

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

February 10, 2019 11:00a.m. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Who, being loved, is poor?” Oscar Wilde

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: “Spirit of Life” 381

Spirit of life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Spirit blows life through us all,
All: moving among us, binding us in covenant
with faithful people of every time and place.
One: The Spirit moves through us,
All: making us channels of God’s love.
Together: As we gather to worship we re-affirm our belief that
there is a love that is greater than the hatred in the
world. Amen.

* HYMN: “God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness” 260

PRAYER: God of the Journey, you accompany us and guide us.
We pause this morning to give thanks for all of our blessings.
Our faith draws us into the heart of life:
to rejoice with those being born,
to pray with those who are dying,
to offer support and care
to those who are feeling ill, lost or alone.

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Wherever we are O God, we thank you for the grace that greets us with each sunrise. May we share this grace with one another. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “It Only Takes a Spark” 289

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

AN ORIGINAL PSALM by MIKE in GRADE 7:

Tom O’Connell

One: The Lord is the master

All: He is the one and only; first and last, we can tell Him
anything.

One: Our trust shall not be taken advantage of.

All: He, the heavenly Father, shall listen to our prayers and
show us the way.

One: This is the way of the Lord.

All: Praise and glory be to God for His wondrous ways.
Amen.

GOSPEL STORY: Luke 5:1-11

SERMON: “Be Not Afraid”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung)

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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:** As we walk in God’s way we are called to be a light. When we share in the offering, we are being the light of Christ. We offer much more than just money: we offer ourselves, our commitment to loving kindness and doing justice. We offer our hope for a better world with our actions and our words. Inspire us O God to continue walking in your way. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “I Have Called You ...”** (see last page)

***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
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR
OFFICE ADMINISTARTOR
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 **coffee/tea/juice** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Mike & Gail Oliver and next week will be Brian & Marliese Cail. **Tellers** today are Lyman Coy & Margaret Allen and next week will be Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Heather Randall and next week will be Krista Doucette.

Services & Meetings this week: Feb. 11 - 16, 2019

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	Trustees

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Feb. 17	11:00	Annual Meeting
Feb. 19	7:00	Council
Mar. 5	4:00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Today’s bulletin has been donated in loving memory of **Paul Seymour**, Feb. 8, 1937 - Feb. 13, 2015, by Marilyn Seymour and Family.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Vaughan Munn, the Munn Family and the Donnelly Family** on the deaths of **Linda Munn** and **Vaughan Donnelly**. They passed away last week and the funerals were held in Holtville.

Congratulations to *Angela Snyder and Don Murray* on the birth of their new granddaughter *Anna Grace Daigle*. She was born on January 23! Anna's sister Addy is now a proud big sister.

Universal Portrait Studios Ltd. will be at Gibson Memorial United Church, March 19 – 22! They will be creating Gibson's 2019 Church Directory. In today's bulletin there will be an **appointment bookmark and they will be calling you, starting March 4th**, to book your appointment. (Or you may follow the directions on this bookmark.) Please take this bookmark home and write your appointment time on this card. It would be great if everyone could participate in this 2019 Photo Directory and if you participate you receive a free Photo Directory.

2018 Annual Reports are available and in the Narthex. There is one copy per family and could you please bring your copy back with you for the Annual Meeting next Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019.

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. 6	88	2,026	- 574
Jan. 13	97	2,379	- 795
Jan. 20 (Cancelled, snow storm)		947 (PAR)	- 2,448
Jan. 27	103	3,363	- 1,685
Feb. 3	97	2,552	- 1,733

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,600* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$947 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.

-\$2,600 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Offerings.

Mission & Outreach Committee News:

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

Mother Teresa

Thank you for being so ‘faithful’ to our food cupboard. We now have good, healthy food to give to the poor in our community. Many thanks for your generosity. Mission and Outreach.

Seeking Volunteers for our Team. Our church has been contacted re: an initiative to support the homeless in our community. The Out of the Cold shelter at Bishop's House is now providing a safe, warm place for homeless people to spend the night. There are few places, however, where they can go to get out of the cold during the day. This winter has been particularly cold and challenging.

Three downtown churches (Wilmot United, Brunswick Street Baptist and Christ Central Church) have started an afternoon drop-in program (1 to 3 PM), Mondays to Thursdays, for the months of February and March. They are seeking volunteer teams to assist with their efforts.

A team would consist of three or four people to cover a shift from Noon to 3:30 PM. This would allow an hour before opening for preparation and a half hour after closing for clean-up. Light snacks and cards & games for activities will be provided. The team of volunteers need only arrive to work & oversee activities. The location would be Wilmot United Church. Several Tuesday and Thursday dates are available in the immediate future. They are suggesting that a team could fill one or two of these dates.

Two members of the Gibson Mission and Outreach Committee have expressed an interest in helping out. We are seeking other volunteers to round out our team. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible as the dates are fast approaching... and further information can then be shared.

I can be reached via email at: valerie.barton@nbed.nb.ca or by phone (please leave a message) at 454-6921.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mount Allison University Sharp Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Herbert S. Sharp, Class of 1890 and is awarded to a student born in NB, NS or PE, who is Protestant, who is a non-smoker, and who has demonstrated financial need. For more information: mta.ca/apply/money_matters/scholarships.html Or 506-364-2258. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2019.

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.