

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

October 13, 2019 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

“If the only prayer you said was **thank you**, that would be enough”
...Meister Eckhart

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Our lives are a blessing

All: **and so we give thanks**

One: Our loved ones are a blessing

All: **and so we give thanks**

One: This earth is a blessing

All: **and so we give thanks**

One: Each meal we enjoy, every time we share,
is a blessing.

All: **and so we give thanks.**

One: In thanksgiving, let us worship God.

All: **Amen**

***OPENING HYMN and PRAYER: “Now Thank We...” 236**

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN: “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” 703

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

BOOK OF PSALMS: PSALM 100 (Heidi O’Connell) 824

An Ojibway Reflection: Living in Gratitude

SERMON: “Can you Think of a Better way?”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “I Danced in the Morning” by Sydney Carter

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: (written by Glad Klassen) God of life and all living things, we try to grasp the depth of your love...and we fail every time. Yet, gratitude bursts from our hearts and voices! Help us to love as you love. Help us to see beyond every label we attach so easily to others, to those we often call “them” when we are really all “us.” Your love knows no lines, no boxes, no labels. Give us the heart and mind to love as you love, loving all regardless of the labels society gives. May these offerings know no bounds, as we seek to be your church. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 288**

***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 & 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,
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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 Ashley Sheppard and Katie Sharpe and next week will be Tom & Heidi O'Connell. **Tellers** today are Brian & Joy Venno and next week will be Lyman Coy and Margaret Allen. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Melissa Banks and next week will be Trianda Fox.

Services & Meetings this week: Oct. 15 - 19, 2019:

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	12:00	Catering to Folks on Spokes (FOS)
	1:30	Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Oct. 20	11:00	"I Have A Dream": Visioning Committee
	12:15	Pastoral Care Meeting
Oct. 23	4:00	Turkey Dinner: \$15/adult Tickets on sale today after the service.
Oct. 27	11:00	Peace Sunday with the Sunday School Children singing
Oct. 29	7:00	Finance Meeting
Nov. 3	11:00	Collective Theatrics & Potluck Lunch
Nov. 10	11:00	Remembrance Day Service with special music from Tyler Seymour
Nov. 17	11:00	Guest flutist – Genevieve MacRae

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of *Gerald & Mary Munn*, Vaughan's grandparents.

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

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Barbara Morrison* by Edna Wishart.

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.

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

Oct. 16	Christian Forum with Dr. Lois Mitchell 12:10 – 12:50 p.m. – Dialogue & Division in an Age of Political Correctness 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Christian Response to Climate Change – a Mixed Bag
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!)
Oct. 20	Salmon Supper, hosted by New Maryland United Church at the New Maryland Rec. Centre. Sittings, 4 p.m and 5:30 p.m. Take-outs available and tickets, \$18, can be reserved by calling 459-3313 or 455-1948
Nov. 2	Coffee Party/Fashion Show at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey, 10 a.m.

The Mission & Outreach Food Cupboard is in need of **all food items as well as laundry soap, toilet paper, winter clothing, mitts, hats, belts, 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!

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
Oct. 6	83	2,631	- 4,265

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.

The Topolski Memorial Scholarship 2019 is awarded to one recipient per year. The recipient will receive one thousand dollars for their post-secondary education expenses. Please see the bulletin board for more information and how to apply.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Oct. 15	Folks on Spokes Dinner – 12 noon
Oct. 22	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 23	Turkey Dinner – 4 – 5:30 p.m. (Tickets will be sale Oct.13 & 20 after the service)
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.**



*May God Hold You Close
No Matter Where You Are
and What You're Going Through
This Thanksgiving and Always!*