

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

January 26, 2020 11:00 a.m. Third Sunday after Epiphany

CHILDREN'S HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

VU #585

CONVERSATION TIME

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

\*denotes standing for those who are able

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 27 pg. 754 in VU

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

SERMON: "A Call to Follow"

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Heather Fyffe

CENTERING SILENCE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In mystery and grandeur

All: we see the face of the Holy.

One: In earthliness and ordinary

All: we know the love of Christ.

One: In heights and depths, in life and death

All: the Spirit of God moves within us and among us.

One: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

"Adapted from "Gathering For All Seasons" by Lori Erhardt

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.

\*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

VU #563

OPENING PRAYER:

Perfect Light of revelation,  
as you shone in the life of Jesus,  
whose epiphany we celebrate,  
so shine in us and through us,  
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,  
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.  
Help us to discern our calling and recognize the gifts we have  
received.

Strengthen us to bear your light in this world. Amen

(adapted from Vanderbilt Divinity Library)

\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (responsive)

One: All that we are, O Holy One, and all that we are called to be,  
We bring to this special moment of offering and hope.

All: Receive these gifts and in your wisdom may they be used  
imaginatively for the well-being of all. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord"

VU #509

**\*COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

One: We have been illumined by sacred stories, the faithful witness of community, and the abiding love of God

**All: We will share the light that is within to bring greater healing and peace to our world.**

One: God's loving presence, Christ's enduring grace, and the Spirit's power goes with us.

**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**

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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 Betty Lou & Mickey Flanagan and next week will be Robert Grant & Bill Field.

**Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Trianda Fox and next week will be Erin Price.

**Services & Meetings this week: Jan. 27 – Feb. 1, 2020.**

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

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>“Some Enchanted Evening” Collective Theatrics Concert &amp; Dinner Please contact Marsha to reserve tickets, \$25 person.</b>
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 warm welcome is extended to **Rev. Kay Clowater!** Thanks for leading Gibson in worship and for sharing your message with us today.

**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.

**Vacation:** Marsha Daley will be on vacation Jan. 29, 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>, afternoons only. There will be regular office hours in the mornings.

**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.

**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 has been on study leave at the Seton Spirituality Centre** in Terrence Bay, Nova Scotia this past week. She was 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.

**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, 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.

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