

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

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February 2, 2020 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\*denotes standing for those who are able

*“People gain so much hope when they know they are not  
experiencing something alone.” Joyce Rupp*

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: In this new year I pray:

**All: to live deeply, with purpose,**

One: to live wisely, with humility,

**All: to live justly, with compassion.**

Together: Compassionate God, thank you for the opportunity to walk into another year of life. Help me to live gratefully, with a willingness to help those who will need my care. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken 409**

**OPENING PRAYER:** In the dark winter days when we often get discouraged, we turn, O God, to you. As branches attached to the vine of your love, may love and goodness grow within us. We thank you that you accept us as we are, and that you show us what we can be. Help us to believe that we can be loving just like you; through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Love Over Hate” (see insert)**

**CONVERSATION TIME**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**RESPONSIVE READING:**

**Aaron Price**

One: In love, we are born.

**All: In love, we live.**

One: In love, we receive.

**All: In love, we give.**

One: In love, we love, we serve, we kneel.

**All: In love, we grieve, we hurt, we heal.**

One: In love, we are held.

**All: To love, we belong.**

Together: All of our living, tuned to Love’s song. (Karen MacNeill)

**GOSPEL STORY: Standing Alone with Jesus (John 8:1-11)**

**SERMON: “What to Do?!”**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

**Heather Fyffe**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE**

**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.

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (all) Giving God, we are living in challenging times. We come with open hands and hearts to share with others so that they know they are not alone in their hunger or coldness, homelessness or friendlessness. May we offer love with the gifts we bring. 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**

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MINISTER	REV. KELLY HIGGINS
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR	HEATHR FYFFE
OFFICE ADMINISTARTOR	MARSHA DALEY
CUSTODIAN	BRIAN BUBAR

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Rev. Kelly's office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 – 12 noon.

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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 coffee/tea/juice and cookies **and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Valerie & Minard Jewett and next week will be Marliese & Brian Cail. **Tellers** today are Robert Grant & Bill Field. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will be Heather Randall.

**Services & Meetings this week: February 3 – 7, 2020.**

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

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Feb. 9	12:15	Visioning Committee
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>“Some Enchanted Evening”</b> <b>Collective Theatrics Concert &amp; Dinner</b> <b>Please contact Marsha to reserve tickets,</b> <b>\$25 person.</b>
Feb. 18	7:00	Council
Feb. 23	11:00	Annual Meeting
Feb. 25	4:00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner <b>\$12/adult &amp; children eat for free! Menu:</b> Baked Beans, sausages, ham, potato scallop, brown bread, pancakes and dessert. Tickets will be on sale starting Feb. 9.

**Today's bulletin** has been donated in loving memory of *Wilhelm Wagner* (Jan. 26, 1925 – July 2, 2015), Marliese's father by Brian & Marliese Cail.

A donation has been made to **Gibson Memorial United Church** in loving memory of *Eva Bartlett* by Robert Bartlett and Vivian Coughlan and families.

**Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Minard Jewett!** Minard is celebrating his birthday today and everyone is invited to share cake!

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Fund** in memory of *Clarie MacEwen* by Ruth Hawkes.

**Announcements:**

- It is another new year at Gibson Church and we are looking ahead to **Confirmation classes** with any of you who would like to join the church, transfer your membership or be baptized. Please let Kelly know if you are interested in learning more about the United Church and your faith journey. All are welcome!
- If you are interested or know of someone who would like to have **“Communion at home”** please contact Kelly.
- Our **bible study group** is taking a break in January-February but we will be gathering again. Please watch for a sign-up during coffee time soon. Thanks.

**The Mission & Outreach Food Cupboard** is in need of bread, eggs, canned milk, spaghetti noodles, peanut butter, instant coffee, regular size shampoo, and laundry detergent. Also, we are in need of a man's winter coat, size M. Thanks for supporting our outreach programs.

**Happy New Year from the Gibson Staff.** We would like to say thank you for the many ways you have shown appreciation to us over the past year and especially at Christmas. Kelly, Marsha, Brian and Heather.

**Offerings & Attendance Update: 2020**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. 5	55	1,366	- 1,297
Jan. 12	Snow Storm	860	- 3,100
Jan. 19	Snow Storm	1,365	- 4,398
Jan. 26	Snow Storm	1,282	- 5,779

**Finance Notes:**

-We need approx. \$2,663\* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$860 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.

-\$2,663 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Special Offerings

- To date we have raised **\$8,917** for the **“Keep the Heat On”** Fund.

**Community Events:**

Feb. 3 **World Day of Prayer Bible Study**, hosted by Christ Church Parish Church, at 10 a.m. Also, if there is anyone from the Gibson congregation who would be interested in participating in the World Day of Prayer Service held in March, on behalf of Gibson, please contact the office.

Feb. 16 **“Hymn Sing” at Nashwaaksis United Church**, at 2:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected to assist with the work of the church.

**Upcoming Fundraising Events**

Feb. 13	Dessert Day – 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 14	“Some Enchanted Evening” Collective Theatrics Musical & Stuffed Pork Dinner. 7 p.m. \$25/ticket
Feb. 25	Shrove Tuesday Supper – 4 – 6 p.m. \$12/adult and children eat for free
Mar. 17	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Mar. 18	Ham & Potato Scallop Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
Apr. 21	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 22	Progressive Credit Union Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 28	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 29	Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
May 12	Pie Day – 9:30
May 13	Chicken Breast Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
May 19	Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
May 29	Set up for Yard Sale & Breakfast
May 30	Yard Sale & Breakfast – 8 – 11:30 a.m.
June 8	Wilmot United Church Women Dinner – 6 p.m.
June 16	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
June 17	Steak & Chicken BBQ – 4 – 6 p.m.
June 23	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
June 24	Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon

## Proposed Mission/Vision Statement

The following is the Proposed Mission/Vision Statement for Gibson Memorial United Church. This statement, which is being presented by the Visioning Committee, was endorsed by Council in December. It will be brought forward for a motion and vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting on February 23, 2020. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact one of the following Visioning Committee members: Sherry Thomson, Valerie Barton, Kelly Higgins, Robin Hopper, Vaughan Munn, Terry Brewer or Tyler Seymour.

### **Vision Statement:**

Whoever you are

Wherever you've been

We're glad you're here.

Gibson is a relevant spiritual home committed to:

**Hospitality** - welcoming all people into our worship and community life

**Openness** - living God's unconditional love in all that we do

**Ministry** – embracing social justice, loving kindness and respect for each other as we serve God's changing world.  
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**Everyone** - embracing the uniqueness of all individuals

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**The Nominations Committee** is looking for the following spots to be filled for 2020:     Finance Committee - Co-Chair Finance  
                                  Mission & Outreach - 1 Committee member  
                                  Nomination – 1 Committee member

Please speak to the Nominations Committee - Jean Henry and Jessica Clement or current Committee Chair if you have questions on the various volunteer spots. Also, the responsibilities of each Committee are outlined in the Gibson Handbook as posted on the bulletin.

**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)**

**LOVE OVER HATE**

(words and music by John Oldham & Pat Mayberry  
Arrangement by David Kai, 2019)

**Love over hate, our sacred song.  
Sing in our hearts, our voices strong.  
All of the earth, each race, faith,  
each one belongs.**

*Chorus: You of my heart,  
You of my soul,  
You are the Love that makes us whole.  
You of my heart,  
You of my soul,  
You are the Love that makes us whole.*

**Love over fear, our common dream.  
Justice that flows, a mighty stream.  
Kindness and mercy calling,  
for one and for all.**

*Chorus*

**Love over lies, our promise true.  
Healing and hope held high anew.  
Strengthen our lives with courage to journey---through.**

*Chorus*

**Love over hate, our sacred song.  
Sing in our hearts, our voices strong.  
All of the earth, each race, faith,  
each one belongs.**

*Chorus*