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May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

*Introit: (*Tune: Michael, Row the Boat*)

**Spirit, be our breath of life, Alleluia,
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**Spirit, be our wind of change, Alleluia (x2)
Spirit, be our fire that warms, Alleluia (x2)
Spirit, come and fill your church, Alleluia (x2)**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Nick Rose*

One: In the light of the candle's flame, we gather to worship,
remembering Jesus whose Spirit is always with us.

All: In the Christ-light, we find our hope and joy!
(*candle is lit*)

*Sing: **Light up the candle every day,
Jesus be with us, here as we pray.**

Call to Worship: (*seated*)

L: Something was happening! The whole church was in one place, all
together. There was a rush of wind.

ALL: There was fire coming down from the sky!

L: Each voice spoke another language.

ALL: We all understood each other!

L: What was happening?

ALL: The church was born!

L: The Holy Spirit was given.

ALL: The church came alive in love!

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L: Come, Spirit – as light in darkness, as wind in stillness

ALL: Come, Spirit – be in our midst that we might be with you.

Sing chorus: **Come, Holy Spirit we need You,
Come, Holy Spirit we pray,
Come with Your strength and Your power,
Come in Your own special way.**

Opening Prayer:

God of rushing wind and chaos, we celebrate the gift of your Holy Spirit and we welcome the birth of your church. In this world that trembles with fear, we need your power, that we might live with courage and strength. Help us, Holy Spirit, to claim your mighty presence in our lives and in our world. Blow through our hearts and through our church, that we may proclaim by our actions that we are your sons and daughters. Inspire within us the dreams of youth and the visions of age. Keep us mindful of the ways your winds of change blow through us all, strengthening us for love and service in the world ... for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church

*Hymn: #375, Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (*vs. 1,3,4 - chorus
sung at beginning and end only*)

Conversation with the Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction & Scripture

Hymn: #445, A Little Child the Saviour Came (*vs. 1,3,4 –
congregation seated*)

Presentation of those to be Baptized: *Anna MacDonald*

Profession of Faith

Congregational Support:

One: Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

All: As a baptized and baptizing church, and as family and friends, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith and within the circle of family life. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism and to follow the way of Christ in our day to day living.

Pouring of Water & Lighting of the Baptism Candles

The Baptism

Welcome

L: As a sign of our joy in celebrating this day of baptism with
(*names*) and in a spirit of welcome, let us join together:

All: We welcome you into the community of the church and we celebrate all that you mean to your parents and other family members. We surround you with love - that you may learn to love. You are a part of God's family, as well as your birth family; and in this family, you will always find a welcome place.

Presentation of Baptism Candles, Certificates and Bible Story Books
Blessing

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word, our hearts to love you, and our lives to be obedient to your way, through the power of the Spirit at work in and around us. Amen.

O.T. Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

N.T. Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21 (*selected verses*)

Hymn: #376, Spirit of the Living God (*congregation seated*)

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

*Choral Response:

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.

*Offertory Prayer:

Life-giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions, and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Choir Ministry of Music: "*Circle of Friends*"

Communion Prayer:

As we come to this time of prayer, we lay before God the concerns of our hearts and the names of those written in our prayer book this day – *names are read*

Gentle Spirit, breathe your love and peace on all for whom we lift our prayer concerns and on us, as we continue to pray:

Breath of God, Breath of Life, Breath of Deepest Yearning,

Come, Holy Spirit.

Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Enthuser,

Come, Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of Truth, Midwife of Change,

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Spirit is here.

The Holy One is with us.

We pray to you, O God of Life.

You pour out your spirit upon all the world.

We ask a blessing on this place and all who worship here.

Christ says, this is my body.

A blessing on all faithful people,

and on all who seek to live in faith, to the ends of the earth.

A blessing on this city,

and all who live in it.

A blessing on this nation,

its leaders and people alike.

A blessing on every race and nation,

all the sons and daughters, the old and young alike.

A blessing on those who laugh, and those who weep,

on those at peace, and those at war,

on those who have died, and those who will live to see tomorrow;

a blessing on every creature, great and small.

Breath of God, Breath of Life, Breath of Deepest Yearning,

You pour out your spirit upon all the world.

Through the Holy Spirit, you have continued to bless all people and your church.

So on this first day of the week we give you thanks and praise for your Spirit.

As people of faith, we come to this table. We take the bread as sign of hope and life, remembering Jesus who said: "This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

We take the cup as Jesus did, when he shared it with his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant made in my blood. Each time you drink from it, remember me."

We break the bread and share the cup.

We remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

And as we eat and drink, we recommit ourselves to following the way of Christ, in whose name we gather all our prayers, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Breaking of the Bread & Blessing of the Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion:

We thank you, God, for the gifts you give us: for the bread of our being loved, for the wine of our joy, for our life together as people ready to do the work of love and justice, as the Spirit calls us. We pray that, having been refreshed at this table, we may be bread and wine for each other and for the world. Amen.

*Hymn: #382, Breathe On Me, Breath of God

*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: May the Holy Spirit blow you in new directions.

All: May the Holy Spirit inspire us to do new things.

L: May the winds of Pentecost move you and the flames of Pentecost warm your hearts.

All: May we go forth - renewed, refreshed, challenged, and secure in the knowledge of God's love for us.

L: Go, in the name of God who creates us; in the name of Christ Jesus who redeems us; and in the name of the Holy Spirit who counsels and guides us.

All: We go to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

L: Go in peace!

*Sing: **Spirit, be our breath of life, Alleluia,
Spirit be our breath of life, Alleluia.**

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of
Lloyd Cameron from some of his many friends**

(Norma Crawford, Bob & Anna MacDonald, Garth & Jane Sweezey, Helen & Ed Jones, Andy & Joan Clark, Joan & Brian Savoy, Sylvia & Bill Sargent, Margie Sticklen, Marjorie MacPhee, Alice MacPhee, Paul Sweezey, Jeanne Breau, Barry & Bev Campbell, Bunny & Jack Hunter, Dianne Donovan, Kelly Murray, Connie MacRae, Lyn LeClair, John & Charlene, Carol Stymiest, Betty & Joffre Sardin).

Memorials

In loving memory of **Connie Daley**, a donation to Mission & Service Fund has been received from Milt & Betty MacInnis.

In loving memory of **Collie MacCullam**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Roberta Walsh.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Joan & Brian Savoy, Bill & Lib Hachey.

In loving memory of **Estella Glidden**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Blair & Nancy Vessie.

Duty Unit: May – Maude Jardine Unit/June – Princess Anne Unit

Tape Distribution: May 20 – Joan MacKnight Savoy/May 27 – Blair Vessie/June 3- Norma Weatherby

**Greeters: May 27 – Barb Doucet & Margaret Moran Glidden
June 3 – Roland & Liz Taylor/June 10 – Brenda & John Jardine**

Sound System: May 20 – Brian Savoy/May 27 – Paul Rose/June 3 – Ernie MacLean/June 10 – John MacKnight

Power Point: May 20 – Juanita Hamilton/May 27 – Karen Rose/June 3 – Juanita Hamilton/June 10 – Margaret Glidden

Offering Collections: **May 20** – Don Walls, Denis Desaulniers, Gary Blackmore, John MacKnight/**May 27** – Sam Shirley, Dave & Brenda Hicks, Marjorie MacPhee/**June 3** – Shirley MacDonald, Helen Jones, Frances MacLean, Clarke Fraser

Offering Counters:

May 20 – Margaret Moran Glidden, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest/**May 27** – Karen Rose, John MacKnight, Hallam Curtis/
June 3 – Juanita Hamilton, Marjorie MacPhee, Helen Jones

Announcements

This Week:

Sunday, May 20th – *Sacraments of Communion & Baptism*

Monday, May 21st – *Office Closed Victoria Day*

Tuesday, May 22nd – *Office Closed Karen on Vacation*

- *12 noon* – *Princess Anne Unit meeting with a brown bag lunch*

Saturday, May 26th – 8:30 a.m. – *The final Men's Breakfast of the season will be held at the Portage Restaurant. Guest speaker will be Sheree Allison speaking on Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. All ladies are invited to attend.*

Upcoming:

Sunday, May 27th – *Men's Choir; Birthday Box for WDR*

Worship conducted by Worship & Faith Development Team with message by John Bosma. Rev. Charlene, Ernie MacLean & Wayne Mullin will be at Maritime Conference meeting in Sackville, NB

Monday, May 28th – 12:00 noon – *Maude Jardine Unit Meeting with a brown bag lunch*

- **7:00 p.m.** – *Property & Financial Management Team meeting*

Tuesday, May 29th – 10:00 a.m. – *Church Council Meeting*

Wednesday, May 30th – 10:00 a.m. – *Ministry & Personnel Team Meeting*

- **2:30 p.m.** – *Devotions at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home. Congregation and choir members are encouraged to attend.*

Graduation Recognition – Sunday, June 10th. Please let us know the names of any from our congregation who are graduating this year from High School, Community College or University. Also if you have grandchildren graduating, please let us know so they can be recognized in our bulletin as well. Information has to be in to the office no later than Tuesday, June 5th. We will need the name of the school they are graduating from, what their future plans are and a photo if you have one.

Mowing of Church Lawn – Bill Hachey has volunteered to do the mowing of the church lawn but he is in need of weekly volunteers to do the trim work and close cutting around the trees. If you are available for one week or a few weeks please sign up at the back of church by the church office. Please be sure to include your phone number so that Bill will be able to be in contact with you in regards to time.

The Communication and Policy Planning Team is requesting members of the congregation to notify Karen in the Church Office if any changes have occurred in your phone number, mailing address, or email address. This will ensure that information in the Church Office remains current. Also if anyone does not wish for any photos, etc. of themselves to be placed on the church Facebook page and/or the church webpage please notify Karen at the church office. If you do not contact the office we will assume you are fine with photos etc. being placed on the church website and/or Facebook page.

CGIT Alumni monthly gathering will take place at Jungle Jim's Restaurant on Tuesday, May 29th at 11:30 a.m. All former CGIT members are invited to attend.

Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton are now on sale at Newcastle Farmers Market or by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002).

Luminaries for the Relay for Life are available at the church office \$7.00 each or 2/\$10.00. Relay for Life will be on Saturday, June 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Miramichi Worldwide team will be presenting on their recent trip to Rwanda today, May 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vogue Theatre in Chatham. Come out and learn about our project in this beautiful country and how they have learned to work together after the horrific genocide. After the presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions and meet the team and learn about upcoming projects. Refreshments will be served.

Care & Share of Miramichi invites you to a Day by the River with Susan Butler and Friends. Rodd Miramichi, June 9th from 10 am – 2 pm. All women are welcome! Cost of the day is \$15.00 this includes lunch. Please see the bulletin board for more information.