

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

March 17, 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.

March 17, 2024

10:00am

Fifth in Lent Sunday

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. Go ahead and celebrate. Come on and clap your hands everyone!

P. Shout to God with raucous sounds of joy!

All. The Lord God most high is astonishing, awesome beyond words.

OPENING HYMN: You Servants of God

VU 342

OPENING PRAYER

CONVERSATION TIME

HYMN: Seek Ye First The Kingdom

VU 356

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-44

SERMON: Jesus Wept

MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

THE DOXOLOGY

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.

VU 541

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: O Jesus I Have Promised

VU 120

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

May your journey be successful.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face;
 the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
 may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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

SUPPLY MINISTER:	MIKE BRAVENER
ORGANIST:	HEATHER FYFFE
MUSICAL GUEST:	ALEX GOOD
ZOOM:	MIKE OLIVER
GREETERS:	VALERIE BARTON
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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:

Today	10:00am	Fifth in Lent Sunday – Joint Service - St. Patrick's Day & Potluck
March 24	10:00am	Palm Sunday
March 28	5:30pm	Maundy Thursday – <i>Joint Service, Communion & Potluck at FHUC</i>
March 31	10:00am	Easter Sunday
April 14	11:30am	Joint Service at FHUC
May 5	10:00am	150th Anniversary Sunday

Sincere sympathy is extended to Vaughn Munn on the passing of his mother, **Margaret Munn** (January 17, 1940 - March 11, 2024).

A donation has been made in memory of **Margaret Munn** by Mike and Gail Oliver.

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.

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!

Council News:

We have wonderful news! Both congregations of the Forest Hill United and Gibson Memorial United Pastoral Charges have voted overwhelmingly in support of hiring a new full-time Minister! Beginning May 1st, 2024 we will welcome Rev. Eunkyū Ji (pronounced UN-Q JEE) and his family to the Co-operative Ministry of our churches. The family will soon be moving to Fredericton from the Miramichi and will reside in the manse owned by FHUC. We will be hosting "meet & greet" social times to welcome Eunkyū & his family and to allow Gibson families the opportunity to get to know them better. Please stay tuned for details in the days ahead.

Worship Committee News:

Sunday March 24th - Palm Sunday @ 10 AM - The service will begin with a Palm Parade led by Mike Bravener and the Gibson Sunday School children. Special activities are planned for Sunday School too! Please join us!

Thursday March 28th @ 5 PM Maundy Thursday - You are invited to a Joint Service including a Potluck Supper and Communion service at Forest Hill United Church.

Easter Sunday March 31st - Please plan to join us for a special Easter 10 AM communion service led by Rev. Lisa Greenwood, followed by lunch in the church hall. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the sanctuary! We hope you can attend!

Gibson's 150th Anniversary Reunion Celebration

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Sunday May 5th** for a special **150th Anniversary Reunion Celebration**. The Worship Committee is busy planning activities to make this an event to

remember! Displays will be set up in the church hall prior to the 10 AM service. You can look forward to guest speakers, special music performances, and a few surprises too! Please plan to stay for a few hours. Celebrations will continue following the service with a potluck & BBQ, Anniversary Cake, and fun activities for all ages. In preparation for this momentous occasion, we have a few requests:

1) You are invited to submit the names of your **two favorite old-time hymns** for the 150th Anniversary service. The most popular choices will be shared with Heather Fyffe and the planning committee. Drop a note in the offering plate - or- add your choices to the sign-up sheet -or- send your preferences to the church office: gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com.

2) A **Celebration Choir** is being formed for the May 5th service. **Rehearsals** will take place on **TWO** Sundays after church: **April 21 and April 28** at 11:15 AM. We would love to have you join the choir!

3) We are gathering **photos, church family recipes, memories, stories, history and memorabilia** of any kind that would pertain to the church and its members. Please email (if possible) or drop off your "treasures" to the church office at your earliest convenience.

4) Thanks for continuing to spread word in the community and to past members that this will be a reunion to remember! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Upcoming Community Events:

Join the FCMB for a lovely evening of uplifting music welcoming the coming of spring! The **Fredericton Concert & Marching Band** will be performing under the **direction of Heather Fyffe**.

The concert will be taking place March 18th in the Tom Morrison Theatre at FHS. Access will be through the gym entrance off of the Priestman Street parking lot. Admission will be by donation at the door. Thank you for supporting your local musicians! For more information: <https://fb.me/e/4juYAVD1S>

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