

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

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**October 6, 2019 11:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday**

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

**PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**“Aim for the sky, but move slowly, enjoying every step along the way. It is all those little steps that make the journey complete.” Chandra Kochhar**

**Lighting the CHRIST candle**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**One: We come from many places: many homes, many cultures, that we might be one community in Christ.**

**All: May our time together bring us closer to the heart of God and closer to one another. Amen.**

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

**OPENING PRAYER: Gracious God, we gather this morning to stop, to rest, to turn our attention to all that is sacred. We are ordinary people who have gathered in community to break bread together. Inspire our hearts to be open and receptive to your message. Loving God, it is good to be here with you and with one another. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Make a Joyful Noise” 820**

**CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 37:23-24**

**MEDITATION: “Life is like...”**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Yesterday” by the Beatles**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**COMMUNION HYMN: “God of the Bible” (see insert)**

**SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE**

**COMMUNION PRAYER: God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for our lives, our families and our friends. Inspire your church throughout the world to continue Jesus’ ministry of love and servanthood. May we always be mindful of doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with you and one another. Amen.**

**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:**

**Abundant God, today we join hands with others all around the world as we celebrate Communion Sunday. Inspire us today and always to share our offerings, knowing that they, like the loaf and cup, will help bring new life to this congregation and to the world that you so love. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” 481**

**\*COMMISSIONING and BENECTION**

**\*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**

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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 Barbara Roberts & Robin Hopper and next week will be Edward & Gladys Gallant. **Tellers** today are Anne Small and Carter Small and next week will be Brian & Joy Veno. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Marchell Coulombe and next week will be Melissa Banks.

**Services & Meetings this week: Oct. 7 - 12, 2019:**

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
Thursday	6:30	Decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Oct. 20	11:00	“I Have A Dream”: Visioning Committee
	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

**Today's bulletin** has been donated in loving memory of *Charlotte & Lloyd Boyd* by Margaret & Richard Allen.

**The Thomson Family** would like to extend an invitation to celebrate *George's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday* with them next Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, after the service until 2:30 p.m. We will be sharing in a light lunch and cake! Best wishes only and all are welcome!

Donations has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Barbara Morrison* by Perry & Alexina Stewart, Stuart Henderson, Marilyn Seymour, Glenn & Audrey Kitchen, Robert Grant and Richard & Margaret Allen. A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Fund** is in memory of *Wilma Scott* by David & Barbara Morrison.

**Advent Bible Study:** Rev. Kelly will be offering an Advent Bible Study on Tuesdays, starting Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> through to Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rev. Kelly at [revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com](mailto: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, will be today at 3 p.m. This service will be at Nashwaaksis United Church with Rev. Kelly Higgins giving the message. All are welcome!

**The Mission & Outreach** Food Cupboard is in need of **food items as well as winter clothing, mitts, hats, boots and coats for adults and children.** Thanks for supporting the Food Cupboard.

**Name Tags:** The Worship Committee is looking for someone to make cork bulletin boards to attach Name Tags to for each Sunday. If you could make cork boards please contact Rev. Kelly, thanks!

**The Worship Committee** will be decorating the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving on Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m. and are asking for donations of pumpkins, fruit, vegetables, pickles, etc. and fall mums. (All food items will be used in the food cupboard) These can be dropped off to the church on or before Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**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
Sept. 29	80	2,670	- 4,296

**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. 18-20 **Disney's Frozen** production by The Chameleon Jo Productions Young Company and Musical Adventure Club. Please see poster for more details. (Caleigh 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.**



“Cherish your yesterdays,  
Dream your tomorrows  
and live your todays.” Anonymous

## 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.

**(Refrain)**

## God of the Bible

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or  
prison, you are our home.**

***CHORUS:***

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always  
faithful, you do not change.**

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God always faithful, you do not change.**

**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.**

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