the light of peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*OPENING HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" 44

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

OPENING PRAYER: Gentle God, we come to you with our  
prayer for peace written on our hearts. We pray for peace in our  
families, peace in our community, peace in our nation and peace  
in our world. As you know, sometimes it is hard to have peace  
even with those we call family. And the pressures of the  
Christmas Season can often get in the way of peace-filled  
relationships with those we love. Wrap us up in the "peace that  
passes all understanding" so that we might be gentle and loving  
with each other as we walk this Advent journey together. In  
Jesus' name. We pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT JOURNEY: Light of the World,  
you gave us the transforming birth of the child Jesus as a light  
for our path. Help us to see the gift you have given us and not be  
dazzled by the glitter and tinsel the world has made of Christ's  
birth. We pray asking that your Spirit be lit within us, that we  
may share your gifts of peace and justice with all of your people.  
And now O God, we pray the pray that you taught your first  
disciples:

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: (All) Giving God, for all that we have been given we give you thanks. Help us this day and every day to share from our abundance. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "A Light Is Gleaming" 82**

**\*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**

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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 Lindon & Roberta Miller and next week will be the Worship Committee. **Tellers** today are Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan and next week will be Beth Arsenault and Sybil Grant. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Emma Huestis and next week will Marchell Coulombe.

#### **Services & Meetings this week: Dec. 10 - 15, 2018.**

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Pie Day</b>
Tuesday	6:00	Fredericton Quilters Dinner
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Pie Day</b>
Thursday	12:00	Dolphin Swim Club
Friday	7:00	Songs for a Winter's Night Dinner & Concert
Saturday	7:00	Songs for a Winter's Night Dinner & Concert

#### **Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Dec. 16	11:00	Advent 3 – Sunday School Christmas Concert & Potluck
Dec. 18	7:00	<b>Council</b>
Dec. 23	11:00	Advent 4 - Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long
Dec. 24	7:00	Christmas Eve Family Service
Dec. 30	11:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

**A Poinsettia** has been placed in the sanctuary for the Advent & Christmas season in memory of **Bruce Wishart** by Edna Wishart and Family.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Lloyd Marshall** by Edna Wishart.

#### **Sunday School News:**

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday School Christmas Concert and all children are asked to be at the church on **Sunday, Dec. 16 at 9 a.m.** for a dress rehearsal.

#### **Upcoming Community Events:** (See the bulletin board)

**Dec. 12** LHHS presents A Christmas Concert featuring LHHS Bands and the Second Chances Bands 7 p.m.

**Dec. 16** The Fredericton Concert and Marching Band, **Heather Fyffe**, Director presents "Songs of Christmas" featuring special guests from

The Fredericton Choral Society and Collective Theatrics. 7:30 p.m. at Wilmot United Church. Admission by donation.

**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
Nov. 25	105	3,079	- 1,877
Dec. 2	106	3,167	- 1,287

**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:**

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.

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

**Mission & Outreach News:**

-The Committee is collecting **toiletries** (soap, shampoo, etc) for those who need help at Christmas.

**-Also, we are need of Size 8 men's winter boots and Size 12 men's winter boots.**

- **"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.

-The **Angel Tree** in support of the **Food Bank** is in the Narthex, please take an "Angel" home and return the item on it on or before **Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**, which is **White Gift Sunday**.

**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. 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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 face-book page **"Christmas Greetings for Canadian Troops"**.



Today we light **206 bulbs** on our 2018  
Memorial/Celebration Tree!

Again this year our tree will shine brightly so all who enter or pass by may experience the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of the Advent and Christmas Season. The names will be printed on an insert in the Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> bulletin and the deadline for submitting the names is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

