

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

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January 5, 2020 11:00 a.m. Epiphany Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

“Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it’s Christmas.” Dale Evans

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: From many different roads and circumstances we come to this place to be together.

All: May we set aside our cares and worries for at least a little while.

One: The word spoken at the beginning of time has been born once again and is here in our midst.

All: May we open our hearts to this presence.

One: The Holy One who overcomes all difficulties and heals all separation calls us to be joined in unity.

All: May we recognize the Christ in each of us and open our arms to one another. We were scattered; now we are brought together again. Let us raise our voices in praise!

(adapted from “Seasons of the Spirit”)

*OPENING HYMN: *“A Light is Gleaming”* VU #82

OPENING PRAYER:

God of each new year, new day, new life:
how glad are our hearts that we should gather at this new beginning!

As ancient Wise Ones chose to heed the light set before them,
So, too, we heed the light that has come into our world.

As their faithfulness hampered the violence of Herod,
So, too, let our response set the world further on the path of peace. Receive this gift of worship we offer.
And let it fill us with courage and hope for the year ahead.
Amen.

(text on church bulletin by Michael Wilson)

CHILDREN’S HYMN: *“Jesus Bids Us Shine”* VU #585
(Children come to front)

CONVERSATION TIME:

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

SCRIPTURE READING:

First Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 72 Pg. 790 VU part 1 and 2

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: “Home by another Way”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR 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.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (all)**

As the Wise Men of old brought their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, to the Christ child, so we offer ourselves and our substance, most Holy One, for the advancement of the kingdom of peace, love and justice in this world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "I am the Light of the World" VU #87**

***COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

One: Let us go forth in the light of God's star, committed to a journey of faith and courage.

All: We go forth with the light of Christ in our hearts. We are eager to learn the mystery of all we are meant to do and be.

One: Let us live in tenderness toward all people.

All: We will share the gifts we have received.

One: May the blessings of God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, be with us now and all our days.

All: Amen.

***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 ADMINISTARTOR
CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS
HEATHR FYFFE
MARSHA DALEY
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 Barbara & David Morrison. **Tellers** today are Gladys Gallant & Valerie Barton and next week will be the Morrison and Seymour Team. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Krista Doucette and next week will be Marchell Coulombe.

Services & Meetings this week: Jan. 6 – 11, 2020.

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard Group

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Jan. 12 12:15 Council Meeting

Feb. 23 11:00 Annual Meeting

Today, we would like to welcome **Rev. Kay Clowater** as our guest minister. Rev. Kay, thanks for leading the service today and sharing your message with us.

Today we light 8 bulbs on the **Memorial & Celebration Tree** (for a total of 408 bulbs) donated by Roxanne Stewart.

**In Memory of: Ivan Pond
William Stewart
Murray & Merle Calhoun
Perley Calhoun
Ken Calhoun
Jean Calhoun**

In Celebration of: Scarlet Rose Coughlan

Announcements:

- **The Nominations Committee** for Council and Committee members for the calendar year 2020 has been initiated. *Jean Henry and Jessica Clement* will form part of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being on a Committee in 2020 please reach out to either Jean or Jessica. Please see below for more information.
- **Shuffleboard, Shuffleboard, Shuffleboard!** The group is looking for more players. If you are interested in “shuffling” on Monday mornings, please stop by at 9:30! All are welcome!
- **Books are needed for the Book Table.** This is in support of coffee and snacks for conversation time after church each Sunday. Thanks everyone for recycling your books with Gibson.
- **Kelly will be on vacation from December 30-January 7th. The Reverend Kay Clowater will be preaching on Sunday January 5th. If there is a pastoral emergency please call Marsha Daley at 457-1666. Thanks very much**

The Nominations Committee is looking for the following spots to be filled for 2020:

Finance Committee - Co-Chair Finance and 1 committee member
 Trustees - Chair of Trustees and 1 committee member
 Mission & Outreach - 2 Committee members
 Region 14 (formerly Presbytery) Representative
 Ministry & Personnel - Chair and 2 Committee members

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 board.

Community Events:

Jan. 23 – 25 The Collective Theatrics Presents **Jesus Christ Super Star**. Tickets are \$25 and available at Joy of Framing and at the door. **Music Direction by Heather Fyffe and Directed by Kyle Peters.**

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.	99	2,895	- 3,117
Nov.	108	2,466	- 3,085
Dec. 1	124	3,212	- 2,473
Dec. 8	104	2,818	- 2,255
Dec. 15	124	3,802	- 1,053
Dec. 22	144	4,080	+ 427
Dec. 24	130 (approx.)	3,315	+ 3,742
Dec. 29	102	2,030	+ 3,172

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 & Offering

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

The Offering Envelopes for 2020 are ready and in the Narthex. If you don't have envelopes, and would like to, please call the office.

The Fredericton CHORAL SOCIETY is putting a Call out for choral enthusiasts: The Fredericton Choral Society (FCS) is excited to present Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* in May 2020. This iconic work of 20th century choral music is set to twenty-four of the *Carmina Burana*, a 13th century compilation of secular poetry and song whose irreverence and emotional candour startle even today. A larger choir is required to realise the power of this tremendous work, which will be presented with the rarely performed chamber orchestration for two pianists and a percussion ensemble of five players.

Weekly rehearsals begin January 7th at St. Paul's Church at the corner of George and York Streets, starting at 7:15 p.m. The concert will take place on May 9th, at the Tom Morrison Theatre, Fredericton High School.

The FCS is Fredericton's longstanding gender-inclusive community choir, which welcomes amateur singers of all levels of experience. Its artistic director and conductor, Heather Fyffe, is a noted musician, pianist/organist, conductor, and educator in the Fredericton area.

Term fees have increased slightly this term to facilitate the performance of this ambitious piece. Fees are \$65 per person (\$20 for students) and \$85 per family/couple, but we are happy to accommodate anyone who wishes to sing with us. The Fredericton Choral Society is a registered charity and we welcome community contributions through our donation page at canadahelps.org. The FCS has an added incentive for new members—if you are new to the choir and you bring a friend who is also new, you will be charged the family rate, a savings of \$22.50 each!