

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

March 3, 2019 11:00a.m. Transfiguration Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: When Jesus calls us as his following, believing people to do his work in the world, he does not abandon us to “sink or swim”!

P: **The Holy Spirit, who is God’s active, living presence in our world, takes up permanent residence in our lives when we first believe.**

All: We carry on Christ’s work not by our own power or might, but by that same Holy Spirit. Let us worship God in the Spirit’s power!

* HYMN: “Praise Our Maker” 316

OPENING PRAYER: God, you are light. There is no darkness in you at all. And we are like flowers, even if we have days when we feel like crocuses buried under the snow, just waiting and longing to spring from our bulbs to reach toward the light, the light of your love. Perhaps many of us are here this morning with a heavy load of “snow” weighing us down: our personal burdens and those of our world. May the truth that the risen Jesus is at work in our world encourage us. May the fact that you are love inspire us, and fill us with holy power to persevere through all difficulties to help make your Kingdom a reality. We ask this because of what Jesus has done for us, Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “I Have Called You by Your Name”
Vs. 1 & 3 as the children come forward (See page 7)

CONVERSATION TIME

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “I Have Called You by Your Name”
Vs. 4, as the children are leaving (See page 7)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-9

SERMON: “It’s Love That Transfigures”

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:** We are not under any illusions, O Lord, about the worthiness of our offerings to you. Who among us would ever dare to say that we always do the right thing for the right reasons? As Leonard Cohen sang: “Forget your perfect offering; there is a crack in everything.” But “That’s how the light gets in.” Everything offered to you in the hope that you can use it will be used for the furtherance of your Kingdom. May the light of God’s love shine through and transform us and these gifts, for the mending of the world and your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" 626

*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.

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 Marilyn Seymour and Pam Seymour. **Tellers** today are Robert Grant and next week will be Mike & Gail Oliver. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Ashley Sheppard and next week will be Erin Price.

Services & Meetings this week: Mar. 4 - 9, 2019

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	8:00	Set Up for Shrove Tuesday Supper
	1:30	Women Together
	4:00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
		Tickets will be on sale today, Mar. 3 rd

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Mar. 10	11:00	Baptism Sunday
Mar. 12	7:00	Worship
Mar. 17	12:00	Soup Day hosted by Mission & Outreach
Mar. 19	7:00	Council
Mar. 31	11:00	Memorial Candle Lighting Service

Today we welcome **Rev. Brian MacDonald** as our guest minister. Thanks Rev. Brian for leading us in worship today!

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Alice Sewell & Joel Wallace** on the death of Joel's mother, *Doris Dagmar Wallace*.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Lloyd Marshall* by Glenn & Audrey Kitchen.

Universal Portrait Studios Ltd., will be at Gibson Memorial United Church, March 19 – 22! They will be creating Gibson's 2019 Church Directory. **They will be calling you, starting March 4th** to book your appointment. 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
Feb. 24	98	2,433	- 3,042

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:

- 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. 11 2019 Lent Talks by Bishop Bill Hockin with Rev. Albert Snelgrove hosted at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Monday's Mar, 11, 18 and 25 at 12:15 p.m. All Welcome!
- Mar. 16 Bridge Luncheon, hosted by the UCW of St. Paul's United Church, 12 noon. Call 459-7116 for info and to register.
- Mar. 16 Jiggs Dinner hosted by Nashwaaksis United Church 5:30 p.m. \$14/ticket, please call 457-1338 to reserve your tickets

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 p.m.
- 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.