

St. Paul's United Church

Back to Basics: Fellowship. Who we are together, Matters

10:30 a.m. January 29th, 2017

* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer *

Prelude

Jesus, Still Lead On

Elgar, arr. Lau

We Gather in Community

***Greeting**

In love we greet one another,

it is God's love that binds us and unites us.

In love we join as one,

it is God's love that empowers and inspires us.

***Introit:**

Let Us Build A House

MV 1 (vs 5)

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

***Call to Worship (Responsive):**

Our God is community, three in one, one in three, united in an eternal embrace.

We are a reflection of that divine dance, and so we worship and work as one.

Let our voices raise as we share this common bond.

We are all children of God, we are all one in the Body of Christ.

Hearts and hands entwined, let us worship the one who has brought us together.

Our God is community, and we reflect that unity. AMEN

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Praise:**

Who Is My Mother

MV 78

Time for the Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

You, O great Redeemer, are one who seeks mending. You yearn for a closer relationship with each one of us, but just as much, you call on us to grow closer to one another, your children. Remind us that every broken relationship, distances us from you, that every grudge we hold

against our brothers and sisters, is a grudge against you. Drive us to reconciliation, to greater unity. Remind us that in our unity, we find wholeness; that in our fellowship and sharing of love and life, we find you. Mend our hearts and lives, O Reconciling Love, and teach us again the way you would have us go together. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37 Muriel Falkenstein

One: Herein is wisdom

All: Thanks be to God

Anthem Lord, I Stretch My Hand to You Althouse

Scripture: John 17:5-11 Rev. Richard

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to you O Christ

Message Fellowship Pastor Sarah

Affirmation of Faith:

Article XVIII. Of Church Order and Fellowship

We believe that the Supreme and only Head of the Church is the Lord Jesus Christ; that its worship, teaching, discipline, and government should be administered according to His will by persons chosen for their fitness and duly set apart to their office; and that although the visible Church may contain unworthy members and is liable to err, yet believers ought not lightly to separate themselves from its communion, but are to live in fellowship with their brethren, which fellowship is to be extended, as God gives opportunity, to all who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

***Hymn of Praise:** We are Pilgrims VU 595

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Andante Con Moto Schubert, arr. Williams

***Dedication Verse:** Christ Has No Body MV 171

**[Refrain]: Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.**

**Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

**Through every gift, give back to those in need,
as Christ was blessed, so now be a blessing,
with every gift a benediction be to the people of God. [Refrain]**

***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

Generous God, we dedicate these offerings for the work of the church; and we ask you to use all that we have, and all that we are, in your service. Amen.

Moment for Community: AA Plaque Presentation

Prayers of the People

***Hymn of Praise:** Blest Be the Ties That Bind VU 602

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Choral Closing:** May God's Sheltering Wings MV 214

**May God's sheltering wings,
God's gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
God's cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in God's love,
and hold you in God's love.**

Postlude Allegro (4th Cello Sonata) Vivaldi, arr. Norris

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Announcements

Greeters:	January 29:	Harold & Ann Raper
Ushers:	Left Side:	Blaine Irving & Derrick Grant
	Middle:	Larry Buick
	Right Side:	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
	Upstairs:	Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce
Coffee Hour:	February 5:	Congregational Board

The forms for the **Love & Respect workshop are due today**. If you do not have your form, there are copies available **in the Narthex**. Please place your forms in the offering plate today.

Back to Basics! For the next 8 weeks, we will be exploring our core as a people of faith. Our Scriptures, prayers and messages will reflect a theme, a focus as we remind ourselves of God's call for us. Join us as we rediscover who we are as members of the Body of Christ!

January 8th:	Christ, Our Center, Our Beginning
January 15th:	God, Our Creator, Our Parent
January 22nd:	Holy Spirit, Holy Wisdom, Wholly God
January 29th:	Fellowship: Who we are together, matters
February 5th:	Prayer: Private, Public, Powerful
February 12th:	Reading Scripture, Embracing the Word
February 19th:	Tithing: Giving Our Very Selves
February 26th:	Sacraments: Symbols of Grace Eternal

Bring a Friend to Church is back! Welcome to any who are visiting today. Following the service there will be a free pot luck. Come and join in the food and fellowship.

Been to the Library lately? We have a great assortment of books that are sure to delight! Many topics, many opportunities—we even have some books that have been written and published by our own Darlene Ryan. Take the time to drop by and see if something catches your eye!

Hospice Fredericton is accepting referrals for the Adult Day Centre at 621 Churchill Row. We are open 3 days a week; Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 3pm. We welcome clients with cognitive or physical impairments of any kind that are 55 and older. The centre offers a wide range of stimulating programs for memory loss, physical challenges, or social isolation. Activities will include music, games, trivia, bingo, and various exercise programs. For more information on our Adult Day Program, to make a referral or on volunteering please contact Nicole Pike in person at 621 Churchill Row, Fredericton, NB, E3B 1P5, over the phone at (506) 206-7955 or by email at hospiceadc@gmail.com

2016 Income Tax Receipts & 2017 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex, if you are interested in donating to the church and are not on PAR or using weekly offering envelopes please contact Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183.

Annual Reports are due in the office by January 30th.

Annual Congregational Meeting has been set for February 12th with a snow date of February 19th

Volunteer Needed: We are looking for a **Chair of Finance** ! If you or you wish to suggest a possible candidate(s) please speak to Ron Naugler or call Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183! Thanks!

Pantry Needs: Toilet tissue, paper towels, beans, coffee (instant and regular), pancake mix and syrup, fruit and pudding cups, large juice (orange and apple), granola bars, cake mixes and frostings, canned fruit, baking supplies(white sugar, flour, soda, baking powder, salt), cleaning supplies, cereals, rice, soups (not tomato), and any other items you think might be useful. We cannot accept open packages or out-dated canned goods. Thank you for all your donations.