

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

January 18, 2026



Money and Our Faith

What does Jesus say about money?

Sunday Worship Service

January 18, 2026, at 11:00AM
Second of Epiphany

* 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: For the Lord God is brighter than the brilliance of a sunrise!

P: Wrapping Himself around me like a shield,

L: He is so generous with His gifts of grace and glory

P: Those who walk along His paths with integrity will never lack
one thing they need,

ALL: For He provides it all

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus,
hope yet to come, you are our centre, daylight or
darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

**Chorus: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us,
taking our part, still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Those without status, those who are nothing, you have
made royal,
gifted with rights, chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order
change in a day, but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our
turmoil, terror and loss, bonding us gladly one to the
other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, for You make everything right in
the end. I will sing my highest praise to the God of the Highest
Place!

As God has greeted us, so let us greet each other.
At this time, feel free to welcome and greet your neighbor.

SERMON 4 KIDS

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERING RESPONSE

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.

***OFFERING PRAYER: (*in unison*)**

Lord, You have dispersed abroad, You have given to the poor;
Your righteousness endures forever.

The Word of God Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:23-31

HYMN: The Last Shall Be First

The last shall be first,
The first shall be last.
This is the wisdom of Christ.

The poor shall be blessed,
The rich shall be judged.
This is the wisdom of Christ.

The seekers shall find,
The proud are unmoved.
This is the wisdom of Christ.

The tranquil bring peace,
The anxious spread woe.

This is the wisdom of Christ.

**The childlike are wise,
The showoffs lack depth.
This is the wisdom of Christ.**

**Compassion spreads love,
Our judging spawns hate.
This is the wisdom of Christ.**

**Forgiveness brings life,
Our hatred spreads death.
This is the wisdom of Christ.**

**To choose what is wise
And rev'rence all life
Spreads all this wisdom of Christ.**

MESSAGE: Money and Our Faith (Part 2) - What does Jesus say about money?

We Respond To God's Word

MUSICAL REFLECTION

LORD'S PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN: Could It Be That God Is Singing TLUS 117**

Could it be that God is singing and these notes are my reply
to the God-light warm within me, joining earth and sea and sky?
Surely mercy has a cadence — I can feel it in my soul!
Surely justice builds a chorus, making all God's children whole!

Have you carried heavy silence, have you let old sorrows win,
or proclaimed psalms of forgiveness, but not offered them within?
Oh, the Spirit, she was singing, even when we could not hear
her abundant streams of living, waiting for us to come near.

Hallelujah for my Jesus, for his life's surprising course!
May I, too, live bold resistance to injustice, hate, and force.
Surely peace, it has a cadence, asking all of what we bring!
And if music is God breathing, take a holy breath and sing!

***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 a bowl of warm, homemade soup 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 GMUC / Rev. Mike Bravener / Soup Fundraiser
January 25	11:00am	Third After Epiphany / Rev. Mike Bravener
February 1	11:00am	Fourth After Epiphany / Rev. Mike Bravener
February 8	11:00am	Fifth After Epiphany / Rev. Mike Bravener / Worship Committee Meeting
February 15	10:00am	Shared Service at FHUC
February 22	11:00am	First of Lent / Rev. Mike Bravener

It's that time of year! Please review our **Storm Cancellation Policy**. Worship may need to be cancelled at times due to extreme weather conditions, power outages, or other unforeseen issues with the church building. Using safety of our congregation and staff as the criteria, worship will be cancelled if required.

The decision to cancel worship will be made by the Chair of Worship after having conversations with the Minister, a second member of the Worship committee, and the Chair of Council. In case of inclement weather, worship will be cancelled if local police advise motorists to stay off the roads and/or if the minister is not available to attend service. Every attempt will be made to replace the minister to avoid canceling worship service. This could include hiring another minister or asking a Team of church Worship volunteers to conduct the service in place of the minister.

Should a scenario occur necessitating the cancellation of worship, every attempt will be made to notify the congregation as soon as possible. A congregational email will be sent by the Church Administrator to all members on our email list no later than 9 AM on the Sunday morning involved. A notice will also be placed on the church Facebook page by 9 AM. In the case of an afternoon or evening service, the information will be shared at least three hours prior to the service start time.

When circumstances permit, a Zoom service will be provided in place of the cancelled in-person service. This could potentially be done from the homes of the participants involved (Minister and Organist) rather than the church building. The congregation will be made aware of a Zoom service opportunity in the above-mentioned information email/Facebook message.

Minister's Office:

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

Church Office:

The church office will be open for regular office hours, Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Tax receipts for GMUC and FHUC are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you are unable to pick up, please contact the office and they will be mailed or emailed to you.

Worship Committee / Fundraising Committee:

The Worship Committee will be hosting a **SOUP Day Luncheon Fundraiser** following the service and everyone is welcome to attend! Please plan to stay and enjoy a bowl of hot homemade turkey vegetable soup with a roll and a cookie served from the Gibson kitchen. Donation is \$5.00 per adult and no charge for children.

Upcoming Events:

Join us on Sunday, February 1st after the worship service to celebrate **Rev. Bob Stevens' 90th birthday!** As a cherished former minister and current council member who continues to offer pastoral care to our congregation, we invite the Gibson Church Family, his friends and family to wish him well on this milestone.

Upcoming Community Events:

The Fredericton Choral Society, under the dynamic direction of Greg Geldart, began its new term on Monday, January 12. New members are welcome! We will be accepting registrations up to the end of January. Please join us! Our rehearsals are on Monday evenings, in Fredericton. We will be preparing for two exciting concerts this spring. On April 14, we will present Haydn's "Missa in Tempore Belli" with the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra at the Playhouse. Then on May 9, we will present our second annual, "Spring Songs

and Sweets" concert, which will feature popular show tunes. For more information contact Jack Walsworth at jlwals@nbnet.nb.ca

Property Committee:

Weather related items:

Please be careful when visiting the church as the parking lot may be slippery, though we are having it sanded regularly.

When necessary, please remove outdoor footwear when visiting the church to ensure the safety of all. The floors can get slippery from wet tracking and the mess from salt and sand!

Volunteer Opportunities:

It's a new year and there are plenty of opportunities for fellowship in volunteering!

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, sign-up outside the office, or call the office and I will gladly do it for you.

Our **zoom team** is looking for anyone interested in volunteering 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 in any capacity is greatly appreciated!

Nominating Committee:

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

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.

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