

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

February 3, 2019 11:00a.m. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“ May we live each day in such a way that it casts light across God’s world.” - Carol Merolla

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (inspired by Richard Wagamese)

One: We are called to love,

All: not Hollywood love, but the kind of love that reaches out to all regardless of race, creed, gender, orientation, and social standing within the community.

One: We are called to love,

All: because choosing to love, leads us back to the highest possible version of ourselves. It’s who we were created to be. And it is the most important choice we can make for each other.

One: We are called to love,

All: Everyone. Widening our circle at every opportunity.
Amen.

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

OPENING PRAYER: God of justice and kindness, open our eyes to see the needs in your world. Open our hearts to bring caring to the people and the places that we go each day. Open our arms with loving acceptance to the people who make up our families and to the people we meet each day. May we never let the color of someone’s skin, the language they speak, or the beliefs they cherish, get in the way of inviting others into our lives and the life of our faith community. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Like A Rock” (see page 4)

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PAUL’S LETTER to the CORINTHIANS: ICor.12:12-31a

LUKE’S GOSPEL STORY: Luke 4: 14-21

SERMON: “I Have A Dream”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR 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.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Giving God, with all that I am and all that I have I offer them now to you. May others who are in need of warmth, shelter and a kind word be blessed by these offerings. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: “I Am the Light of the World” 87

*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 ADMINISTARTOR **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/juice** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Nancy Worthen & Ron O’Neill and next week will be Mike & Gail Oliver. **Tellers** today are Brian & Joy Venno and next week will be Lyman Coy & Margaret Allen. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Marchell Coulombe and next week will be Heather Randall.

Services & Meetings this week: Feb. 4 - 8, 2019

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard
Tuesday 1:30 Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Feb. 17 11:00 Annual Meeting
Mar. 5 4:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Universal Portrait Studios Ltd. will be at Gibson Memorial United Church, March 19 – 22! They will be creating Gibson’s 2019 Church Directory. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

Sunday School News:

The Sunday School Children wish to thank you for all the snacks for the children in 2018. As we are headed in 2019, we are wondering if you would be able to **donate some snacks** in the new year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church hall. The children like granola bars, popcorn and home-made cookies. Thanks so much! *Jessica and Ashley.*

Reverend Kelly’s Hours in 2019: Kelly is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. She can be reached at 457-1735. Her email address is revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com. Her day off is Monday. The community outreach program where food and vouchers are given out to those in need happens on Tuesday mornings. Home visits including nursing homes happens in the afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Friday is reserved for sermon writing and emergency pastoral care. **If you have not had a visit yet and would like one please let her know.** She wants to visit with everyone. ☺

Reminder: If you go into the hospital through the Emergency Department and **are admitted your name will not appear** on the United Church Clergy Visitor’s list. So please remember if you want a hospital visit from Kelly to please let her know. If you do not let her know that you have been admitted she cannot visit you. Your name will not be on the list. Thank you. ☺

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.**