

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

February 17, 2019 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

*“Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so shall you become. Your
Vision is the promise of what you shall one day be...”*
James Allen

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: Mark 4: 1-9

CALL TO WORSHIP

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All: Our community of faith draws us into the heart of life: to offer support to those who are feeling ill, lost, alone, hungry and scared.

Together: Let us continue to walk in God’s way, loving kindness and doing justice. Amen.

*HYMN: “To Show by Touch and Word” 427

PRAYER: (silence) God of the journey, the new year is only 48 days old. And with it comes many possibilities for loving our neighbours. Inspire us O God to find the path that you are calling us to walk. Show us how to make a difference in the lives of all your people, those with whom we worship and those who come to us in need. We are trying to live as Jesus commanded: “love your neighbour as I have loved you.” We thank you for where we have been and we pray your blessing on where we are

headed. Give us the confidence to say YES to follow, YES to love, YES to go where that love leads us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: “Like A Rock”

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like a 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 ever-more.

CONVERSATION TIME

ANNUAL MEETING

Opening Remarks and Constitution of Annual Meeting

Granting Corresponding Member Privileges

Approval of Agenda & Roll Call

Approval of March 18, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Business Arising & Correspondence

CHORUS

“A Light Is Gleaming”

*A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.*

*Come share its gladness, God’s radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.*

And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.

He showed us things we hadn’t seen.

Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,

and this will be a sign:

A light is gleaming... (repeat)

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***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: Joyful, Joyful...verse 3** 232
 You are giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Source of grace and fount of blessing,
 let your light upon us shine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

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New Business & Other Business
Adjournment

PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

This we pray in the name of Jesus who calls us to let love draw us into the heart of life. To go where that love leads us. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “God of the Bible”** (see insert)

***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 Brian & Marliese Cail and next week will be Pam Poore and Sybil Grant. **Tellers** today are Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan and next week will be the Morrison & Seymour Team. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Krista Doucette and next week will be Lindsey Mackay.

Services & Meetings this week: Feb. 18 - 23, 2019

Monday	9:30	No Shuffleboard
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	Council

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Mar. 5	4:00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Mar. 12	7:00	Worship
Mar. 19	7:00	Council
Mar. 31	11:00	Memorial Candle Lighting Service

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of **Bruce Wishart**, April 21, 1932 - Feb. 19, 2015, by Marilyn Seymour and Family.

Universal Portrait Studios Ltd. will be at Gibson Memorial United Church, March 19 – 22! They will be creating Gibson's 2019 Church Directory. In last Sunday's bulletin there was **appointment bookmarks and if you didn't get a bookmark please pick up one in the Narthex. 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.

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
Feb. 10	91	2,036	- 2,297

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.

Upcoming Community Events:

Feb. 25	Mental Health Awareness, Support and Action Group film on "Compassion In Action", hosted by Nashwaaksis United Church, 7 p.m. Rev. Priscilla Geisterfer will facilitate.
Mar. 7-9	Branch Out Productions presents "Pride & Prejudice" at FHS (Tom Morrison Hall), 7:30p.m. Google "Branch Out Productions" for more info.
Mar. 16	Bridge Luncheon, hosted by the UCW of St. Paul's United Church, 12 noon. Call 459-7116 for info and to register.

Office News:

- The back door of the hall will be locked at 11 a.m. on a Sunday morning. If you arrive after 11 a.m. please use the front door.
- Gibson Memorial United Church is a scent free environment, please refrain from wearing scent products such as perfume & cologne.
- 2018 Annual Reports are available for pick up in the Narthex.

Note of Thanks from Opal Family Services: Opal Family Services would like to express our deepest gratitude to the staff and clergy of Gibson Memorial United Church. Opal is non-profit, charitable organization and we work with children, youth and adults with intellectual or physical disabilities. We facilitate weekly social and recreation groups for adults and youth who have disabilities. We offer a support group for parents and caregivers and we have recently started a group for parents and tots (age 0-5). The generosity of Gibson Memorial United Church with the renting of their space makes providing our weekly groups, meetings, and large events feasible. Our clients, staff, and volunteers experience great joy in your space! Thank you for your kindness and support.

Sincerely, Erica Young,
Executive Director
Opal Family Services
457-9520

God of the Bible

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Chorus: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events:

- Mar. 5** **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
 4 – 6 p.m. \$12/adult & children eat for free!
Menu: Baked Beans, sausages, ham, potato scallop, brown
bread, pancakes and dessert. Tickets will be on sale next
Sunday, Feb. 24th after the service.
- Mar. 26** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Mar. 27 Church Dinner - 4 – 6 p.m.
- Apr. 23** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 24 Catering to Retired Nurses Dinner - 12 noon
- May 21** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
May 22 Chicken Breast Church Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
- May 31** Set up for Yard Sale – 9 a.m. – 7
June 1 Breakfast & Yard Sale – 8 – 12 noon
- June 14** Catering to Wedding - 7 p.m.
- June** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
June Steak/Chicken BBQ – 4 – 6 p.m.

Notes:

- We are gladly accepting your **Yard Sale** donations!
Please call the office and let us know you are coming
and we will store the items in the church basement.
- **Volunteers** are needed for each event. If you haven't
volunteered for an event and would like to, please let me
know and we will welcome you! Otherwise volunteers
will receive an email before each event.
- And each year we ask families of the congregation to
donate **\$20** towards the cost of purchasing supplies!

