

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
<i>Today's bulletins have been placed in loving memory of: our parents, Harold & Edith Payne and Aulay & Florence Scott, and our nephew David Wiseman by Francis & Peggy Scott</i>	

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)*

Let us gather in the Presence of God.

Who has created and is creating!

God has set before us the wonders of the universe.

Yet we are blinded by our own creations.

God has come in Jesus, the Word made Flesh.

God is with us, we are not alone.

Amen. 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.

God's Light is present even if we are blind to it.

We light this candle to remember that,

God is always bringing light in Jesus who is our pathway home to God.

The Christ Candle is lit...

GATHERING PRAYER *(in responsively)*

Eternal God, we come to Your House of Prayer

**From houses and condos, tents and trailers,
apartments and places in which we reside,**

We come remembering the people who have come before us,

Ancestors in faith and ancestors in flesh.

We come as saints and sinners, apprehensive and appreciative,

We are your children, coming home to You.

Breathe out your Spirit that we may breathe in your Life.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN – “O For a World”**

VU #697

(tune Old Winchester VU 75)

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY *(in unison)*

God of Mercy, have mercy upon us.
God of Forgiveness, forgive our sins.
God of Healing, heal all who are broken.
God of Life, give us new life
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 – “Give To Us Laughter”**

VU #624

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.

Why do we worry that we will lose face?
Why act like king for the whole human race?
Often in family, and often with friend,
laughing at pride causes anguish to end.

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your promise among us increase.

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

Stephen Maisey

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Mark 10:46-52

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “Creator, God You Gave Us Life”

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS *(formerly Minute for Mission)*

Judy Losier

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

Pastoral Prayers for each other, for our city, for our world,
for the Church Universal and for our own needs and concerns.

THE LORD’S PRAYER – NOTRE PÈRE

GOING OUT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “Spirit, Open My Heart”

MU #79

Refrain:

*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:

*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.*

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:

***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.
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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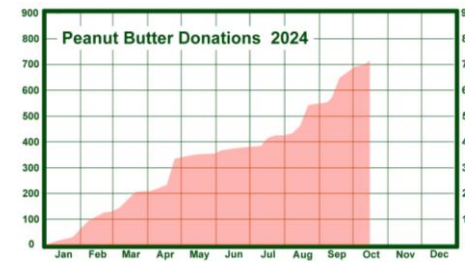
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POSTLUDE

Church News

This Week at First United Church

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Friday		
Monday	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH Gym
Tuesday	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Knitting Group - RMR
	6:00 PM	Council Meeting - RMR
Wednesday	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH Gym
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Christmas Choir Practice
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 24th, 2024 we have collected 721 jars. We will be purchasing an additional 60+ jars with the next sale.

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.

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

Annual Remembrance Service - Each year, on the Sunday immediately prior to Remembrance Day, we honour our war veterans as well as those who lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, **November 10th**. Those wishing to place memorial crosses in the sanctuary are reminded to contact the Legion office no later than **November 6th** either by telephone [506-546-3135](tel:506-546-3135) or drop by the Legion located at [1220 Bridge Street](http://1220BridgeStreet) between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Monday to Friday or during regular legion hours on the weekends.

Thank you for supporting our veterans and the Legion.



The crosses will be placed in the church on Thursday, November 7th.

Church News

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!

Turkey Supper will be held on Thursday, November 23rd

Take out will be from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Eat in will be from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$6 for children. As there are a limited number of tickets, they will be sold on a first come-first served basis. Please contact a member of the *Ways & Means Team* or drop by the church office from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday to Friday.

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*Faith
is taking the first step
even when you don't see
the whole staircase.
~Martin Luther King, Jr. ~*

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.

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon is holding its annual **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** on **Saturday, November 16, 2024**. It will be held at Christ Church Hall in Clifton from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. A continental style breakfast will be served with tea and coffee at a cost of \$10 per person. We hope you can join us once again for this event.

The Annual **Scottish Feast of Saint Andrew** will be held on **Sunday, November 17th at 12:30 PM** at Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club. The afternoon event will include a roast beef dinner, entertainment and prizes. *Everyone is welcome!!* Call Isabel MacLaggan (506-546-5521) for more information or tickets.



SHRINERS - Give help and hope for kids

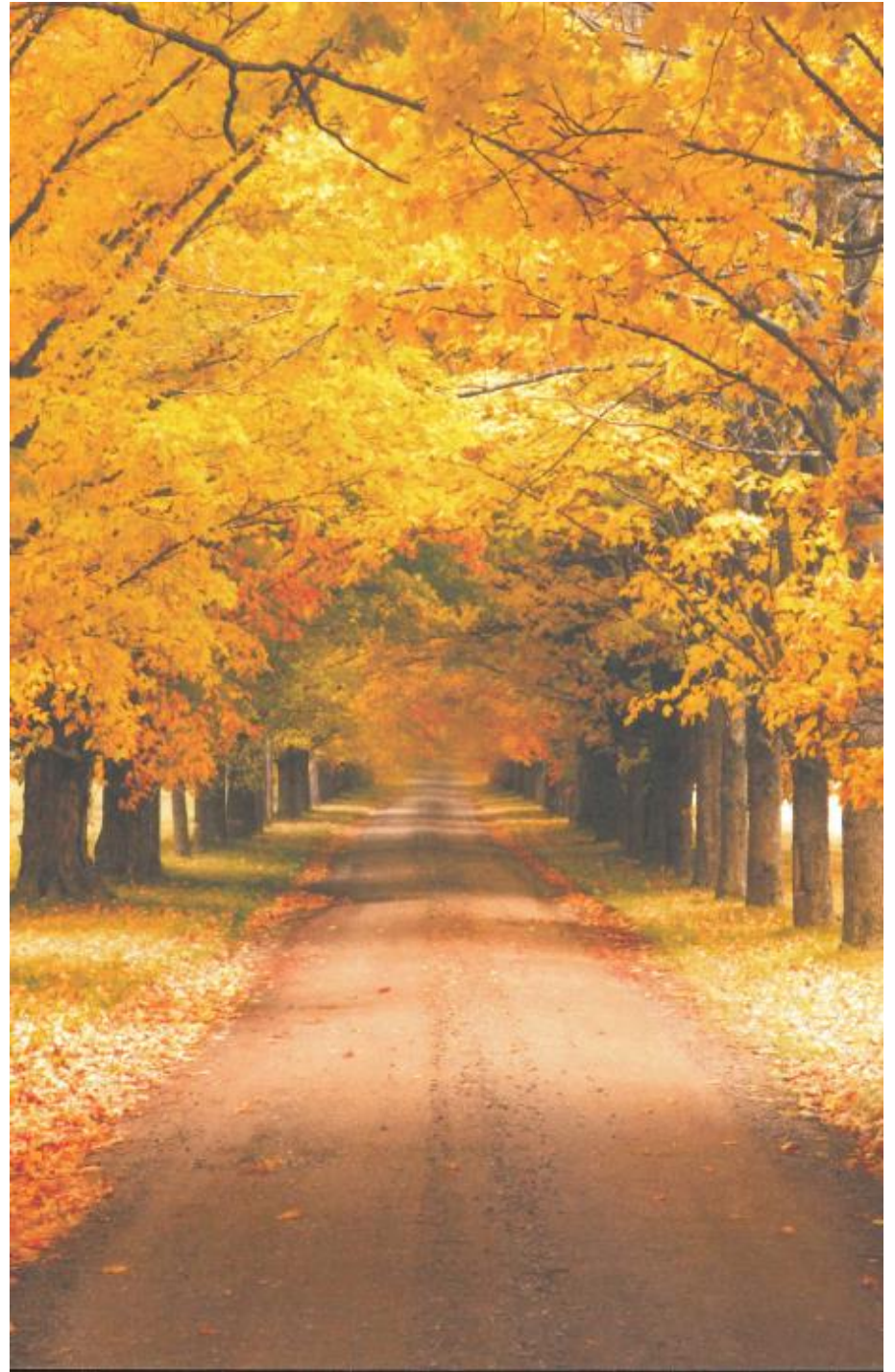
Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged into ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships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

*The worship service next week, November 3^d, will be led by
Martha Vickers and our choir with a Hymn Sing*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

JOB 42:1-6, 10-17

Job Is Humbled and Satisfied

1 Then Job answered the Lord:

2 "I know that you can do all things
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

4 'Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.

5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;

6 therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes."

Job's Fortunes Are Restored Twofold

10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

12 The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.

13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations.

17 And Job died, old and full of days.

MARK 10:46-52

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.