

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 29, 2019 11:00 a.m. Sixteenth after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord, for we are God's people, the flock that he shepherds.

People: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let's come before him with thanksgiving and praise him with music and song.

All: For the Lord is good, God's mercy is everlasting, and God's truth endures for ever. (*Psalms 95 & 100*)

***OPENING HYMN: VU 235 O Worship the King**

OPENING PRAYER: Gracious and loving God, where can we go but to you when we need to pour out our concerns? Who but you can listen to everything we have to say, "the wheat and the chaff together, gather up what is good and with a breath kindness, blow the rest away"? Only you. So we come, confident that you listen. Help us to not be passive observers. Instead, help us to enter wholeheartedly into the experience of worshipping you, knowing, as the Psalmist says, that you are enthroned on the praises of your people: praising you enables us to feel that you are even closer to us than we thought. In Jesus' name, Amen

CHILDREN'S HYMN: Draw the Circle Wide (see back cover)

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

With Jill Campbell

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

SERMON: Let Us Be Strong In the Grace of God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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:** (in unison)

O Lord, all our offerings pale in comparison to the offering Jesus made of himself. Yet when we have faith in Christ "crucified and risen again" you can use us and our offerings to help build the kingdom of God he set in motion. May it be so. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: VU675 Will Your Anchor Hold?**

***COMMISSIONING and BLESSING**

***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 & Sunday School: 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 the **coffee/tea/juice/cookies and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan and next week will be Barbara Roberts & Robin Hopper. **Tellers** today are Brian & Marliese Cail and next week will be the Small & Thomson Team. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Krista Doucette and next week will be Marchell Coulombe.

Services & Meetings this week: Sept. 30 – Oct. 5, 2019:

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Oct. 6	11:00	World Wide Communion Sunday
	12:15	Council
Oct. 10	6:30	Decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving
Oct. 13	11:00	Thanksgiving Service
Oct. 20	11:00	The Visioning Committee will be leading the Worship Service
	12:15	Pastoral Care Meeting

Oct. 27	11:00	Peace Sunday with the Sunday School Children singing
Nov. 3	11:00	Collective Theatrics & Potluck Lunch
Nov. 10	11:00	Remembrance Day Service
Nov. 17	11:00	Guest flutist – Genevieve MacRae

A warm welcome is extended to **Rev. Brian MacDonald**. Brian, thanks for leading Gibson in worship today and for sharing your message with us!

Rev. Kelly is away on vacation from Tuesday September 17th - Monday September 30th. Rev. Brian MacDonald will be in the pulpit on both Sunday September 22 and 29th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care please call the church office. Thank you.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Barbara & David Morrison** on the death of David's sister, **Barbara Morrison**.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Barbara Morrison** by Richard & Margaret Allen.

Advent Bible Study: Rev. Kelly will be offering an Advent Bible Study on Tuesdays, starting Nov. 26th through to Dec. 17th. Please contact Rev. Kelly at revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com, 457-1735, FB or talk with her after church, during conversation time.

Covenanting Service for **Rev. Nathan Wright**, minister at Nashwaaksis United Church, on Oct. 6th at 3 p.m. This service will be at Nashwaaksis United Church with Rev. Kelly Higgins giving the message. All are welcome!

Election Prayer Service – Praying for Canada's next Federal Leaders. Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Fredericton Christian Academy gym. (778 MacLaren Ave.) This is an Inter-denominational and non-partisan service and several clergy will participate. Rev. Brian MacDonald will be one of the prayer leaders.

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. – Mar.	86	2,399	- 2,719
Apr. - June	99	2,867	+ 527
July – Aug.	62	2,202	- 3,183
Sept. 1	58	2,291	- 3,492
Sept. 8	110	2,801	- 3,291
Sept. 15	84	2,240	- 3,651
Sept. 22	82	1,885	- 4,366

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: (see bulletin board for more info.)

- Oct. 3 – 5 Collective Theatrics present: **The Full Monty** at the Tom Morrison Theatre. Tickets, \$25, are available at Joy of Framing or by contacting cast members.
- Oct. 5 Roast Pork Dinner hosted by Nashwaaksis United Church, 5:30 p.m. Call Rindy or Tom, 450-7151 for reservations. \$14/ person. Take-outs available.
- 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!)

Upcoming Fundraising Events

- Oct. 15 Folks on Spokes Dinner – 12 noon
- Oct. 22 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 23 Church Dinner – 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 13 Mission Thrift Store Dinner – 6 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 20 Journey Wesleyan Dinner - 6 p.m.
- Nov. 26 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 27 Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
- Nov. 30 Market & Breakfast – 8 – 11 a.m.
- Dec. 3 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 4 Elm City Quilters Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Pie Day – 9:30
- Dec. 10 Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Pie Day – 9:30
- Dec. 12 Dolphin Swim Club Dinner – 12 noon
- Dec. 13 Pie Day – 9:30
- Dec. 13 Collective Theatrics Show & Dinner – 7 p.m.

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.**

The Mission & Outreach Food Cupboard is in need of **soup, cereal, children's snacks** (Jello, apple sauce, pudding, granola bars), **instant coffee, laundry soap, toilet paper, diapers and peanut butter.** In today's bulletin there is a Benevolent Fund Envelope, which is used for vouchers. Thanks for supporting the Food Cupboard.

Draw the Circle Wide

Chorus:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

**God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever in God's gracious arms.**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.**