

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

January 12, 2020                      11:00 a.m.                      A New Year Begins

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

*“...The whole purpose of wrestling with life is to be transformed into the self we are meant to become...”* Sr. Joan Chittister

WELCOME                      ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Many of us spend our lives rushing,

All: to get things done, to go to places we need to be, to achieve our destinies,

One: forgetting to take time to enjoy what is around us.

All: On this Sabbath day, let us slow our hurrying and calm our rushing, taking time to settle into worship, and taking time to settle into God. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN: “Let Us Build a House”                      (see insert)

OPENING PRAYER: O God, our Maker, whose eye regards even the sparrow, you care for this world with tenderness. And we are grateful. Through your loving spirit, inspire us to bind up our brokenness and heal our wounded spirits. Grant us the grace to support one another more fully through the divine spark that connects us all. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Like a Rock”

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 67                      Beth Arsenault                      786

GOSPEL STORY: John 7:53 – 8:11

SERMON: “When Day Is Done”

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)

Gracious God, these are the gifts of our hands and our hearts shared in thanksgiving. May they touch the lives of many. We pray especially today for the healing of hatred in our world. May our gifts bring love to hate, and peace to fear. 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 ADMINISTRATOR 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. Tellers today are the Mike & Gail Oliver and next week will be Betty Lou & Mickey Flanagan. Taping the service today is Lorne Henry 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: Jan. 19 – 25, 2020.

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

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Jan. 26 11:00 Guest Minister: Rev. Kay Clowater
Feb. 14 7:00 "Some Enchanted Evening"
Collective Theatrics Concert & Dinner
Please contact Marsha to reserve tickets, \$25 person.
Feb. 23 11:00 Annual Meeting
Feb. 25 4:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
\$12/adult & children eat for free! Menu:
Baked Beans, sausages, ham, potato scallop, brown bread, pancakes and dessert. Tickets will be on sale starting Feb. 9.

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 80th Birthday to Minard Jewett! Minard is celebrating his birthday today and everyone is invited to share cake!

Announcements:

- 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.
The Women Together group is starting up again. Please feel welcome to join us to gather to knit, etc. and enjoy social time.
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!
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, instant coffee, regular size shampoo, and laundry detergent. 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.

**Kelly is on study leave at the Seton Spirituality Centre** in Terrence Bay, Nova Scotia this coming week. She will be on a directed retreat with Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont. Kelly will be back in the office on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Reverend Kay Clowater will be in the pulpit on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Marsha Daley.

**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 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.**

**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. 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. (see bulletin board for more details)

#### **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.

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

**UPCOMING EVENT!!!** Mark your calendars...on **Feb. 14**, Valentine's Day, the Collective Theatrics and Gibson will be hosting a concert and dinner. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details!

## Let Us Build a House

### 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, Vaughn Munn, Terry Brewer or Tyler Seymour.

#### Mission/Vision Statement:

Whoever you are  
Wherever you've been  
We're glad you're here.  
Gibson is a relevant spiritual home committed to:

**H**ospitality - welcoming all people into our worship and community life

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

**M**inistry - doing social justice, loving kindness and moving forward respectfully with each other as we serve God's changing world.

for

**E**veryone - embracing the uniqueness of all individuals

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

**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)**