

# St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. November 15th, 2015

\* Please stand as you are able or sit as you prefer \*

**Prelude** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour arr. Hughes

**Introit** *There is Room for All* MV 62

***There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing.  
There is room for all sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing my refuge  
and my rock in whom I trust.  
There is room for all. There is room for all.***

## \*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,  
***and also with you.***

**Welcoming the Light  
Welcome and Announcements**

## Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, let us give thanks to God.

***We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak and hears the prayers of the forgotten.***

Come, let us give thanks to the Christ.

***We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are empty, who hunger, who are alone at this time of year.***

Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit.

***We gather together to exalt the One who prompts us to love, not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.***

**Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:4-20

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *Praise to the Lord* VU 220

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**Keep up to date on upcoming activities  
and stay in touch in-between Sundays!**  
<http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsunitedfredericton>

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## Rev. Richards's Office Hours

**Sunday:** *Afternoon By Appointment*  
**Monday:** *8:00—Noon, 1:00-4:00*  
**Tuesday:** *8:00—Noon*  
**Wednesday:** *1:00—4:00*  
**Thursday:** *By Appointment*

## Regular Weekly Activities

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
<b>Mon., Wed., Friday</b>	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b>	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
<b>Monday</b>	6-8 pm	Shoe Box Dance - Gym
	7 p.m.	Men's Conversation Group
<b>Last Monday (month)</b>	7-8 p.m.	Stress Release Exercisers—Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	Fredericton Choral Society
	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-11 am	The Pantry
	9:30-11:30 am	Play Group - Gym
<b>Thursday</b>	7 pm	Senior Choir - Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	2-3 pm	Open Bible Study

## John Wesley's Directions for Singing

- I. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
- II. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
- III. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a single degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
- IV. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, then when you sung the songs of Satan.
- V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
- VI. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
- VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

**“The Observer”** It’s renewal time! Subscription cost for 2016 is \$25. Please contact Cathy Simpson at 458-1183 to start or renew your subscription.

**United Church Calendars** are available in the office for \$6. Please contact Cathy Simpson at 458-1183 if interested.

**Men’s Conversation Group:** Tomorrow (Monday) at 7 p.m. in the Parlour, the Men’s Conversation Group will continue. Our focus is on Thom Rainer’s **Autopsy of a Deceased Church**. Men of all ages are welcome. Come and share your views on where the church was, is, and is going as we forge a future together.

**Open Bible Study:** This afternoon’s Bible study will be held at **2 p.m. in the Ladies Parlour** on the main level. **All ages, theologies and Biblical proficiencies** are welcome, so even if you’ve never read a verse, come journey with us! Reading for today (and beyond) are on the website at <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca/open-bible-study/>

**Concert of Hymns:** A service of hymns is planned for Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 PM at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Connaught St. Program includes guest musician Paul Thompson and a selection of traditional hymns. Along with each hymn you will hear some of the stories behind the music. Everyone is welcome.

**Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers** annual **benefit dance** will be held on November 20th, 8:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, with great music by Fredericton’s fabulous new 9- piece dance band, Juke Box Live. Tickets only \$25.00 available from: Westminster Books, 445 King Street, Jean Coutu Pharmacy, Devon Plaza or by calling: 472 -1767 or 457- 0362

There will be a **TURKEY SUPPER & Bake Sale** on **Saturday, 21 November**, from 4 to 6 p.m., at **Forest Hill United Church** on Kimble Court. Tickets at the door \$12:00 for adults, \$7:00 for ages 6 to 12, 5 or under free. Gluten-free (Celiac) meals and take outs will be available. Wheelchair accessible.

**Gibson Memorial United Church** will be hosting a **“Market & Breakfast”**, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 12 noon; with all proceeds to the Fredericton Homeless Shelter. Market – Free (PartyLite, Wreaths, Sewing, Jewellery, Arbonne, Tupperware, Baking, Christmas Cards & Book Tables), Full Breakfast - \$7/adult and \$3/child.

**Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)**

***Rock of Salvation, you give strength to the feeble; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy. We praise your holy name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We confess our fallibility. Teach us to pray and praise without pause. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord, in whose name we pray. AMEN***

**Assurance of God’s Love & Lord’s Prayer**

**Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me (vs 1)* VU 365  
***Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,  
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn** *Let My Spirit Always Sing* MV 83

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** *Grace and Peace to You* Logan

**\*Dedication Verse** VU 541

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures high and low.  
Give thanks to God in love made known.  
Creator, Word and Spirit One.***

**Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

***Giver of wonder, when we think our resources are scarce, you bless us, so that others might be filled, so that prayers might be answered, so that hope might be shared, so your reign might come for all. AMEN.***

**Reading:** *Mark 13:1-8* Rev. Richard

**Anthem** *Brother James’ Air* arr. Pethel

**Message**                      *Signs*  
**\*Hymn**                        *May the God of Hope*                      *VU 424*  
**\*Commissioning (Responsive)**  
 May the Holy One, the Rock of our salvation, bless us now!  
***We join together in faith to work for truth and honesty.***  
 As God loves you,  
***we carry that love out into the world in peace, hope, and faith.***

**Benediction**  
**\*Choral Closing**        *Peace Be With You*                      *MV 215*  
***Peace be with you, peace forever.***  
***Peace be with you my friend.***  
***Till we meet again, may God be with you.***  
***Peace. Peace. Peace.***  
**Postlude**                      *Dona Nobis Pacem*                      *W. A. Mozart*

***We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude***

**Greeters:**                      Katie & Eric Lakes  
**Coffee Hour Nov. 22**        Congregational Board

**Congregational Meeting** on November 22 following Worship service to choose/name a joint search committee and to discuss our ministry and vision for the future.

***Congratulations to Clara Simpson*** on receiving her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Standard Award. Clara has met the requirements to achieve the Duke Of Edinburgh Gold Standard Award and received her certificate recently at a ceremony at the new Public Library in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The presentation was made by HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

**Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers**  
**Christmas Wreath Sale**

Double sided 12 inch balsam fir wreaths: undecorated \$12, decorated \$14 (pine cones, white cedar branches, red velvet bow). Please contact Sue Short at 455-5377, Anna Goddard at 459-8771 or Nancy MacGarvie at 455-3026. Deadline for orders is November 22, pick up November 29 at 83 Grey Street. Funds raised will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Help Lesotho Campaign.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** It's a simple gift-filled shoebox. But the impact each Operation Christmas Child shoebox has when it's opened by a child somewhere around the world is anything but ordinary. In many cases, the box is life-changing because it goes to a child who has never received a gift before, and never had the opportunity to learn who Jesus is. Each box tells a boy or girl they are loved, they matter, and God loves them as His children. All that in one simple shoebox. What gift from you could have more impact than that?! **Thank you** for taking a box, they are due back today. If you didn't bring them today could you please ensure that they reach Cathy in the office by Tuesday at the latest as they have to be returned for shipment to the children.

**Christmas Wish Tree Alert!**

Every year the people of St. Paul's share their Christmas spirit and generosity by buying gifts for children. Next week – **November 22** - the Children's Wish Tree will be set up. On it you will find gift tags bearing Santa wishes from 40 children whose families are being looked after by the Fredericton Food Bank this Christmas. Please select a tag, buy a gift and return it to the Church by **November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Many of you look forward to sharing in this tradition. We hope we can count on your support again this year!



**New Member Sunday:** November 29th

As we celebrate a new church year with the beginning of Advent, we will welcome those wishing to become members of this faith community. If you would like to **learn more about becoming a member**, or transferring your membership from another church, please contact Rev. Richard at 458-1183 or by email at [rev.bowley@outlook.com](mailto:rev.bowley@outlook.com)

**Financial Contributions for Nov., 8, 2015**

2015 Weekly Budget		\$5,200.00
Envelopes	3,314.25	
Loose	63.00	
PAR	<u>1,835.17</u>	
	5,212.42	



***Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts***