

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

December 16, 2018      11:00 a.m.      Advent 3

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE      WELCOME      ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

PREPARE YE the WAY of the LORD:

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord,

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

One: Today we kindle the Advent candle of joy.

(The third candle is lit)

All: We welcome the spark that dances with the Holy Spirit,  
The spark that fires and inspires our souls, the spark of  
creativity and wonder.

Together: "A Candle Is Burning"      verse 3      6

One: Come, Holy Stranger, evangelist of joy on this Advent  
journey: welcome us as we welcome you.

All: We receive the light of joy.

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Twas in the Moon of ..."      71

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILIES (see insert)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD...

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: "O CHRISTMAS TREE"

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAROL: "Joy to the World"      59

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)      959

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"      46

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS:

(Ministry of Music: Heather Fyffe)

\*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) Thank you God of love,  
for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the  
generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the  
world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous  
sharing among us, for the sake of all your children  
everywhere. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"      43

\*COMMISSIONING and BLESSING

\*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  
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR  
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR  
CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS  
HEATHER FYFFE  
MARSHA DALEY  
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 **POTLUCK** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are the Worship Committee and next week will be Joy & Brian Venno. **Tellers** today are Beth Arsenault and Sybil Grant and next week will be Dale Horncastle & Wayne Alexander. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Marchell Coulombe and next week will be Heather Randall.

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

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

**Today's bulletin** has been donated in celebration of Christmas and in loving memory of **Bob Jewett** by Judy Jewett & Family. Merry Christmas everyone from the Jewett Family!

**A poinsettia** has been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Grampy (Bob Jewett) from granddaughters Annabelle and Veronica.

Donations have been made to **The Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Lawrence Durling** by Sherry Harrington, Gerald Henry, Marjorie Miller and John & Judy St. Pierre.

Donations have been made to **The Living Memorial Funds** in Memory of **Boyd MacTavish** by Boyd & Maxine Vincent, Gordon Young and Stewart & Wanda Harding.

A donation has been made to **The Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Lloyd Marshall** by Catherine Eddy.

A donation has been made to **The Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Charlotte Boyd** by Gisele Weatherhead.

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

**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 Untied Church. Admission by donation.

#### **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 - Sept.	81	2,668	- 2,239
Oct.	84	2,725	- 1,651
Nov.	86	2,520	- 1,877
Dec. 2	106	3,167	- 1,287
Dec. 9	118	2,582	- 482

#### **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.

**Office Notes:**

- The Financial Books will be closing Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon.
- 2019 Offering Envelopes will be available next Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you don't have envelopes and would like to please contact the office.
- Office Hours: Dec. 24, 25, 26           Closed  
                           Dec. 27, 28               9 a.m. – 12 noon  
                           Dec. 31, Jan. 1           Closed  
                           Jan. 2 – 4                 Regular Hours

**Mission & Outreach News:**

- The total profit from the Market & Breakfast is \$1,151.70. Thanks everyone for supporting the Mission & Outreach projects at Gibson!  
 - “**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.



Today we light **120 bulbs** for a **total of 326 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>.



**The Sunday School Committee** would like to thank everyone who support the Sunday School Program this past season. Jessica Clement & Ashley Sheppard would like to thank all the teachers, parents and grandparents! It has been an awesome year with more to come in 2019!

Our Sunday School children are:

**Lauren Price, Ashley Coughlan, Emily Seymour,  
 Caleigh Sullivan, Alyssa Clement, Kylee Ridler,  
 Caden Ridler, Adalyn (Addy) Daigle, Lily Sheppard,  
 Keirsten Clement, Stella Sharpe, Owen Sharpe, Lauren Darrah,  
 Jack Darrah, Morgan Madore, Lincoln Clement, Allison Price,  
 Gracie Sheppard, Oscar Johnston, Molly Doucette  
 and Landon Madore.**

**Merry Christmas to everyone from  
 the Sunday School!**

