

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

February 24, 2019 11:00a.m. Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars.” Og Mandino

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In the dark winter days when we often get discouraged,

All: we turn, O God, to you.

One: In the dark winter days when we often get discouraged,

All: strengthen us with your courage and your joy.

One: In the dark winter days when we often get discouraged,

All: We will reach out to one another, grab a hand and keep on keeping on....Amen.

* HYMN: “Psalm 100...Make a Joyful Noise” 820

PRAYER: Sometimes God, when life is difficult, it feels like you are not listening. And I feel alone with my doubt, confusion and fear. Help me to know that when I feel most alone, that you are still there, that you still care. Thank you for the miracle of the people who emerge from the ripped and worn pattern of my life and help me stitch it back together. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “I’ve got Peace like a River” 577

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

OJIBWAY MEDITATION: Richard Wagamese

All: What is the secret to life?

One: Learning to love it.

All: Even the hard parts? Even the pain?

One: Especially those. When you reach out to the love of living, instead of the fear of dying, you create more life.

All: That sounds like hard work.

One: Choose moments, then—and let the days take care of themselves.

PSALM: Psalm 13

SERMON: “It’s Okay Not to be Okay”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung)

959

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

*THE DOXOLOGY:

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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: Creator God, for the blessings in our lives we give you thanks. Thank you for family and friends who love us, who help us on those dark days when we feel discouraged. Inspire us to use our gifts of money, time and commitment, to bring light to those who are still feeling the darkness of life: illness, poverty, homelessness and loneliness. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "I Have Called You by..." (see page 7)

*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 ADMINISTRATOR MARSHA DALEY
CUSTODIAN BRIAN BUBAR

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.
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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 Pam Poore and Sybil Grant and next week will be Marilyn Seymour and Pam Seymour. Tellers today are the Morrison & Seymour Team and next week will be Robert Grant. Taping the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the Nursery today is Lindsey MacKay and next week will be Ashley Sheppard.

Services & Meetings this week: Feb. 25 – Mar. 2, 2019

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard
Tuesday 1:30 Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Mar. 3 11:00 Guest Minister: Rev. Brian MacDonald
Mar. 5 4:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Mar. 10 11:00 Baptism Sunday
Mar. 12 7:00 Worship
Mar. 19 7:00 Council
Mar. 31 11:00 Memorial Candle Lighting Service

The Ministry and Personnel Committee approved my request for vacation and I will be away from Monday Feb. 25- Monday March 4. I will be back in the office on Tuesday March 5. Reverend Brian MacDonald will be on call for emergency pastoral care. He will also be leading worship on Sunday March 3rd. If you have a pastoral emergency please call the church office. Thanks, Kelly

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.

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 scented products such as perfume & cologne.

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
Feb. 17	85	2,022	- 2,875

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.

Note of Thanks. Stuart Harding would like to thank everyone for making his 90th Birthday party a success!

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.

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 on sale today!!!**

Mar. 26 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 27 Church Dinner - 4 – 6 p.m. (Menu pending)

Apr. 23 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.

Apr. 24 Catering to Retired Nurses Dinner - 12 noon

May 13 Pie Day – 1:30 p.m.

May 14 Catering to Fredericton Quilters – 6 p.m.

May 21 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.

May 22 Church Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m. (Menu pending)

May 31 Set up for Yard Sale – 9 a.m. – 7

June 1 Breakfast & Yard Sale – 8 – 12 noon

June 14 Catering to a Wedding - 7 p.m.

June 18 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.

June 19 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!

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.