

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 1, 2019 11:00 a.m. Twelfth after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Each contact with another human being is so rare, so precious,
one should preserve it.” Anais Nin

Lighting the CHRIST candle

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Richard Wagamese

One: What do I need to live at my best?

All: Truth and courage.

One: Not purpose and strength?

All: Truth and courage ARE purpose and strength. They
are the roots of everything powerful. Everything
spiritual. When you keep your truth in front of you and
have the courage to keep moving toward it, through
anything that arises, you live at your best.

One: Even if I stumble?

All: Especially then....Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Let All Things Now Living” 242

OPENING PRAYER: God of ‘sun’ and ‘shade’ open us to your
gracious touch. We come to you with all the marks and scars of
our living. Inspire us to be accepting of ourselves that we might
be more accepting of others. Deepen our empathy for the
stranger and root our lives in your grace. Walk with us this day,
we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Like A Rock” 3x
Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

A Modern Translation of the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jesus Heals A Crippled Woman: Luke 13:10-17

SERMON: “Love NOT Wasted”

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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF 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: Giving God, thank you for all we
have been given: family and friends who love us, food to eat and
a roof over our heads and so much more. Receive these gifts from
our hands and hearts, so that the world may be changed through
them. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “Spirit, Open My Heart” (see insert)**

***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: 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.

**Rev. Kelly’s in-office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings,
9 – 12 noon. 183 Gibson St., Fredericton, N.B. E3A 4E4; Tel: 457-1951.**

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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 **juice/cookies and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. In the **Nursery** today is Trianda Fox and next week will be Heather Randall.

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Sept.4	8:30	Visioning Committee with Coffee (1hour)
Sept. 8	11:00	Sunday School/Welcome Back Potluck
	12:30	Council Meeting
Sept. 9	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Sept. 10	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	Worship Committee

Today’s bulletin has been donated in loving memory of **Phil Barton**, September 1, 1964 – August 24, 2019, by the Stairs Family.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Valerie Barton & Family** on the death of Valerie’s husband, **Phil Barton**.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Phil Barton** by David & Barbara Morrison, Lyman & Carrie Coy, Perry & Alexina Stewart, Brian & Marliese Cail, Gloria & David Higgins, Irvine & Judy Banks, Wayne Alexander, Jo Ellen & Roland Sanford, Doug & Marsha Daley, Cecile Marshall, Jean Henry, Gertrude Henry, Lorne & Lanna Henry and Wood Motors.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Kelvin Wood** by Lorne & Lanna Henry and Gertrude Henry.

Office News: September is fast approaching and I will be working on the schedules for **greeters, tellers, tapers** (sound & taping the service) **and scripture readers**. If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles or if you would like to step down from any of these roles please contact the office.

Sunday School News: Regular classes will start Sept. 8th!

- Nursery for children 0 – 3 years;
- Younger kids for ages 3- 6 (Grade 1);
- Older kids will be ages 7 (Grade 2) and up.
- **Older youth class, 13 years old and up! Is there an interest? Please contact the Sunday School committee or the office with your children’s names and their availability for each Sunday. (We would like to know if there is an interest before plans are made. Thanks!)**

If you would like to volunteer to provide snacks (a sign up sheet will be on the hall bulletin board) or help with anything else, please contact Jessica or Ashley at GibsonSundaySchool@Outlook.com.

Shuffleboard will start up again on **Monday, Sept. 9th** and new members are welcome. They gather at 9:30 a.m., shuffle a bit, stop for tea & cookies & social time and shuffle again until 11:45. All are welcome to attend.

Women Together will start up on **Tuesday, Sept. 10th** in the parlour at 1:30 p.m. All women are invited, we gather to knit, crochet and have conversation time. No experience needed, it's a fun afternoon to visit with each other!

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan.	72	2,178	- 1,685
Feb.	93	2,354	- 3,042
Mar.	94	2,665	- 2,719
Apr.	118	3,412	+ 527
May	94	2,654	+ 741
June	85	2,537	+ 2
July	60	1,961	- 2,556
Aug. 4	44	2,646	- 2,510
Aug. 11	104	2,281	- 2,829
Aug. 18	55	3,051	- 2,378
Aug. 25	56	1,795	- 3,183

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,600* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$861 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:

Sept. 7 Annual Yard Sale at Marysville United Church, 8 – 12 noon. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Sept. 19 – 21 Branch Out Productions present: **Nice Work If You Can Get It** at the Tom Morrison Theatre. Tickets, \$25, are available on line or at Westminster Book Store. (Tom O'Connell is a cast member)

Sept. 28 Salad Plate Take Out, hosted by the Marysville United Church Women, Cost \$10. Pick up 1 p.m.

Oct. 3 – 5 Collective Theatrics present: **The Full Monty** at the Tom Morrison Theatre. Tickets are available at Joy of Framing or by contacting cast members. Tickets are \$20 until the end of August and \$25 from September until the production.

Oct. 18-20 **Disney's Frozen** production by The Chameleon Jo Productions Young Company and Musical Adventure Club. Please see poster for more details. (Caileigh Sullivan is in this show!)

DivorceCare support group will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 for 13 weeks beginning September 10. For more information or to register, contact the church office at 458-8527 or gracem@nb.aibn.com.

GriefShare support group will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 for 13 weeks beginning September 19. For more information or to register, contact the church office at 458-8527 or gracem@nb.aibn.com.

Psalm 23 Comfort

I am a child of God

I have everything I need.

This beautiful earth feeds my body.

You feed my soul.

You guide me in the ways of Life,

for You are Life.

And though I will walk through dark places, and eventually to death,

I need never be afraid.

For You are with me always,

In You I can find comfort.

With Your help, I can face whatever comes.

My joy overflows.

Your goodness and blessing will be with me

Every day of my life -- and forever.

Spirit Open My Heart

**Spirit open my heart,
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love;
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.**

God replace my stony heart,
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace, I now surrender.

(Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart,
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

(Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

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