

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA -
GANDER PASTORAL CHARGE
Benton Gander Glenwood-Appleton**

Minister: Rev. Kathy J. Brett (651-4611)

Choir: Men's Choir

Organist: Karen Nevin

Reader: Frank Tibbo

Fraser Road United - Gander - 11:00 am.

January 13, 2019

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness (vs. 1) #28

*Herald! Sound the note of gladness! Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert for the one who brings God near.*

*Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saving One has come!*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

People of God, come as you are to worship.

God affirms us for who we are today.

Even when drifting away, God calls us back by name.

Even when we doubt, God walks with us.

Friends, let us open our hearts and minds to feel God's call and presence.

We open ourselves to God's love and care.

OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

Loving Creator, you have created this wondrous world and called it good. You formed us in your image and you celebrated with joy. Whether we join you here in at a time of joy or sorrow, we thank you for your steadfast presence. Help us to focus our attention to listen to you and to each other's stories, and may we grow to understand one another as we are all your beloved children, united with Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN: Spirit Open My Heart #79 (MV)

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

*God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.*

*Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.*

*May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

ACT OF PRAISE: Herald Sound the Note of Gladness (vs. 3) #28

*Herald! Sound the note of pardon! Those repenting are forgiven;
God receives these wayward children, and to all new life is given.*

*Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saving One has come!*

THE PEACE:

May the peace of Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me #365

LEARNING TOGETHER

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

God of grace, as Jesus was baptized, you made the ultimate proclamation of love. Help us to hear your words of care and make us voices of your proclamation, so that all might know of your love through our words and actions. We pray in the name of your Beloved. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29, VU#756

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-17

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #918 A New Creed
MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Tell Me the Old Old Story

SUNG OFFERTORY: What Can I Do? #191(MV)

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

Giver and Sustainer of Life, pour out your blessing upon these gifts and upon all who give from their hearts. Multiply them so they may reach further than our imaginations can carry them. In the blessed name of our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CHORAL BLESSING: Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness
(vs. 4) #28

*Herald! Sound the note of triumph! Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God's own love and power, granting victory in our strife.*

***Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saving One has come!***



LIFE AND WORK OF OUR PASTORAL CHARGE

~**UCW FELLOWSHIP** - meeting on Tuesday, Jan 15th at 7:30 pm in the church hall.

~**NOTICE TO GROUP/COMMITTEE LEADERS**- The 2018 Annual Report will soon be compiled and then printed at the church office. Please make every effort to have your committee/group report submitted by January 23rd. Reports can be emailed to fraseruc@nfld.net.

~**BIBLE STUDY** - Thursday, January 17th at 10:00. The readings to be discussed are Matthew 4:1-17 and Psalm 91.

~**CALLING ALL KNITTERS!** The Outreach committee is looking for volunteers to knit Prayer Shawls. If you are able to help, go ahead and get knitting! Patterns are available at the office if you need one.

~**PAR** - It is so easy to sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Simply pick up your application from the back of the church and pop it by the office!

~**POSTAGE STAMPS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** - Don't forget to save your used postage stamps to help fund development projects in Africa. They can be left at the back of the church or brought to the office.

~**DID YOU KNOW?** You can make a gift to Mission & Service on your computer or smart phone? Just go to the United Church web-site (www.united-church.ca) and click the donate button. You can identify your home congregation so that your gift can be credited to your congregation's givings. A great way to help do God's mission.

If you know someone who is in hospital, kindly let Rev. Kathy know so that she may schedule a visit