

# GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE RAINBOW & CHRIST CANDLE

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. Today is the first day of the week.

P: Today is also the first day of a new and exciting chapter of life for Forest Hill and Gibson Memorial United Churches.

L: On this day, we are called to stop, look and listen for new signs and directions that God is giving us.

P: We are invited to celebrate the ways that God's Spirit has been alive and at work in our midst, and to carry that Spirit forward. Let us worship God!

\*OPENING HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Gracious God, you bless our lives with hope, promise, and new life. Be present during this hour. Grant us courage, wisdom and strength to continue discerning our way forward, and unite us in friendship, love and service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY

\*CHILDREN'S HYMN: Jesus, Friend of Little Children

VU 340

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10  
Mark 1: 16-20

**SERMON:** "Called to New Adventure"

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC****WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERING** can be placed in the offering plates as you leave.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

**Receive these gifts, O God, as we pledge ourselves to answer your call to serve one another in love. Take and use these gifts to further your work in the world, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Let Us Build a House

**MV1**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:****COMMUNION LITURGY**

Invitation to Communion

**Minister:** Glory to God in the highest

**People:** and on earth, hope and peace to all!

**Minister:** Blessed are you, Gracious God, for the love that brought Jesus into the world so long ago still touches our hearts and stirs our souls. We are grateful for your grace, and acknowledge our ongoing need to be nurtured by the love and wisdom of Jesus, the One in whom God's light has been fully and faithfully revealed. His words continue to comfort those whose hearts are heavy with sorrow and who live in fear and pain. His teachings continue to challenge complacency, confront injustice, and foster a just and inclusive spirit.

And his example of compassionate service reminds us that love rather than hatred always has the final word in his realm. So, we gather at this table to remember and to be nourished to turn our worship into witness. And we do so in a spirit of peace and friendship.

Remaining seated, let us turn to our neighbours and share signs of peace with one another.

So we remember that, when Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "take, drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

At this time, we also remember and pray for those who are not at this table, but who are also loved and beloved by God.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain...

for all who are ill or alone...

for all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger...

for those whose lives and communities have been torn apart by hurricane Fiona...

and for those dear to us, whose names we speak now, either spoken aloud or in silence...

Grant comfort, peace and strength upon all who call on you. And send your Holy Spirit upon us, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ, light, life and love to the world.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us when we pray to say:

**The Lord's Prayer****Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Post-Communion Prayer:** For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, we give you thanks, Holy One. Now send us forth, united in courage, peace and love, to give light to those in need, and be Christ's hands and feet in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** : I, the Lord of Sea and Sky **VU 509**

**\*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 refreshments and conversation in the hall after the service.***

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

Today	11:00am	Joint Service with Forest Hill United Church / World Communion Sunday
October 6	5:30pm	Decorating the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving
October 9	11:00am	Thanksgiving Sunday <b>coffee will be served prior to service</b>
October 9	<b>11:30am</b>	Thanksgiving Sunday
October 18	12:00pm	FOS Turkey Dinner
October 26	4-6:00pm	GMUC Dinner – Open to the congregation and public

\*Please see insert for more *Upcoming Fundraising Events*

#### **Office News:**

Our office hours are 8:30am to noon, and 1pm to 3pm. If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please email or call the office. Rev. Dr. Ian Manson will now be providing Pastoral Care services.

#### **Council News:**

Welcome *Rev. Dr. Ian Manson* to Gibson Memorial United Church and Forest Hill United Church for this World Communion Day service. Following will be an informal meet and greet in the hall.

As Rev. Dr. Ian Manson has graciously agreed to serve as a supply minister for both Gibson and Forest Hill United Church for the coming months (two Sundays per month), it is necessary to change our service time to **11:30am** to afford him travel time between services. Forest Hill United Church will start their services at 10:00am. Therefore, beginning with our Thanksgiving Sunday service on **October 9<sup>th</sup>**, all services will commence at **11:30am** and will remain at this start time going forward. As well, on Thanksgiving Sunday **coffee will be served in the hall at 11:00am, prior to the service.**

The following Supply schedule is for October 2022:

Rev. Dr. Ian Manson - October 2nd at 11:00am

Rev. Lisa Greenwood - October 9th and 23rd at 11:30am

Rev. Dr. Ian Manson - October 16th and 30th at 11:30am

Special thanks to **Rev. Kelly Burke** for acting as our supervising minister over the past two years. Now that Rev. Dr. Ian Manson has been hired, we say farewell to Kelly and thank her with our deepest appreciation for her time, her valued leadership, and her dedicated participation in our church activities.

In other news, it has come to Council's attention that unfortunately the furniture (sofas and chair) in the Parlour needs to be replaced due to the deterioration of the material. It is very messy. Before looking for some suitable used furniture online, we decided to see if there are any members of the congregation who may be downsizing and would like to donate their gently-used, well-cared for sofa set. If you feel you have something suitable that you'd like to donate for use in the Parlour, please contact Natalie and arrangements will be made with the Property Committee. Thank you!

#### **Worship and Mission Committee News:**

Envelopes for offering to the *Benevolent Fund* can be picked up by the bulletins, if you are interested in contributing to this fund.

Committee members are requesting volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for our Thanksgiving Sunday service. If you have a knack for decorating or would just like to help, please email or call the office and we will look forward to seeing you!

#### **Upcoming Community Events:**

Floor Curling at Forest Hill United Church (FHUC): Join us from 10 am to noon on Wednesdays at FHUC for floor curling. Instead of ice, broom and flat stones, we use the floor and stones on 3 wheels. They can be thrown the regular way, or by using a stick which goes over the handle. You can be upright or seated to play.

Curling provides gentle exercise in a friendly surrounding. Try it out for two weeks free of charge. The annual cost is 10.00 plus 2.00 each time you come. For more information, please contact Mary or Margie at [foresth.office@bellaliant.com](mailto:foresth.office@bellaliant.com) or leave your contact information at 455-0988.

A rummage sale will take place at Wilmot United Church (473 King Street) on: Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 5:00pm & Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Delicious Mild Beef Chili Take-Out Supper, Friday, October 21, pick up from 4:00-5:30pm, Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Enjoy mild beef chili, homemade roll, caesar salad and apple crumble tart for \$15. Reserve your take-out meals by Monday, October 17 with Rindy or Tom Austin, 450-7151.

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### Upcoming Fundraising Events:

Mon, Oct. 17	9:30am	Pie Day
Tues, Oct. 18	Noon	<b>FOS Turkey Dinner</b>
Tues, Oct. 25	9:30am	Pie Day
Wed, Oct. 26	4-6pm	<b>GMUC Turkey Dinner</b> – open to congregation and public
Tues, Nov. 15	12:30pm	Pie Day
Wed, Nov. 16	6pm	<b>Bibles for Mission Turkey Dinner</b>
Fri, Nov. 25	9:30am	Pie Day
Sat, Nov. 26	5pm	<b>Journey Wesleyan Turkey Dinner</b>
Fri, Dec. 2	9:30am	Set-up
Sat, Dec. 3	8-11am	<b>Breakfast/Bake Sale/Craft Table</b>
Wed, Dec. 7	9:30am	Pie Day
Thurs, Dec. 8	Noon	<b>Silver Dolphin Turkey Dinner</b>
Tues, Dec. 13	12:30pm	Pie Day
Wed, Dec. 14	6pm	<b>Welsh Society Turkey Dinner</b>

It is going to be a busy fall hosting Christmas Dinners and other events, and this means we need your help! We are looking for gracious volunteers to help with these popular **fundraising** events. So, if you'd like to participate by volunteering in some capacity, please let us know. All are welcome!

If you have not already done so this year, we are asking families of the congregation to donate **\$20** towards the cost of purchasing supplies for these events. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**The GMUC Turkey Dinner on October 26th is \$15 for adults.** Please call the church office (457-1951) to reserve your tickets.