

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
www.firstunited-bathurst.ca

November 3, 2024

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Minister Rev. Ivan Gregan **Music Director** Martha Vickers

Office Adm. Margaret Daniels **Custodian** Lester Scott

Greeters Cheryl & Dave Brewster

Audio & Visual Technicians Brenda Parrott & Donald Eddy

All musical selections reprinted under license #4-606499, One License for Churches

<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
Psalm 98 Colossians 3:12-17	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12: 28-34
<p><i>Today's bulletins have been placed in loving memory of:</i> Charles, Dorothy and Scott Knowles <i>from Wendy, Stanley and family</i> & Parents Arnold and Marie Maisey and brother, Harold <i>by Carmen & Stephen</i></p>	

*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.

***LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** *(responsively)*

The Christ Candle symbolizes the presence of Christ, the Light of the world.

Alive, in our midst, this day & every day.

May the Light of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Christ Candle is lit.

We have gathered to worship,

giving thanks for the Spirit that draws us together.

Let us worship our loving & generous God.

*** CENTERING FOR WORSHIP** "This is the Day" MV #122

***This is the day that God has made;
 we will rejoice and be glad!***

***This is the day that God has made;
 we will rejoice and be glad!***

***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
 singing hal-le-lu!***

We will rejoice and be glad!

***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
 singing hal-le-lu!***

We will rejoice and be glad!

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" VU #232

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION: *(in unison)*

Creator God, although we acknowledge your generous love for us, it is hard to live each day as children of your blessing. Sometimes, the flood of life's opportunities lures us in different directions, until the song of your presence becomes faint. At other times, the worries & fears, the doubts & disappointments overwhelm us, until we cannot feel your spirit, sustaining us in the midst of uncertainty. Loving God, forgive us for sometimes, living with a hesitant & lukewarm faith. Transform us with your love, that we may abundantly share the gift of your blessing with others. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHORAL RESPONSE – "Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts" MV #101

*Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,
our minds with your peace,
and our lives
with your joy.*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER *(responsively)*

... Peace be with you.

And also with you.

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

***SINGING A SONG** – "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU #291

Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky;

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

Refrain

The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall;

Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker, who has made all things well.

Refrain

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isabel MacLaggan

Old Testament: Psalm 98

New Testament: Colossians 3: 12-17

How Great Thou Art

VU #238

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VU #288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

VU #560

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
with some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

VU #635

All the way my Savior leads me
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

VU #670

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

God Will Take Care of You

SOTG #96

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

*God will take care of you,
Thro' ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

REFLECTION CONCLUSION

GIFT OF MUSIC – "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

RESPONDING

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS (formerly Minute for Mission)

Martha Vickers

INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

***OFFERING HYMN** – “These Gifts We Bring”

*These gifts we bring with grateful hearts,
to reconcile, make new.*

*Gather us in grace, show us the way,
to live our lives in Truth
to share Your love in all we do.*

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

God, we offer these gifts & ourselves to you, as a means of providing hope for the world. Bless them & offerings through PAR, for your ministry in this community & work done through partnerships around the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

VU #921

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN**

VU #563

“Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Jesus, you have come to the Lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

Refrain

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain

*** BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “I Wish You the Blessing”

*We wish you the blessing of faith to sustain you,
friends to support you, challenge to stir you,
songs to empower you, peace to refresh you,
tears to release you, laughter to heal you,
love to nurture your soul.*

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	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Badminton – DEMH Gym
Tuesday	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Knitting Group - 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 31st, 2024 we have collected 801 jars. We will be purchasing an additional 100+ 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.

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](#) 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.

Sunday, November 17th is called Children's Sunday. Cindy Doucet will be leading us in worship that day. We are encouraging families and children to gather for this special Sunday celebration.

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 21st

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.

Sponsored by

*Kenny's Trucking Ltd. & Shine House
(A Division of Stothart Automotive)*

Thank You to our volunteers in October: **Greeters** – Julie and Harvey Spence; **Brooke Knowles** **Counters** – Margaret Payne-Chénard and Mike Kierstead, Anne Brooks and Wayne Cormier; **Your Generosity Matters** –Martha Vickers, Sally Ronalds, Joanne Wiseman and Judy Losier; **Scripture Readers** – Helen Knowles, Joanne Wiseman, and Stephen Maisey; **Sound System** – Brenda Parrott, Ralph Jamieson and Shirley Allain; **Hospitality & Friendship** – Gayle Ferron and Bill Stack; **Videographer** – Don Eddy as well as to Josh Gammon for uploading our services to the Website and Facebook.

Also, a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** and **THANK YOU** to the **sanctuary decorators** (whose wish is to remain nameless) for Thanksgiving and the balance of the month of October. The sanctuary was beautiful!!

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.

Save the Date-**November 9, at 7:00 p.m. Central United Church in Clifton is hosting "An Evening of Country and Gospel Music and Music Honouring Remembrance Day.** Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from: Joanne Dempsey (506-480-8580), Hazel Miller (506-546-3948) or Brenda Peters (506-545-7983)

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.

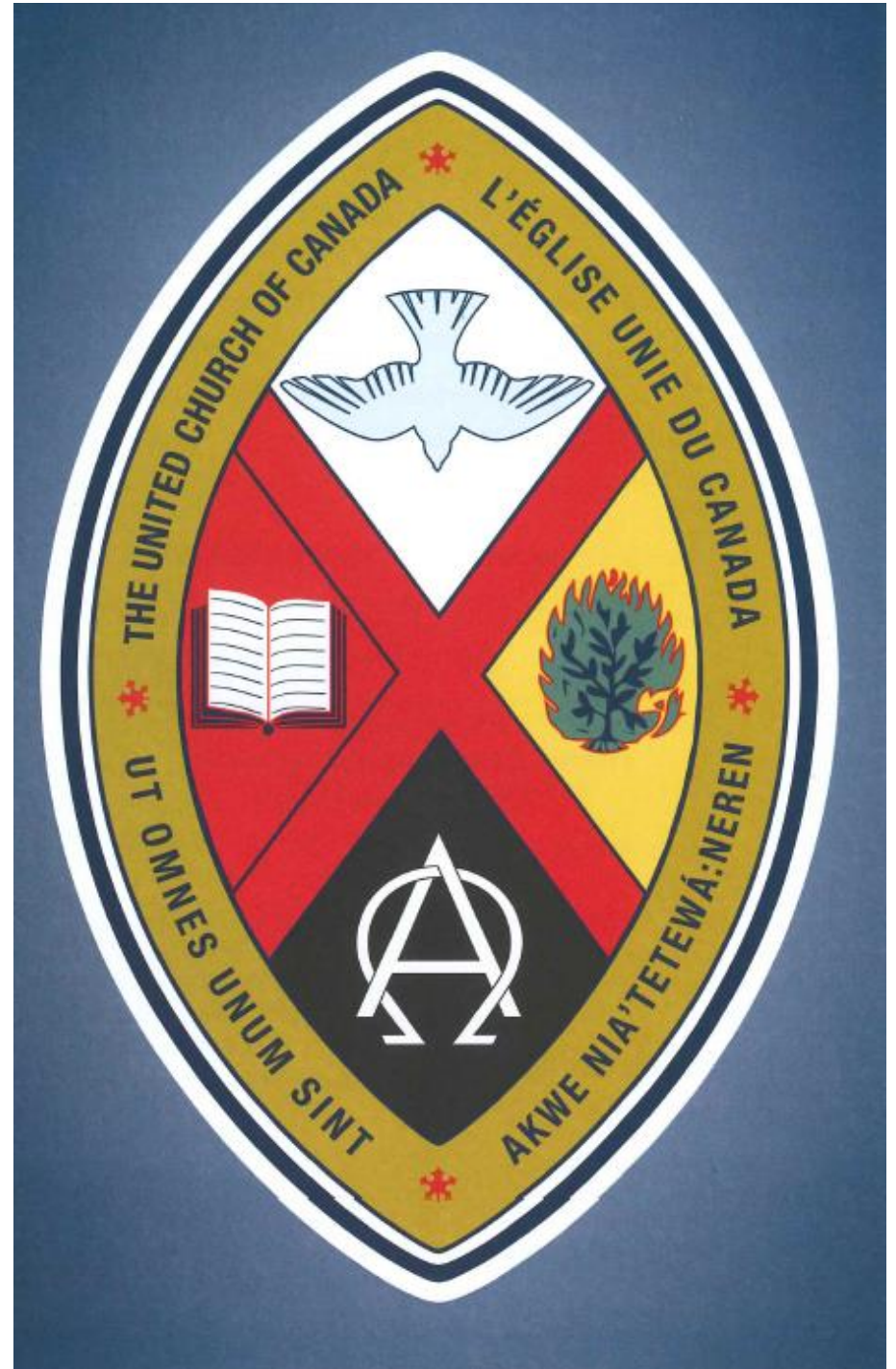
The Annual **Scottish Feast of Saint Andrew** will be held on **Sunday, November 17th at 12:30 PM** at Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club. The afternoon event will include a roast beef dinner, entertainment and prizes. *Everyone is welcome!!* Call Isabel MacLaggan (506-546-5521) for tickets or more information.



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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 98

Praise the Judge of the World

- 1** O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.
- 2** The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- 3** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- 4** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- 5** Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- 6** With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- 7** Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.
- 8** Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
- 9** at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

- 12** Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
- 13** Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
- 14** Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
- 15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
- 16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
- 17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.