

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

April 7, 2019 Lent 5 Baptism Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for.” Tom Bodett

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: People of God, look around this congregation and see the faces of those we know and love—neighbors and friends, brothers and sisters—a communion of kindred hearts.

All: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

One: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here today. In me, in you, in each of us everywhere, God’s Spirit shines for all to see.

All: Let us then worship with great joy and celebrate the new life among us. Amen.

*** HYMN: “Make a Joyful Noise” 820**

PRAYER: Gracious God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here with us today, for we come, asking for support in all that we do. We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. Be with us, we pray. Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN: “Child of Blessing...” vs. 1&2 444

GOSPEL STORY: “When Jesus was a Child” Family Story Bible

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Clara Isabella Daley, daughter of Victoria Daley and Ryan Squires. Freya Piper Elvin, daughter of Catherine and Scott Elvin.

***CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE: As a community of faith, we give you our blessing and promise to uphold and care for you and your family. We especially promise to support and honour you as parents of these beautiful little girls. And we are also committed to being a place of safety, nurture and love for your little girls as they take their place within the Gibson family. We welcome their laughter and their questions as they seek to understand who they are and what they believe. We will watch with excitement as they grow in wisdom and discover what they will do to make God’s world more beautiful. So our promise to them begins with a resounding YES, we are glad you are here. Amen.**

BAPTISM HYMN: “Child of Blessing...” vs.3&4 444

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

A GOSPEL STORY: “Jesus and the Children” Family Story Bible

SERMON: “Let’s Go Fly a Kite”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) 959**

**LENT CHALLENGE 5
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.
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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:** Giving God, we thank you for the
blessings in our lives. May our gifts of time, talent and
money be used for doing justice and loving kindness each
and every day. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine"** 585

***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
MARSHA DALEY
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. A special welcome to the families and friends of Clara Daley and Freya Elvin. May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to share in a **Potluck Lunch** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are the Worship Committee and next week will be Edward & Gladys Gallant. **Tellers** today are the Field Family and next week will be Brian & Joy Veno. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Lindsey MacKay and next week will be Ashley Sheppard.

Services & Meetings this week: April 8 – 13, 2019.

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard
Tuesday 1:30 Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

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.

The Worship Committee would like to thank the *Main Street Floral Gallery* for generously donating the carnations that are presented to the families whose babies we are baptizing.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Lorraine Coffin* by the Coffin Family.

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
Mar. 31	112	4,022	- 2,719

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.

Youth Forum & Intermediates @ Conference, May 23 – 26th.

The **Youth Forum** is for youth, grade 10 to age 19 and the **Intermediates** are for youth, grades 7 – 9. This conference is held in Sackville, NB. Each group creates an inclusive, diverse and safe community of over a hundred youth in the name of Christ. Each provides a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church while sharing in music, worship and fun in a spirit-filled community. (Bursaries are available) For more information please contact Rev. Kelly. Rev. Kelly and Roxanne Stewart will also be attending this Conference. At this conference, the Annual Meeting of Regions 14 & 15 will be held, which is a gathering of representatives who make decisions and set policies for the United Church of Canada.

Congregational Easter Letters are available in the Narthex for pickup. Please pick up letters for families and friends, as we will be mailing the letters that are not picked up on Monday.

Upcoming Community Events: (see bulletin board for more info)

- April 7 The Fredericton Concert and Marching Band presents a Spring Concert at the Kinsella Auditorium (STU). Directed by Heather Fyffe, Admission by donation.
- April 16 DEATH EXPO 2019, 2 – 7 p.m. at the STU Conference Centre. A first-of-its kind event to share information & resources about end of life care

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!

LENT CHALLENGE 5

Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent. Last week, we invited everyone to share their faith with someone. Does anyone want to tell us how they shared their faith with another person?

This week, your challenge is to reach out to someone who is lonely. We would like you to make a point of either visiting, calling, or writing a letter to someone who you know is feeling lonely or alone. Try to reach out to someone you aren't usually in the habit of reaching out to. It can be someone you know from the community or a stranger. For instance, you could go to a nursing home and offer to spend time with someone who needs a visit or drop off some encouraging notes for the residents there. So, this is your challenge for the coming week. Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing...



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