

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

November 16, 2025



Children's Sunday

Sunday Worship Service

November 16, 2025, at **11:00AM**

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* Standing or sitting freely according to each one's physical condition.

We Gather To Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST AND RAINBOW CANDLES

CHORUS FOR WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST: TLUS 30

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 anymore,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.**

**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**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Give praise, you who stand in the house of the Lord; in the courts of the house of our God!

P: God is gracious and good. We shall praise the Lord and sing to God's name.

***OPENING HYMN: Sing Your Joy**

VU 253

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, all O God, are gifts of your grace. We gather to sing praises to your name, and to extol your virtues in the midst of our neighbours. Your commandments are just; they give us direction. Your covenant is encompassing, as in Christ we are knit together. All honour is yours as we rejoice in your glory. Amen

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

VU 365

SERMON 4 KIDS

OFFERING: All are welcome to place offerings in the offering plates prior to the service or as you leave.

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

God, you call us to be agents of Christ's way. We accept the commission as we confess faith in his will. What we now offer reflects our commitment. Accept our labours as befitting your righteousness. Enhance our endeavours by sending your Spirit. May our obedience be worthy of your continuing trust. Amen

Glory to the Creator

TLUS 4

Glory to the Creator,
and the Christ and the Spirit so near,
as it was from the start so it shall be forever
one God, always here, one God, always here,
one God, always here.

The Word of God Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE: Mathew 18:1-5 and Matthew 19:13-15

HYMN: Let The Children Come

Suffer little children to come unto Me,
Let the children come, let the children come.
For of such the Kingdom of Heaven shall be,
Let the little children come.

Blessed words of Jesus, (3x)
Let the little children come.

He the lambs will gather and fold in His arms,
Let the children come, let the children come.
Safe from every danger and from all alarms,
Let the little children come.

Blessed words of Jesus, (3x)
Let the little children come.

Whosoever will, now may come unto Me,
Let the children come, let the children come.
Mercy's door is open — salvation is free,
Let the little children come.

Blessed words of Jesus, (3x)
"Whosoever will, may come."

***Vocal music is available at the sanctuary entry.**

MESSAGE

We Respond To God's Word

MUSICAL REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN: May the God of Hope**

VU 424

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING:**

TLUS 104

May the peace of Christ be with you.

May the love of God dwell deep in your heart.

May the Spirit enlighten your way.

May you walk in the comfort of God's care.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Congregational Information:

A warm welcome is extended to everyone who worships with us today. **Please join us in the hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship following the worship service.**

About our Hymn Selections: Only the Voices United hymn numbers will be identified behind the pulpits. The text from **Then Let Us Sing! (TLUS)** and for **More Voices (MV)** will only be displayed on the screen and printed in the bulletin.

For those of you who would like to use a hymnal with the printed vocal music, a limited number of music edition copies are available from the ushers at the door each Sunday. Kindly return the copies after the service.

Upcoming Services:

TODAY	11:00am	Shared Service at Gibson / Rev. Lisa Greenwood
November 23	11:00am	Reign of Christ Sunday / Rev. Mike Bravener
November 30	11:00am	Advent 1 / Rev. Lisa Greenwood

Worship:

On November 27th we will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas at 6:30pm. **Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!**

The service that we are all looking forward to - our **Christmas Carol Hymn Sing** service will be Sunday, **December 14th** followed by a potluck lunch and a 'special visitor'! In anticipation of this special service, we invite you to send your **Christmas Carol requests** to: gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com, or on the signup sheet outside the office **by November 29th**.

This year we are replacing our Angel Tree with a **"Stuff the Turkey" Campaign**. Our goal is to feed 10 families through CBC's "Make the Season Kind" held on Friday December 12th. To feed a family of four a full Turkey dinner it costs approximately \$104.00 per family. Our goal is to raise \$1040.00 That we will present to "Make The Season Kind" which annually supports Fredericton area food banks. We will be collecting cash only donations and for every \$104 raised we will get closer to stuffing the turkey!

Minister's Office:

Rev. Mike Bravener will be working from the Minister's office Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am - 3pm.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee is seeking at least two individuals to join the Property Committee. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Don't be shy....get involved! There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in Gibson's church life, from Sunday service, to fundraising, or committees!

If you are interested in participating in Sunday service, we always need **greeters** and Mike is looking for volunteers from the congregation to **read scripture** and the **children's story**. Please use the online sign-up links sent by email or call the office and I will gladly do it for you.

Our **zoom team** is looking for technically savvy people to volunteer on a rotational basis on Sunday mornings! If you would like to help zoom the service to congregants who are unable to attend in person, please feel free to reach out to a member of the team, or the office. Your participation in our worship services is greatly appreciated!

Pastoral Care:

If you know someone that may benefit from a visit from a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Bob Stevens, a member of the committee, or the office.

Fundraising Committee:

There are several catered fundraising dinners scheduled for November and December. If you are interested in volunteering your time in this capacity, please use the online sign-up links sent by email or call the office for assistance. Your donations of \$20 to help purchase supplies are greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Events:

We will be hosting a **Breakfast and Christmas Market** on Saturday November 29th from 8am to 11am. Breakfast will be served from 8am to 10:30am and the cost will be \$15 per person. Market tables will feature Christmas cards by Lori Donovan and Noreen Wetmore, baking, pickles, knitting and gently-used books and puzzles. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to contribute any of the

above items for the market tables, please **feel free to drop off donations at the church on Friday, November 28th** during office hours.

Upcoming Community Events:

Christmas Treasures Tea – hosted by Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street on Friday, December 12 from 2-4pm. Christmas treasures will be on display. Tea, coffee, finger sandwiches and sweets are available. By donation.



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