

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

March 17, 2019 Lent 2 Gratitude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Being ourselves means sometimes having to find the courage to stand alone” Brené Brown

Lighting the CHRIST candle: Jesus Gets Ready: Luke 4:1-13

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Fern Gibbard)

One: We are gathered here on the second Sunday in Lent.

All: It is a season of mystery.

One: It marks the time of Jesus’ journey in the wilderness.

All: Can we go with him on this journey?

One: Yes. Jesus invites us on this journey to discover more about ourselves, to discover more about his way.

Together: Come, let us go with Jesus on this journey.

* HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” 232

PRAYER: Beloved God, help me to use these Lenten days to simplify my schedule by fasting from being involved in too many activities. May I strive in all things to keep life simple. May I go into a quiet place of contemplation where I can be reminded to be prayerful, generous with my gifts to those in need and faithful to my promises during these forty holy days. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Jesus, Friend of ...” 340

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 27 754-755

Valerie Barton

The Story of the Woman Who Touched Jesus: Luke 8: 40-48

SERMON: “On the Edge of the Crowd”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

LENT CHALLENGE 2

RESPONSE: God of the Bible (verse 5 and Chorus)

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER 959

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:** Benevolent God, you are generous beyond understanding. Thank you for the many blessings in our lives: family, friends, food, shelter and loving support. We pray, asking your blessing on all that we give and all that we do. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi, who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “Will Your Anchor Hold” 675**

***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**
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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 **SOUP DAY** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service.

Greeters today are the Mission & Outreach Committee, **SOUP DAY!** **Tellers** today are Dale Horncastle & Wayne Alexander and the next week will be Anne Small and Sherry Thomson. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Heather Randall and next week will be Marchell Coulombe.

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

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

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Mar. 24 11:00 **Lent 3**
Mar. 27 4:00 Turkey Dinner
Mar. 31 11:00 **Lent 4:** Memorial Candle Lighting Service
Apr. 7 11:00 **Lent 5:** Baptism Sunday & Potluck Lunch
Apr. 14 11:00 **Palm Sunday:** Holy Communion
Apr. 18 7:00 **Maundy Thursday** Service
Apr. 21 11:00 **Easter Sunday:** Baptism Sunday

Today’s bulletin has been donated in memory of our dearest wife, mother and Gram who passed away March 16, 2005. **June Thomson** was born June 11, 1933. Forever missed and always in our hearts. George, Jennifer, Sherry and families.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Darren O’Donnell** by Peter & Dorothy Snowball, Lorne & Lanna Henry, Marilyn Seymour & Family and Robert Grant.

Congratulations to Tyler Seymour for receiving a *Promise Bursary* from the Pine Hill Divinity Bursary Committee. Tyler received this award because of the leadership skills he demonstrates within his own community of faith. His award will be publicized on the Atlantic School of Theology’s website and other Social Media platforms. Way to go Tyler!

On Sunday, March 31st the Annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service will be a quiet service giving us time to remember our loved ones who have passed away during the year. The service is an opportunity for you or a member of your family to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved one. Letters will be mailed out to families of our congregation who have lost loved ones but if you do not receive a letter and would like to light a candle, please contact our office at 457-1666 or gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com.

Transfer of Membership and becoming a member at Gibson.

If you would like to transfer or become a member at Gibson or have questions, please contact Rev. Kelly.

Notice from Mission and Outreach Committee: The Gibson food cupboard is in need of bread, eggs, pasta and peanut butter. Thank you for your support of our local projects.

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan.	72	2,178	- 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
Mar. 3	76	2,683	- 2,959
Mar. 10	106	2,084	- 3,475

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 Fund Raising Events:

- Mar. 5** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Profit: \$1,361
- Mar. 26** Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Mar. 27 Turkey Dinner - 4 – 6 p.m. **\$15/adult**
(Tickets will be on sale Mar. 17 & 24)
- 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 28** Catering to Folks on Spokes – 12 noon.
- 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!

LENT CHALLENGE 2

Today is the second Sunday in Lent. Last week, we invited everyone to do a random act of generosity. Would anyone like to tell us what they did for this challenge?

This week, your challenge is to express **GRATITUDE**. We would like you to make a point of saying thanks to someone you don't often thank in your life. It might be a stranger or someone you see regularly. Try to do this once a day. The other part of the challenge is to make a list every day of three things for which you feel grateful. You might list things you see in nature, things that happen throughout your day, or people you encounter. Try to make it different every day, and be more specific than just saying "friends and family."

So, that is your challenge for the coming week. Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing...

