

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

October 27, 2019 11:00 a.m. Peace Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” Mother Teresa

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Help us to notice...

All: Help us to act...

One: Help us to heal...

Together: With our words and with our actions, let us be your
LOVE in this world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

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

TRADITIONAL CELTIC PRAYER: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” 509

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Sunday School Children

“If You’re Happy and You Know It”

“Oh, You Can’t Get to Heaven”

“Song of the Wind” Alyssa Clement

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

A GOSPEL PARABLE: Luke 18:9-14

SERMON: “It is Time”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S DREAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Spirit, Open My Heart” (see insert)

All: Generous God, you call us to make the world a better place.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. Amen.

One: Let us now receive our offering...

***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: God, you call us to make the world a better place. In the welcome of Christ, may we help one another.**

***CLOSING HYMN: “To Show by Touch and Word” 427**

***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.
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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 Ruth Goodine & Murray McFarlane and next week will be Sybil Grant and Enid Beckwith. **Tellers** today are Gladys Gallant and Valerie Barton and next week will be the Morrison & Seymour team. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will be Heather Randall.

Services & Meetings this week: Oct. 28 – Nov. 2, 2019:

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	Finance Meeting

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

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 with special music from Tyler Seymour
Nov. 17	11:00	Guest flutist – Genevieve MacRae

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of all the men & women of Gibson who worked so hard in the past to help us to be where we are today, donated by Edna Wishart.

A donation has been made to Gibson Memorial United Church in memory of **Dad, Boyd MacTavish** (May 22, 1930 – October 24, 2018), by Nancy & Ron and the MacTavish and Worthen Families.

Donations have been made to **The Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Phil Barton** by Sherry Thomson & Marc Chenard, Jim Clark, Penny Fletcher, Wayne & Margaret Gunter, Basil Hurley, Sheridan Mawhinney, Mark McKinney, Lisa Michaud, Michael & Susan Watson, Esther Wood, Chris & Lynn Banks, Diann Etter, and Sandra & Mel Pond. Also a donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Kelvin Wood** by Wayne & Margaret Gunter.

Congratulations to Max Grant who just made TEAM CANADA BASEBALL for 2020. Max is the son of Kelly and Brent Grant, grandson of Edward and Gladys Gallant and Robert and the late Bonnie Grant. We wish him the very best!

VISIONING COMMITTEE: Last week you were given a DREAM CARD after we shared our hopes and dreams for Gibson. We hoped you filled it out and have brought it to church this Sunday. There are pink boxes at the front door and on the table in the hall in which to place your DREAM cards. We need your DREAMS to inspire us to take those STEPS, to make our DREAMS for GIBSON and the DEVON community a REALITY. In the words of Robin Hopper, “since the 20/20 Vision recommendations in 2016, some of our recommendations (DREAMS) have been completed and others are underway.” Still, we need your input to keep us moving forward. If you were not here last Sunday to receive your “I have a dream card” they will be available after the service. Please fill out your card and bring it with you next Sunday. Or simply email us at gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com. Thanks.

Advent Bible Study: Rev. Kelly will be offering an Advent Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings** at 7 p.m. starting Nov. 26th through to Dec. 17th. And **Thursday mornings** at 10:30, starting Nov. 28th through to Dec. 19th. Sign-up sheets are on a table in the church hall today.

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.	83	2,377	- 4,296
Oct. 6	83	2,631	- 4,265
Oct. 13	104	2,580	- 4,285
Oct. 20	104	2,810	- 4,075

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.

Salvation Army Kettle: If you have some time and would like to volunteer, could you please contact Major Renee Dearing at 455-3243

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

Nov. 2	Dying To Know: The Law & The Practice event presented by Jodi-Lee White, Lawyer of Wills and Dr. Jennifer Digby, at Maritime Forestry Complex.
Nov. 2	Coffee Party/Fashion Show at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey, 10 a.m. Admission by donation.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

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.**





GIBSON goes **Green Energy...**
Work has started on implementing energy efficiency and other improvements to the church building to upgrade it and make the church building more energy efficient. Funding has been obtained for majority of this work though there is a shortfall. Therefore, the Finance Committee is launching a campaign of a one-time special request to raise \$18,000 to cover the cost of 2 new boilers and 3 circulating pumps. We welcome your tax-deductible financial donation and all donations are greatly appreciated. An envelope was included in your bulletin last week and there are extra envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Thanks for supporting our **“Keep the HEAT ON”** campaign.

To date we have raised \$1,015

(The detailed report on Building Improvement Initiatives is available in the Narthex.)

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

God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us,
taking our part, still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Those without status, those who are nothing, you have
made royal, gifted with rights, chosen as partners,
midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new
lights.

Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order
change in a day, but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

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.

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)