

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

April 29, 2018 – 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 in Foyer: Ian & Janet Culligan

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song #66 To God Be the Glory

Call to Worship Psalm 133

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

Congregation: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

Leader: For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#41 Tell Out My Soul

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:1-10 Fred MacMullin

Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. On the contrary, they recognized

that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Jon Sensinger

Pastoral Prayer

Message

“The Right Hand of Partnership”

Closing Hymn

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They’ll Know We Are Christians

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 **May**, our outreach challenge is to provide much needed items for Grace House, Fredericton's Women's Shelter. The top needs at this time include (but are not limited to) laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, bathroom tissue, shampoo (any size, including personal size), deodorant, combs/brushes, socks, underwear and coffee. Your donations can be left in the foyer any Sunday in May.

On **Wednesday, May 2, 11:30 AM**, we are preparing **Soup Packs for the Food Bank**, followed by a Potluck Lunch. All women welcome.

Dinner at O'Dell Lodge: Join your church family for food and fun on **May 19, 2018** from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Further details to follow.

There will be a **Yard/Plant/Bake Sale** on **Saturday, May 26, 2018** at Victoria Hall, New Maryland. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off at Victoria Hall on Friday, May 25, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. For more information, call Jean at 450-7825.

Any prayer requests can be sent to Don Kerstens at djkerstens@gmail.com. If anyone would like their name included in the Prayer Chain, Please contact Don.

Do you have announcements for the bulletin? Please send submissions to Connie Crawford at conniecrawford259@gmail.com by Tuesday morning.

NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE: A number of people in our church family have allergic reactions to scents. Please be sensitive to those needs when preparing to attend worship.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, April 29	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday, May 2	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Bible Study at the Church Preparation of Soup Packs for the Food Bank followed by a Potluck Lunch
Friday, May 4	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, May 6	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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