

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

November 19, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Scott Kohler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Brad Little, Pastor Emeritus

Christy Boyd, Pianist

Greeters at Entrance: Mel Spires & David Crawford

Greeters at Entrance: Fred & Barb MacMullin

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: #656 Open the Eyes of My Heart

Call to Worship Psalm 113:1-6

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

Congregation: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Leader: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Congregation: Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Songs of Praise

#66 To God Be the Glory

#260 The Old Rugged Cross

Presentation on International Student Ministries

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:7-13 Debbie Dunnett

“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews

though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “He is Able to Deliver”

Closing Hymn #348 Softly and Tenderly

Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev’ry 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.

Postlude

We welcome you to Worship at Gentle Shepherd Community Church this morning. We’re glad you came! Please plan to join us following the service for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs. If you are a visitor today, please sign our Guest Book in the foyer as you leave as a lasting reminder of your visit. We hope you feel as welcome as you are as part of the Gentle Shepherd family.

**Please note: Instead of collecting our offerings during the worship service, there is now an offering box at the back of the church. Our church family is invited to share in giving in this way.

Weekly Announcements

Missions and Outreach Team Challenge: During November, our Food Bank challenge is to supply baking ingredients to help families provide Christmas goodies. This could include flour, sugar, baking mixes, baking powder, baking soda, salt, shortening, pie fillings, chocolate chips, nuts, pudding mixes – any non-perishable baking ingredients. Items can be left in the foyer any Sunday in November.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign: We have again been invited to participate in the annual Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. Our dates are November 25 and December 8. We will be in the same location as last year – outside Lawton’s Pharmacy in the Regent Mall. This is a great Christmas activity for both individuals and families. A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer.

Christmas Angels: Christmas Angels from the Greener Village (Fredericton Food Bank) are now available in the foyer. We encourage you to choose an angel, purchase the gift requested and return your angel and gift to the church by Sunday, December 3. This is a great way to help ensure that all children in the area have something special under the tree on Christmas morning!

Baptism and Membership: A baptism is being planned for the near future. If you are interested in baptism or membership, please speak to Pastor Scott.

Christianity Explored: If you would like to contribute snacks for Wednesday evenings, please speak to Pastor Scott or Jean Ford.

Date to Remember: On **December 22, 5:30 PM**, a congregational Christmas potluck will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Regent Street.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, November 19	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday, November 22	10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Bible Study at the Church Bible Study at the home of Connie & Kevin Storr Christianity Explored at the Church
Friday, November 24	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers’
Sunday, November 26	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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