

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

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February 9, 2020 11:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” Archbishop Desmond Tutu

WE APPROACH GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come, people of God, let us worship today:

All: We come filled with the boldness of hope.

We come jangled by our niggling doubts. We come with our joys and sorrow. We come because we are God’s people, followers of Jesus.

One: Come, let us bring all that we are and all that we feel into our worship today, allowing God to transform and bless us.

All: We come, ready to be engaged in the ministry to which we are called.

Together: May we never lose heart but remain bold in our hope. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” 375**

OPENING PRAYER: God of hope, we are a neighbourhood church. You call us to love one another as you have loved us. You call us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves—even if that neighbour is a stranger to us or just strange in our perception. Strengthen us and inspire us to follow your path, to be true to you: to be loving, fair, and forgiving. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Like a Rock” (2x)

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

PSALM 112: 1-9: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom” 356

ROMANS 8: 22-27

SERMON: “Living in the Deep”

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, may our gifts, both large and small, be transformed into hope and courage for those in need within these four walls and outside of this sacred space. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who taught us to love our enemies and to welcome strangers. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: “A Light Is Gleaming” 82**

***COMMISSIONING and BLESSING**

***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
 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 Marliese & Brian Cail and next week will be Gail & Mike Oliver. **Tellers** today are Dale Horncastle & Wayne Alexander and next week will be Brian & Marliese Cail. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Heather Randall and next week will be Victoria Daley.

Services & Meetings this week: February 9 -15, 2020.

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
Thursday	9:30	Dessert Day
Friday	7:00	“Some Enchanted Evening” (see page 6) Collective Theatrics Concert & Dinner

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Feb. 18	7:00	Council
Feb. 23	11:00	Annual Meeting & Potluck
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.

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of *Paul Seymour*, Feb. 8, 1937 - Feb. 13, 2015, by Marilyn and Family.

Congratulations to *Tyler Seymour* who has been accepted into the Reserves. A ceremony celebrating this accomplishment was held Thursday night.

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 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. Also, the responsibilities of each Committee are outlined in the Gibson Handbook as posted on the bulletin.

The Vision Statement was read in church last Sunday but if you were not here copies are available at the front door. This vision statement will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Youth Forum is looking for facilitators for 2020! Youth Forum is a youth event for grades 9 to age 19, that is only made possible by our incredible volunteers. If you have a passion for youth, and are looking for a way to give back to the youth in our church, we would love for you to join our team! Facilitators need to be at least 21 years old and be available April 15th for a training day and from May 21-24, 2020 for the main event! [Complete facilitator form here.](#)

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
Feb. 2	103	5,186	- 3,256

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. 11, 12 Christianity through a Worldview Lens, a Christian Forum with Dr. John Valk, see poster on bulletin board for more details.
- 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.
- Mar. 6 World Day of Prayer Service, hosted by Salvation Army Church, 531 St. Mary’s Street. 7 p.m.
Storm Date: Mar. 8, 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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
(Tickets on sale today)
- Feb. 25 Shrove Tuesday Supper – 4 – 6 p.m.
\$12/adult and children eat for free
(Tickets on sale today)
- 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



“All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.”

....Cecil Frances Alexander

The Sunday School is committed to making a difference in the world as 2020 begins. They will be selling ‘knick-knacks’ during Coffee and Conversation time for the next few weeks to raise money to adopt a Koala Bear in Australia. As many of you already know, Australia has been struggling with wild fires and everyone is working hard to save these bears from harm.

The Koala hospital is a society focusing on preservation and conservation. The Koala Hospital not only treats sick and injured koalas but is also involved in research work. Between 200 and 250 koalas are admitted through the Hospital annually.

Thank you to the children and youth for making a difference. We are proud of your willingness to ‘help’ where ‘help’ is needed. In case some of you do not know, the Sunday School has also supported the soup kitchen and the homeless shelters.

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.
for

Everyone - embracing the uniqueness of all individuals