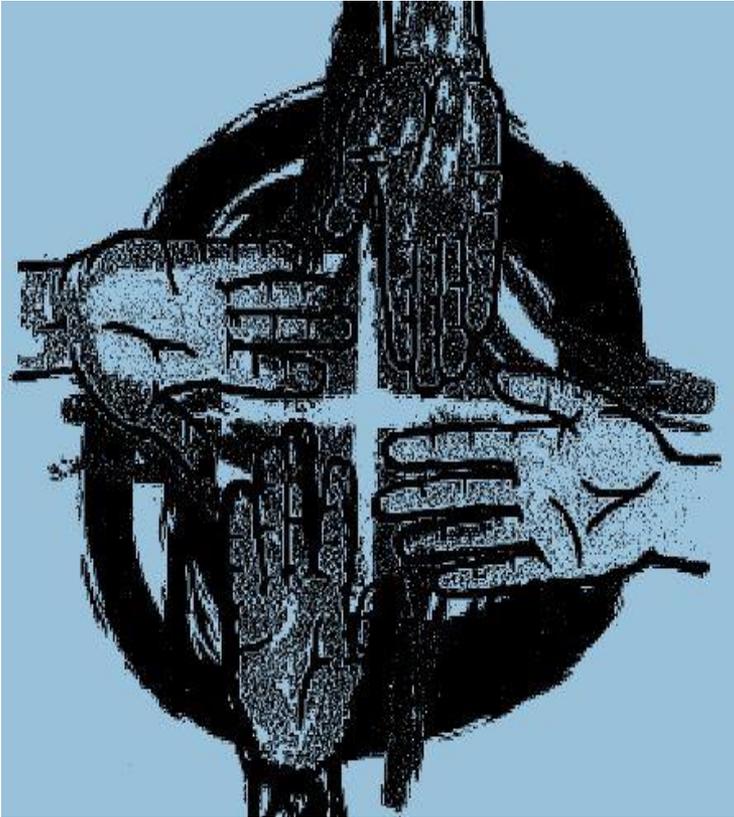


St. John's Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2018

10:00 a.m.



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come,
this church opens wide its doors
and offers welcome to all
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary.

***Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's.

Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm 50: 1-6

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Mark 9: 2-9

**A PCC Mission Moment
for February 11th**

A Miracle of Abundance

Like those who witnessed Jesus feeding the five thousand, members of the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry have experienced a miracle of abundance.

The four separate congregations were each struggling in their own way until they came together to grow as one. Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, these partners in ministry are now sharing their gifts in ways that enhance, inspire, and build their communities. One of the congregations with established gifts in youth ministry recently sent a youth team to another ministry in the region to help them run a Vacation Bible School.

What started out as a kind gesture ended up inspiring new leadership and sparking a whole new children's ministry where there was none before. This is just one example of how these congregations, through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, are growing together to share God's love.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the love of God

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Transfiguration Sunday

Organ Prelude

Fantasie Ps. 89 - Leen Schippers

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The glory of God is too great for you to bear.

We are not afraid. We will not turn back.

The mystery of God runs too deep for you to fathom.

We will not be deterred. We will not turn back.

The fiery chariot of Elijah is not for mortal sight to see.

We are blessed with the eyes of faith. We will not turn back.

Come then, and worship our God, who took Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind.

We will worship the Lord, who transfigured Moses, Elijah, and Jesus to shine like the sun.

Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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Opening Prayer

God of mighty tempest and devouring fire,

You come to us shrouded in mystery.

Just as Elisha followed Elijah

until he was taken up into heaven,

we will follow Christ up the mountain

to behold his glory.

Who are Moses and Elijah that we should not

join their ranks among the faithful?

What is to prevent us from shining with Christ this very day?

Give us eyes and ears of faith, Holy One,

that we may see the heaven open and hear your voice,

calling us to follow your Son.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Praise Song

Open our eyes Lord

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Time with the Young and Young at Heart

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by **Phyllis Bateman**

Responsive Psalm 50: 1-6

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Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-15

NT pg 10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

HTM

Like the murmur of the dove's song

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Sermon

"Powerful Living" (Matthew 11:11)

Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Come, Be Glad - Merrick/Hayes

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name

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Commissioning (Unison)

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling
as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

Benediction

Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ

**We are here joined in Christ,
called to serve and adore Him.**

**Give us peace, perfect peace,
patience and hope everlasting.
Send us to serve in our Master's name,
and to glorify Him.
Joined with Christ, and through Christ,
praise our Father forever.**

Please join us for the Annual General Meeting after Worship today.

Luncheon/Coffee Hour is Courtesy of the Women of the Church

News for the Pews

Bible Study for Lent

Rev. Johnston has agreed to lead a five-week Bible Study during Lent starting Wednesday, February 28 through to March 28, 1:00 p.m., for about 1 ½ hours.

The Study is titled: **THE PATH TO THE CROSS** – Embracing Obedience and Sacrifice

This study is a combination of DVD and small group discussion. It is a new venture for Rev. Johnston using this material.

Session One	The Way of the Essenes	February 28
Session Two	The Way of John the Baptist	March 7
Session Three	Into the Desert to Be Tested	March 14
Session Four	The Last Passover	March 21
Session Five	The Fifth Cup: Our Way of Hope	March 28

There is a personal study book available, but it is not necessary. The books have to be ordered from the US to be here on time. They are \$10.00 (Ca)

If you would like to participate in this study, please let the office or Rev. Johnston know as quickly as possible.

If you would like to have a personal study guide, please let us know so it can be ordered.



Stewardship Moment

Christian Stewardship of life through the pursuit of justice, peace and the well-being of creation will win the gospel of Jesus Christ and hearing in ways seldom achieved by sheer proclamation.

Walter Brueggeman - Hope for the World

New Year Gala

The Underground will be holding a New Year Gala on February 16th 7:00 – 10:00 at the Wesleyan Church beside Farm Boy on Sydney Street. Light refreshments, lots of fun and friendship. For Youth Grade 8 and up.

YOUTH LEGION CHICKEN DINNER & **SILENT AUCTION**

Sunday, February 25, 2018 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

This is an annual fundraiser for St. John's Youth and this year, proceeds will go towards their Conference this summer. Held at the Royal Canadian Legion, it is a chicken dinner with all the extras AND a Silent Auction. Cost \$ 15.00 with tickets available after Sunday services and at the office or ask one of the Youth.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUPPER & MUSIC

Saturday, March 10, 2018 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

What better way to kick off the March Break & St. Patrick's week than with an Irish stew dinner & some good old-fashioned Irish fun and music. Mike McAnany and his guitar will be with us again this year to entertain and to lead us. Cost \$ 20.00 with tickets available after Sunday services or from the Church office. **ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY.** Proceeds will go towards St. John's Youth programs.

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IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE

International Affairs Committee

Scared to admit that she had touched Jesus' robe in desperate hope for healing, a woman who had suffered hemorrhages for 12 years, and was said to be incurable, broke her silence and sought the help she needed (Lk. 8:43-48). She fought for her right to health and wellbeing.

Gender-Based Violence

Violence against women and girls is a prevalent human rights violation worldwide. The World Health Organization reports that one in three women will suffer physical or sexual abuse. Violence undermines the health, dignity, security and autonomy of its victims. Laws do not always adequately protect women or ensure access to support when violence occurs. Gender-based violence is under-reported: women may not seek help from health professionals, law enforcement or even members of their own family when they have been assaulted.

Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. 80% of Haitians live under the poverty line and more than half in extreme poverty. Political instability, poverty, and high rates of crime exacerbate and result in high



rates of discrimination and violence against women and girls. Haiti's constitution protects women from sexual and physical abuse and discrimination in the workplace, but these protections lack legislative teeth and enforcement. Human Rights Watch's World Report 2016 states that Haiti does not have specific legislation criminalizing rape, domestic violence, sexual harassment or other forms of violence against women and girls.



The Church Responds

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) supports a number of vital organizations working to end gender-based violence. These include:

- Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health), a Haitian organization that works to prevent violence against women and girls, and helps victims of violence to access medical, psychological, and legal support.
- Community World Service Asia (CWSA) in Afghanistan strengthens girls' access to education & includes training women for employment.
- Organizacion Feminina Popular (OFP) is a Colombian women's rights organization.
- Héritiers de la Justice (HJ) is an organization in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo that runs a legal clinic to combat the impunity of gender-based violence.



Prayer

O Great Physician, you are present with women when they seek to heal. We give thanks for organizations that assist victims of gender-based violence and seek to protect their rights, dignity and wellbeing.

The International Affairs Committee is mandated by General Assembly to monitor and draw the church's attention to international issues. The full report is found in the 2017 Acts & Proceedings.



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