

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

Today's bulletins have been placed in loving memory of:
Betty & Blair Chamberlain and grandson, Bradley
by the family

and

John Duncan *by Sharon, Stephen, Michael & families*
and

Mary Elizabeth [Betty Branch] Lavigne
by Judy, Macky and Jennifer

*The asterisk * identifies those times in the service where you are invited to present yourselves, body, mind, and spirit, as is comfortable for you today...*

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *(in unison)*

As we gather to worship, let's respectfully pause to remember we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the original peoples, the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and in friendship with its people.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

This is a day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

This is a place that God has set aside.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

We are the people of God!

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Let us worship God!

*** CENTERING FOR WORSHIP** "Come Build a Church"
(Seasons of the Spirit – volume 7)

***Come build a church with soul and spirit,
come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward;
no house of wood or glass or stone.***

***Come build a church with human frailty,
Come build a church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.
It shall be built by the hand of God.***

***LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** *(in unison)*

**This candle reminds us of God's Eternal Presence,
in dark times, in stormy times, and in confused times.
We light this candle to remember that,
when two or three of us are gathered together
in the Name of God, God is here among us.**

The Christ Candle is lit...

GATHERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Holy God, living and moving among us,
You love all people and cherish each one of us,
gather us together,
as a mother hen would gather her chicks under her wings,
that we make take shelter in You,
be protected by You,
and find a place of refuge with You.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN –** MV #10
"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced, when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the market-place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY *(in unison)*

**Life-giving God,
You know us completely and continue to love us
completely.
Forgive what we have said or left unsaid.**

Forgive what we have done or left undone.
Forgive us when we cannot forgive ourselves.
Help us receive your forgiveness
and then to follow You on the path that leads us home,
with Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND FORGIVENESS

CHORAL RESPONSE – "How Deep the Peace" MV #95 *(x 3)*

***How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.***

SHARING A STORY *(with those of all ages)*

In peace, dear God, I come to You
through Jesus Christ who makes me new.
And while I run or play or rest,
be with those whom I love best,
Guide me in your Holy Way,
as You walk with me each day, Amen.

***SINGING A SONG – "Jesus Came, a Child Like Me"** *(see back page)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

**Help us hear what is not read,
Help us hear what is not said,
Help us hear your Voice today,
Echo in this place we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joanne Wiseman

Job 38:1-7

Mark 10:35-45

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – "What More Could We Ask?"

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS (formerly *Minute for Mission*)

Joanne Wiseman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***OFFERING RESPONSE –**

VU #541

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***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 OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD

***OFFERING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

**We present to You our gifts of time, treasure, and talents.
Together use them and us for You Glory
and the good of others, in Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.**

COMMUNAL PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER – NOTRE PÈRE

GOING OUT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN – “In Loving Partnership We Come”** VU #603

In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other’s need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus’ name.

***SENDING FORTH**

***CHORAL CLOSING – “Lift Us Up, Send Us Out”**

***Lift us up, send us out
as we now go in peace
and our worship and living entwine.
May God’s presence be near
and may concord increase
when our hope and our actions combine.***

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***Be the salt, be the light
and let each be a sign
that our caring will highlight the way.
Share a meal, plant a tree,
let our faith underline
that by giving, our love is conveyed.***

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(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE

Church News

This Week at First United Church		
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Friday		
Monday	Provincial Election – DEMH Gym	
Tuesday	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Badminton
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Christmas Choir Practice
Friday	11:00 AM	Florence Erskine Memorial Service
Saturday	8:00 AM–1:00 PM	Bathurst Community Market

Peanut Butter – Once again this year we have set a goal of 900 jars of peanut butter to donate to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Up to October 16th, 2024 we have collected 714 jars.

If you are aware of **anyone in the hospital or needing a visit**, please let the office know (506-546-3532) and the message will be forwarded to the Pastoral Care Team.

Sunday, December 1st at 2 PM - Christmas Hymn Sing



The choirs of First United Church in Bathurst and Central United Church in Clifton will once again be offering an afternoon of Christmas music on the 1st Sunday of Advent! A reception will follow. More details will follow regarding tickets.

Mark your calendars, tell your friends & family to come and join us for this musical event!

Bathurst Pastoral Council will meet next Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 PM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

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Community Outreach Reminder - Thanks to congregational generosity, our sub-team continues to coordinate the following projects:

PANTRY - continues to help the homeless & needy, so ongoing support is appreciated, keeping in mind that products (don't require heat/cooking) are required for the homeless.

VOLUNTEER CENTER - depends on our commitment of 900 jars of peanut butter annually.

SCHOOLS - often require supplies for needy students so your contributions are welcome.

PASSAGE HOUSE & HOMELESS SHELTER - depend on donations of cleaning & laundry supplies, along with paper products.

For more information, contact Helen Knowles (546-9563)

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As part of our **Stewardship Program** here at First United, information on Planned Giving through Wills and Bequests is available to our congregational membership. All members / adherents are encouraged to review this information and take the appropriate steps pertaining to your wishes. The information is available from the church office

Below you will find a stewardship quote relating to the same.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:19-21

Money is a person's personal energy reduced to portable form. It can go where they could not go; speak languages they could not speak; lift burdens they could not touch; save lives with which they cannot relate directly.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Community News

A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Avenue, on Saturday, Nov. 9th from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. As this community event serves to fund our local mission projects, we rely on donations and ask that you consider a minimum donation of \$ 8.00 to help defray costs. We appreciate your kindness and support. Come and enjoy fellowship and great food.



SHRINERS - Give help and hope for kids

Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged into ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that

can last a lifetime.

Once again, this year you can help the Shriners with their fundraiser. Purchase a calendar for \$20 and have a chance to win prizes every day of the year. The fruitcakes are delicious and you can get a box of three for \$25. All the money from this fundraiser goes to help the children in our area. Contact Harvey Spence at 506-546-2742 for reservation.

Singing A Song

JESUS CAME, A CHILD LIKE ME

Words by
WALTER FARQUHARSON

Music by
RON KLUSMEIER



1. Je - sus came, a child like me, so the face of God I'd see,
2. Je - sus came to show us all ways to an - swer our God's call,
3. Je - sus came, God's work to do, came to live in me and you,
4. Je - sus came to show God's face, live God's love, and be God's grace.



God is not left far a - way, God is with us ev - ery day.
came to show us how to share, came to live with God's own care.
came to turn the world a - round till God's peace and love are found.
God lives now in me, in you, God's at work in what we do.

Refrain



Live, Je - sus, near us, live, Je - sus, with us,



live, Je - sus, in us, come live in us to - day.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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JOB 38:1-7

The Lord Answers Job

- 1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
- 2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- 3 Gird up your loins like a man;
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
- 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
- 5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
- 6 On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
- 7 when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

MARK 10:35-45

The Request of James and John

- 35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."
- 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"
- 37 And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."
- 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"
- 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized,
- 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."
- 41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.
- 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.
- 43 But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,
- 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
- 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."