

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

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March 31, 2019 Lent 4 Memorial Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Do not forget the things your eyes have seen, nor let them slip from
your heart all the days of your life.” Deuteronomy 4:9

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: To love and be loved, that’s what life is all about,

All: Lord, my God, when your love spilled over into
creation, you thought of me.

One: To love and be loved, that’s what living is for,

All: I am from love, of love, for love.

Together: We will bring God’s love wherever we go today.

* HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” 409

PRAYER: God who walks with me, who is as close to me as the
out-stretched hand of the person sitting in the pew, you know my
thoughts and feelings as I sit here this morning. There is so much
I need to let go of and much I need to accept. Comfort me when
I am feeling the losses I have felt in my life. Encourage me to
reach out to others when I feel all alone. Remind me of my
treasures: family, friends, and good memories of all that has been
and all that will be. I pray asking to be both a blessing and be
blessed as I live today. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “God Sees the Little Sparrow...”
(see back cover)

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 130 *Mei Huang* p. 852

A GOSPEL STORY: “Jesus Weeps” John 11: 17-34

SERMON: “As Often As You Need...”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

LIGHTING OF OUR CANDLES

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE: God of hope, we thank
you for the blessing of being able to gather together and to
remember all those we have loved and who have loved us in
return. May these memories give us hope, inspiration and
comfort as we embrace Spring and the new life it brings. We
pray asking that you touch us with your love and compassion.
Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LENT CHALLENGE 4

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.

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:** Giving God, may the gifts we bring today, help create a vision of hope that helps those in need to rise above the struggle and pain of their lives. Show us how to be a source of hope for those who are feeling lost and lonely, ill and afraid, hungry and penniless. We pray asking in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" 684**

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 ADMINISTRATOR
 CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS
 HEATHER FYFFE
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 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 Lanna & Lorne Henry and next week will be the Worship Committee with a **Potluck** lunch. **Tellers** today are Gladys Gallant & Phil & Valerie Barton and next week will be the Field Family. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry 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: April 1 - 6, 2019.

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Apr. 7	11:00	Lent 5: Baptism Sunday & Potluck Lunch
Apr. 14	11:00	Palm Sunday: Holy Communion With special music from Collective Theatrics
Apr. 16	6:00	Council
Apr. 18	7:00	Maundy Thursday Service - Rev. Kelly & Council members will be leading this service
Apr. 21	11:00	Easter Sunday: Baptism & Transfer of Membership Service
May 5	11:00	145th Anniversary Service & Potluck The Worship Committee will be leading the service.

Today's bulletin has been donated in memory of our nephew, **John McLean**, who passed away March 5, 2019, by Art & Joan Lamrock.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Darren O'Donnell** by Hallie Cameron.

Transfer of Membership Service will be Easter Sunday, April 21st.

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

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
Mar. 17	90	2,409	- 3,667
Mar. 24	88	2,126	- 4,141

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:

April 5 Chili Take-Out Supper hosted by Nashwaaksis United Church, \$12/person. Please call 450-7151 to reserve your take-out. Pick-up is between 4 -6 p.m.

Universal Portraits Update: They will be in the area for the next two weeks. If you have been away and would like to have your photo taken for the 2019 Photo Directory you may call 1-888-769-7339 to book appointments.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events:

Mar. 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Profit: \$1,361

Mar. 27 Turkey Dinner – Profit: \$1,905

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!

God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

God see the little sparrow fall,
It meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too.

Chorus:

*He loves me too, He loves me too,
I know He loves me too;
Because He loves the little things,
I know He loves me too.*

He paints the lily of the field,
Perfumes each lily bell;
If He so loves the little flowers,
I know He loves me well.

Chorus

God made the little birds and flowers,
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all.

Chorus

Memorial Service – March 31, 2019
A Candle Lighting Service in memory of:

Winston Munn – April 7, 2000
(Vaughan's father)

Leonard Poore & Gladys Poore
December 1, 2008 & November 18, 2012
(Pam's parents)

Leonard James Poore – April 9, 2014
(Pam's brother)

John Wood – July 5, 2016
(Carrie Coy's brother)

Bob Jewett – September 16, 2017
(Judy's husband)

Colleen LeBlanc – November 5, 2016
(Rev. Kelly's friend)

Helen Dorcas – April 16, 2018
(Janet & Ann's mother)

Joseph Fletcher – June 2, 2018
(Penny Fletcher's brother-in-law)

Helen & Boyd MacTavish – June 21 & October 24, 2018
(Parents of Richard, Judy & Nancy)

Marina Scott – June 23, 2018
(Lori Donovan's sister)

Cleveland Jagoe – July 10, 2018
(Dawn Bowie's father)

Lorraine Coffin – July 15, 2018
(Boyd, Morley & Laurie Lee's mother)

Margaret Hawkes – August 2, 2018
(Ruth's mother-in-law and Lynn Banks's grandmother)

Faye Calhoun -August 9, 2018
(Roxanne Stewart's sister-in-law)
Douglas Christen – December 2018
(Roxanne Stewart's brother-in-law)

Helen Milburn – August 12, 2018
(The Milburn Family)

Cst. Robb Costello, Cst. Sara Burns
Bobbie Lee Wright, Donald Robichaud
August 10, 2018

Peter Dewar – August 13, 2018
(Corinne's husband)

Jackie Stewart – August 14, 2018
(The Stewart Family)

Pauline Adams – September 3, 2018
(Muriel Hallett's sister)

John Robison – September 26, 2018
(Brenda's husband)

Marion Skillen – October 2, 2018
(The Skillen Family)

Charlotte Boyd – October 11, 2018
(Lora Dawn, Steven & Jeff's mother)

Darrell Seymour – October 14, 2018
(Marilyn's brother-in-law)

Erice Bawn – October 17, 2018
(Sally Chase's brother)

Lloyd Marshall – October 28, 2018
(Cecile's husband)

Lawrence Durling – November 8, 2018
(Catherine & Emily's father)

***Edith MacDonald – November 20, 2018 &
Albert MacDonald – January 4, 2006***
(Nancy Fraser's parents)

Carol Gibson – November 25, 2018
Danny Long – January 13, 2019
Will Long – February 12, 2019
(Barb Long's sister & cousins)

James "Jim" McCarthy – January 18, 2019
(Nancy's husband)

Boucher Palmer – January 23, 2019
(Marson & Lois Martin's brother-in-law)

Ethiopian Plane Crash – March 10, 2019
(18 Canadians)

Christchurch, New Zealand Mosque Shooting – March 15, 2019



LENT CHALLENGE 4

Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. Last week, we invited everyone to pray for an enemy. I won't ask you which enemy you prayed for, but take a few quiet moments to reflect on how it felt for you to pray for someone with whom you struggle. Does anyone want to share what that practice felt like?

This week, your challenge is to find some way to share your faith with someone else. One way to share your faith would be by inviting someone to come to our church next Sunday or some Sunday in the near future. You might tell them what church you go to, offering them a ride so they can come with you. Another way might be to tell someone that you are praying for them or ask them if it is okay if you pray for them. You could also bring them a prayer shawl from our church if they are struggling and tell them that it is to remind them of God's presence. These are just a few ways we can share our faith with others. Don't be limited to sharing your faith with just friends and family; try to share your faith with a stranger. You may be surprised by how much they appreciate knowing that you are someone who believes that faith in God can make a difference in our lives. So, that is your challenge for the coming week. Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing...

