

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

**October 10, 2021      11:00 a.m.      Thanksgiving Sunday**

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**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENTS, with presentation by Chair  
of Council Rodney Chase**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST & RAINBOW CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L. Some insightful soul once remarked that often the only prayer we need to pray is “Thank you, Lord.”

**P. Without moralizing, we know that being thankful helps us to be more at peace with ourselves and our world.**

L. With so much for which to be thankful, even in these days, may our grateful hearts join with the Holy Spirit to “prime the pump” of our worship this morning!

**P: Amen!! Let’s worship the Lord!!**

**OPENING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God      VU 236**

**OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)**

We thank you, Creator God, for the diversity, the complexity, and the interconnectedness of the world in which we live. We thank you for the mystery of it, the beauty and the bounty. In our quest to explore and understand it, keep us mindful of our place in the world, as one of its creatures, one with possibility and responsibility. As we worship, draw us closer to your mystery and your majesty. Amen.

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**CHILDREN’S STORY**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation      VU 227**

**SCRIPTURES: Job 23:1-9, 16-17      Psalm 22:1-15**

**SERMON: Hold On to the One Who Holds On to You**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Great Is The Lord”**

**PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)**

Thank you, God, for giving us the wherewithal, in every sense of the word, to bring these offerings we bring for the work of your Kingdom. You give us all of our time, talents, treasure, tissue, turf, and our very souls, entrusting them to us. Thank you for this trust. Help us to live as good stewards of all that you give us. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: We Plough the Fields      VU 520**

**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 continue to worship together each week in-church or by Zoom. Due to Covid Protocols there will be no social time for the next few weeks.

### Upcoming services & meetings & events:

Oct. 10	11:00 a.m.	Creation Time 5 & Thanksgiving
Oct. 12	1:30 p.m.	Women Together
Oct. 13	6:00 p.m.	Council
Oct. 17	11:00 a.m.	21 <sup>st</sup> after Pentecost

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of **Garnett & Ruth Feeny** by the Feeney Family. Also, **Flowers** have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of Ruth & Garnett. (A note of interest, a stained glass window titled "Jesus Grew in Wisdom & Stature", on the right hand side of the sanctuary, was donated in memory of Garnett Feeney, 1915 – 1992, placed by his family)

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Barbara & David Morrison** on the passing of Barbara's brother, **Robert Byron MacKenzie**. (November 15, 1948 - October 6, 2021).

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Holly & Les Johnston** on the passing of Holly's father, **Morton A. Mitchell**.

**Sunday School News:** The Sunday School Committee are in the process of planning for the upcoming year. Currently the plans are to start late September or after the Thanksgiving weekend. There will be more information in upcoming bulletins. If you have an interest in helping with the Sunday School Program, please contact Ashley Sheppard or Jessica Clement.

**Books,** the book table in the hall is in need of more books. If you have any books to donate please call the office and we can make arrangements for pick up or drop off. Thanks!

**The Upper Rooms** for September & October have arrived and are located in the narthex.

**Salvation Army "Adopt-a-Kettle" campaign.** "The Salvation Army are reaching out looking for community support to "Adopt-a-Kettle" for a day - which means your organization, with the help of volunteers, will man the Kettles for a day (the date, the Kettle location and the number of volunteers is entirely up to you). Please see the bulletin board for more information and you may contact Valerie Barton or the office if you would like to volunteer.



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### **Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost**

**Dates:** Five Sundays in the Season of Pentecost beginning with the Sunday after Labour Day and continuing to Thanksgiving Sunday.

**Meaning of Name:** Creation comes from the Latin *creare* and *creatio* meaning to “to create.”

**Liturgical Colour:** Orange, which is a warm colour, associated with enthusiasm, creativity, fruitfulness, endurance, and strength as well as with sunrise and sunset, fall and harvest, and the changing seasons, nature’s last burst of colour before winter. It is the red of passion tempered by the yellow of wisdom. (A photo of the minister’s pulpit hanging is below. These hangings were made by Susan Wade.)



September 12 – Creation Time 1 in the Season of Pentecost Creation cries out:  
*Love me!*

September 19 - Creation Time 2 in the Season of Pentecost Creation asks:  
*Learn my stories!*

September 26 – Creation Time 3 in the Season of Pentecost Creation calls:  
*Nurture Me!*

October 3 – Creation Time 4 in the Season of Pentecost Creation requests:  
*Lend me your voice!*

October 10 – Creation Time 5 in the Season of Pentecost Creation invites:  
*Depend upon me!*

### **Community Events:**

#### **Book Sale at Wilmot United Church**

On Thurs Oct 14 and Fri Oct 15 from 10-6, hundreds of used books will be for sale at Wilmot United Church. Fiction and non-fiction titles for all book lovers! Priced to sell. Please wear community mask and bring proof of full vaccination.

#### **Rummage Sale At Wilmot United Church**

On Fri Oct 22 from 9-6 and Sat Oct 23 from 9 - noon, Wilmot United Church is holding their annual fall rummage sale. Dozens of tables will be stacked high with used fall and winter clothing, footwear, kitchen ware, bedding, Christmas decorations, books, toys and more! All priced to sell!