

# GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

January 21, 2024



*Welcome to Everyone*

In this time of worship, may our hearts be filled anew with hope, peace, joy, and love

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FREDERICTON, N.B.

January 21, 2024

10:00am

The Third After Epiphany

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### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST & RAINBOW CANDLES

CHORUS FOR WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

There is Room for All

MV 62

*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;*

*there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.*

*And I rejoice and sing; "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."*

*There is room for all, there is room for all!*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

P: God only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken.

L: Trust in God at all times, O people, pour out your heart before God.

P: Our trust is in God. We worship God's name

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

You are our rock and our strength, O God, and in you rests our deliverance. You defend us in the midst of adversity. You comfort the lowly with your tender embrace. We gather this day, saved by your mercy. Hear now our praises as we herald your greatness. Amen

OPENING HYMN: You Servants of God

VU 342

CONVERSATION TIME

HYMN: Like A Rock

MV 92

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.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (in unison)

God of compassion and mercy; hear us as we make our confession. Christ preaches repentance; we often do not heed his call. Your new day is proclaimed; we dwell in the past. We do not turn from our evil ways, nor do we make work diligently enough for your kingdom. We say we obey, but our deeds betray us. By your grace, renew us and cleanse us from sin. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Hear the good news; God is merciful and just and in Jesus Christ, God promises redemption to all who believe. As we turn from our old ways and respond with faith to Christ's call we receive the assurance that we shall be saved.

**HYMN: How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds** VU 344

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 1:14-20 and Psalm 62:5-12

**SERMON**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**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)

God of love, our days are filled with your abiding presence. We awaken with the dawn of a new life. We labour with the assurance that you bless the work of our hands. All that we are and all that we do, are signs of your benevolent care for us. Accept now the gifts we bring to you as tokens of our unending devotion. Use them, and use our lives to spread to good news of your love to this world. Amen

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

**CLOSING HYMN: Will You Come And Follow Me** VU 567

**PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
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**

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### **CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION:**

Good morning and welcome to **EVERYONE**. May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we worship together in-service or by Zoom. *Everyone is invited to share in a coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the hall following the service!*

### **Upcoming Services and Meetings:**

<b>Today</b>	10:00am	Third After Epiphany / Joint Service at Gibson
January 28	10:00am	Fourth After Epiphany
February 13	4-6:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

### **Office News:**

Our office hours are 8:30am to noon, and 1pm to 3pm. If you require Pastoral Care, please email, or call the office to arrange. Rev. Kelly Burke is providing Pastoral Care services for Gibson members when she is available to do so.

A friendly reminder that your *Offerings Envelopes* are available for pick-up in the Narthex. If you would like to begin *PAR* as a cost-effective, convenient and more eco-friendly alternative, please call or email the Office Administrator.

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!

### **Worship and Fundraising Committee News:**

We will be hosting our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at Gibson on, **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**! The menu includes: pancakes, sausages, ham, baked beans, potato scallop, home-made brown bread and dessert. It doesn't get better than this! The cost is \$20 for

adults and kids eat for free. Seating times are 4:15, 4:45 and 5:15. Please contact the office by phone or email to reserve.

As always, we are looking for **volunteers** to help make this much anticipated event happen. If you would like to help by donating baked beans, home-made brown bread, or a cake (or two – we need at least 15), please contact the office by phone or email. A donation of your time is greatly appreciated in any capacity!

### **Cooperative Ministry Council News:**

It was decided at the January 11<sup>th</sup> GMUC/FHUC Cooperative Ministry Council meeting that the service start times at each church will remain the same until the end of June 2024. The current start times are 10:00am for GMUC and 11:30am for FHUC.

### **Property and Ministry & Personnel Committee News:**

Our custodian, Brian Bubar, will be off work recuperating from surgery in the coming weeks and we want to wish him a speedy recovery. Members of the church council have volunteered to help with his custodial work while he is out, and they invite anyone who wishes to help in this endeavor to please contact the office.

### **Upcoming Events:**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from January 18-25, 2024. The Theme is " You Shall Love the Lord Your God...and your neighbour as yourself." There will be a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service on Monday, January 22, 2024 at St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church, 120 Regent Street, Fredericton at 12:00 PM noon time.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Pancakes, sausage, baked beans, brown bread, cake, tea and coffee. Price \$10. For more information, please contact the church office at 506-458-9452

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