

Announcements

Wed. Feb 26 th	Choir 6:30
Thurs. Feb 27 th	KD Lunch
Sun. Mar 2 nd	Annual Meeting
Tues. Mar 4 th	Pancake Supper



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Speak to Rev. Brad or our church administrator Cheri for more
information.

Mission Moment

Within the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, there are many diverse communities, including farming, mining, and forestry, along with three First Nations communities, rural and urban populations, and a growing number of newcomers to Canada. At the heart of each congregation within the ministry is a genuine desire to be good neighbours and to improve the lives of those around them, even in small ways. This commitment is expressed through various initiatives, such as children's camps and programming, a senior's ministry serving nursing homes and shut-ins, and regular food distribution, as well as providing warm clothing and blankets for the homeless and facilitating access to addiction treatment centers. Through their outreach efforts, the congregations bear witness to their faith and actively fulfill Christ's mission in the region.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Take delight in the Lord;
For God will give us the desires of our hearts.

Trust in the Lord;
For God will give us security and strength.

Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.
Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.

Hymn: **#374 Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Opening Prayers

*Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn: **#36 I Rest in God Alone**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Psalm 37:1-17, 39-40
Luke 6:27-38

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: "When Morning Comes, I Sing"
- Kathy C. Bowen

Message

Hymn: **#560 Put peace into each other's hands** (verses 1-3, 5)

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn: **#324 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Benediction & Dismissal: **May the Lord bless you**

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

*In a time of hate
love is an act of resistance.
In a time of fear
faith is an act of resistance.
In a time of misinformation
education is an act of resistance.
In a time of poor leadership
community is an act of resistance.*

*In a time like this
joy is an act of resistance.
Resist. Resist. Resist.*

By Loryn Brantz 



Things to pray for this week...

We pray that our hearts will be enlightened so that we may recognise the hope to which God is calling us.

We pray for peace in Sudan as the country is experiencing a violent conflict, with over half of its population facing acute hunger.

We pray for students preparing to be in summer placements through the Rural and Remote Ministry Grant.



Scripture Reading: Psalm 37:1-17, 39-40 (NIV)

- ¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
- ² for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.
- ³ Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
- ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.
- ¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.
- ¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.
- ¹² The wicked plot against the righteous
and gnash their teeth at them;
- ¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he knows their day is coming.
- ¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword
and bend the bow
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose ways are upright.
- ¹⁵ But their swords will pierce their own hearts,
and their bows will be broken.

- ¹⁶ Better the little that the righteous have
than the wealth of many wicked;
- ¹⁷ for the power of the wicked will be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous...
- ³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- ⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:17-26 (NRSVUE)

- ²⁷ “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.
- ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
- ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”