

# Gibson Memorial United Church

# Celebrating 150 years



## A COMMEMORATIVE BULLETIN

*Celebrating Generations of Gibson's Church Families*

1874-2024

*'Church is not an event we show up to but a family to belong to'*

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

May 5, 2024

10:00am

*Celebrating 150 Years*

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### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST & RAINBOW CANDLES

INTROIT: *We Are A Rainbow* (see insert)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We have built a house of God where everyone is welcome

**P: We come here to extend that welcome.**

L: We have built a house of God where we can share our dreams and sorrows and just be ourselves

**P: We come here to support each other in celebration and in compassion.**

L: We have built a house of God where we can sing and pray and praise

**P: We come here openly without fear of reprisal**

L: We have built this house of God where we can worship

**P: We come here to worship now.**

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Holy God, as we join together to worship you today, on this 150th anniversary of Gibson Memorial United Church, we are reminded that this is God's house, a sanctuary where we are safe, a place where we are reminded of God's magnificent creation, a place where we are reminded of Jesus' promise of Hope and Love, and a place of quiet contemplation where we are filled with the Holy Spirit. This is a place in which we can work together to meet the needs of the larger community, a place where we can celebrate

together on joyful occasions such as this. We gather here in God's house to worship together with our church family, past and present. We are deeply thankful for all our blessings. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: Let Us Build a House** (see insert) **MV1**

**CONVERSATION TIME: Valerie Barton**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Jesus Loves Me**

**MUSICAL GUEST: Little Mountain Church House - Mavis O'Donnell and John Jeffries**

**INSTRUMENTAL: Will The Circle be Unbroken - Mavis O'Donnell (Guitar) and John Jeffries (Banjo)**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE: Rev. Boyd Vincent**  
Isaiah 43:14-21  
Psalm 100 (sung) **VU 820**

**SERMON: "Making a Joyful Noise" – Rev. Boyd Vincent**

**HYMN: In the Bulb There is a Flower** **VU 703**

**HISTORICAL PRESENTATION of Gibson Memorial United Church by David Finlay Morrison**

**'OLD-TIME' FAVORITE HYMN: In the Garden** (see insert)

**CELEBRATION CHOIR: Bless These Walls**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**THE DOXOLOGY** **VU 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.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)**

**All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in our community and in this world. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation** **VU 331**

**PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BLESSING: Go Make a Difference** **MV 209**

**Refrain**

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

We are the salt of the earth,

called to let the people see  
the love of God in you and me.

We are the light of the world,

not to be hidden but be seen.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

**Refrain**

We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world.

**Refrain**

So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world.

**Refrain**

**POSTLUDE**

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- GUEST SPEAKER: REV. BOYD VINCENT
- MUSICAL GUESTS: MAVIS O'DONNELL & JOHN JEFFRIES
- HISTORICAL PRESENTER: DAVID MORRISON
- ORGANIST: HEATHER FYFFE
- SONG LEADERS: CAILEIGH SULLIVAN & ALEX GOOD
- WORSHIP LEADERS: VALERIE BARTON & LYDIA LAPOINTE
- ZOOM: MIKE OLIVER
- OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: NATALIE WALKER
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**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION:**

Good morning and welcome to **EVERYONE**. Thank you for joining us on this special day, as we celebrate **Gibson's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**  
**Please join us in the hall after the service for a BBQ and Potluck**

**lunch that will begin at 12:30pm** (to allow members volunteering, to also enjoy the service before setting up).

**Upcoming Services and Meetings:**

<b>TODAY</b>	10:00am	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday</b>
May 12	10:00am	Mother's Day – Wear Your Hat Sunday
May 26	10:00am	Memorial Candle Lighting Service & Benevolent Sunday
June 1	8:00am	Gibson's Annual Community Yard Sale
June 16	10:00am	Father's Day Service & Picnic at FHUC
June 23	10:00am	Graduation Day

**Today's Bulletin** is donated *in Loving Memory of Carol Alexander* (May 5, 1949 – December 3, 2012) by husband, Wayne Alexander.

**Sincere Sympathy** is extended to Judy and Irvine Banks on the passing of Judy's brother, Ronald Kerton on April 27, 2024.

**Office News:**

Our office hours are 8:30am to noon, and 1pm to 3pm. Rev. Eunkyuu Ji will now be offering Pastoral Care.

Each week we require congregation members to help **greet and serve coffee**. Everyone is welcome to sign up by the office for this volunteer opportunity. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

The **Annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service** will be held during the May 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday service. This is a solemn service giving us pause to remember and to light a candle in memory of our loved ones. Letters have been mailed or emailed to families of our congregation who lost loved ones this year. If you did not receive a letter but would like to light a candle, please contact the office by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events:**

Our **Annual Gibson Yard Sale** is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to drop off your donations of gently used items for the yard sale during office hours and we will be happy to store them for you until the big day!

**Ministers Who Have Served at  
Gibson Methodist & Gibson Memorial United Church**

1875–1876	Rev. E. Jenkins		1927–1933	Rev. Harry Burns
1876–1879	Rev. R. Wilson		1933–1938	Rev. W. A. Burge
1879–1880	Rev. G. W. Fisher		1938–1941	Rev. A. G. Pentz
1880–1882	Rev. M.R. Knight		1941–1942	Rev. H. Hamilton
1882–1883	Rev. J.S. Allen		1942–1945	Rev. Dr. G. Young
1883–1884	Rev. W.W. Brewer		1945–1949	Rev. R. C. Robbins
1884–1887	Rev. J. A. Clark		1949–1957	Rev. J. A. Jardine
1887–1888	Rev. J. Seller		1957–1958	Rev. MacCallum
1888–1889	Rev. H. Sprague		1958–1959	Rev. R. Hagerman
1889–1890	Rev. C. H. Paisley		1959–1965	Rev. George Gillis
1890	Rev. J. S. Phinney		1965–1972	Rev. W. C. Amey
1890–1892	Rev. J. McConnell		1972–1978	Rev. G. Barrett
1892–1895	Rev. Isaac Howie		1978–1983	Rev. MacPherson
1895–1898	Rev. Joseph Seller		1983–1992	Rev. R. Stevens
1898–1903	Rev. E.C. Turner		1992–2000	Rev. I. MacDonald
1903–1906	Rev. James Crisp		2000–2011	Rev. B. Vincent
1906–1909	Rev. J. C. Berrie		2011–2017	Rev. C Krommenhoek
1909–1912	Rev. T. Stebbings		2018- 2020	Rev. K. Higgins
1912–1916	Rev. Flemmington		2015-2022	Rev. B. MacDonald
1916–1920	Rev. A. D. MacLeod		2021-2024	Rev L Greenwood
1920–1921	Rev. H.E. Thomas		2022-2023	Rev. Ian Manson
1921–1924	Rev. F. Wightman		2024	Rev. Eunkyui Ji
1924–1927	Rev. J. B. Gough			

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**Introit: We Are A Rainbow**

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill.  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

## Refrain:

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be  
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky  
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads  
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace  
God said, "Let there be light", created every varied shade  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

## REFRAIN

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day  
We are peace in a world that's torn apart  
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face  
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart

## REFRAIN

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone  
For our God will be with us on the way  
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more  
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

## REFRAIN

## Let Us Build a House

## MV 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve, and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught, and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

REFRAIN

## In The Garden

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]