

## St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. January 10th, 2016

*Baptism of Christ*

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

**Prelude** In Dulci Jubilo Bach, arr. Paxton

**Introit** Don't Be Afraid MV 90

**Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

### \*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.**

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship (Responsive):

God is with us always and calls us each by name.

**When we pass through difficulties and stress,**

God is with us and calls us by name.

**When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,**

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

**Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 43:1-7 Patty Trail

#### Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn:** Morning Has Broken VU 409

#### Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive):

God has given us water to hold in common and share. Why, then, do so many go without safe water?

**God has given us abundant resources with which to live and thrive. Why, then, do some have so much when others have so little?**

God has given us minds and bodies with which to imagine, create, nurture, and love. Why, then, is there so much destruction and hatred?

## St. Paul's Contact Information

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**Keep up to date on upcoming activities  
and stay in touch in-between Sundays!**

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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**

*\*These hours are subject to change because of Emergency Pastoral Care, meetings, and other church business that takes place outside the office.*

## 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>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-Hall
	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-11 am	The Pantry
<b>Thursday</b>	7 pm	Senior Choir - Hall

### 2016 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2016 envelopes, they can be found in the Narthex. If you wish to begin on the PAR program or receive envelopes please contact Cathy Simpson at 458-1183—thank you.

### 2015 Annual Reports

are due in the office tomorrow. Please email if possible to cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com

Beginning Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm, in the Family Room, Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer **Grief Share**, a 13 week video series by Christian experts on grief and recovery, combined with support group discussions for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Please call **458-8348** if you would like more information.

**Divorce Care** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Northumberland and Connaught, on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning January 12. Register at 458-8527.

The **Women’s Inter-Church Council** of Fredericton region will promote a program to mark a day within the International Week of Christian Unity on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Ste. Anne des-Pays-Bas Church, located on the corner of Priestman and Regent Street and is hosted by Pastor Rev. Don Savoie. Service will be in French/English. The Theme is “Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord”. Participants will be representing the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian and United Churches. Time of fellowship to follow the service.

### Brown bag needs:

- (flip top lids for cans please)
- Proteins                    flaked chicken, ham or turkey  
                                  beans, soups, ravioli,
- Juice Boxes                small please (tetra boxes)
- Snacks                      cheese/crackers, individually packed cookies  
                                  small chocolate bars. granola bars
- Puddings                    vanilla, chocolate, tapioca, fudge.....
- Fruit Cups/sauce        apple, mixed berry, fruit cocktail .....

*Thank You for thinking of others. . . .*

**God showers us with love. Why, then, do we act as if there were not enough love to go around? Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service. Help us to be people who not only recognize your light and love, but who are willing to live in that light, eager to spread that love. Remind us that in our baptism, we are marked as followers of Christ, bearers of the Good News. AMEN.**

### Assurance of God's Love & Sung Lord’s Prayer (VU 959)

#### Story Time

**Story Time Verse:** Jesus Bids us Shine (vs 1) VU 584  
**Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,**  
**like a little candle burning in the night.**  
**In this world of darkness so let us shine,**  
**you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

### Prayers of the People

#### Minute For Mission

**\*Hymn:** I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

#### Invitation to Offering

**Offertory** Carol of The Bells Leontovich, arr. Smith  
**Offering Verse:** MV 191

**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.**

#### \*Dedication Prayer (Unison):

**Generous God, like the sun that draws water from the earth so that it may return as rain and snow, so your love moves us to return to you what you have first given us. May our offering be an embodiment of your love for all. AMEN.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Rev. Richard

**Anthem** Praise the Lord Handel, arr. Hopson

**Message**

**\*Hymn:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150

**\*Commissioning**

People of hope and peace, we go into the world to bring God's healing love to all we meet.

***We go to the world to promote peace, justice, and compassion in the Name of the Baptized Christ.***

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Closing** Peace Be With You MV 215  
**Peace be with you, peace forever,  
peace be with you my friends.  
Till we meet again may God be with you.  
Peace, Peace, Peace.**

**\*Postlude** Fantasia on Dix arr. Smith

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

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**Coffee Hour Jan., 17:** Quilters  
**Ushers:** Left Side: Derrick Grant & Cathy Simpson  
Right Side: Florence Bartlett & Lois Walker  
Middle: Larry Buick  
Upstairs: Eric & Katie Lakes

The **Worship Committee** will meet at noon today in the Ladies Parlour.

The **Board** will meet on Tuesday, January 12th in the Ladies Parlour at 7 p.m.

**St. Paul's Tween Singers:** Boys and girls aged 8-13 who like to sing are invited to come to the youth lounge next Sunday, Jan. 10th immediately following the service. Bring a friend! Rehearsals will be held each Sunday from 11:45 am -12:15 pm.

The **UCW** will meet on Wednesday January 13th in the Ladies' Parlour at 10 a.m. Please answer Roll Call with toilet paper or instant coffee for the Pantry. If you are wondering what we do at our meetings, this would be the perfect time to join us. For information telephone Donna Chauvin 458-5885

**Men's Conversation Group** starts again on Monday, January 18th. The first few weeks will deal with finishing Thom Rainer's *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*, after which a new book or study will begin. Meetings usually run from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday Nights in the Parlour.

**Wednesday Morning Playgroup** will return on Wednesday, January 20th. Pre-school aged children and their parents are encouraged to come and play. The play time this year will be from 9-11 a.m. in the gym on Wednesday.

**Bible Study** begins again on January 24th. Information for the readings will be available as the date approaches. It will take place from 2-3 p.m. on Sunday afternoons in the Ladies Parlour.

We still need Sunday School Teachers! It can be intimidating, but we have a great curriculum that lays out everything someone would need for a given day. There will also be an **Orientation** taking place on **Saturday January 30th** from 11 a.m.—1p.m.. All who have an interest in ensuring our Sunday School not only survives, but thrives should make an effort to attend. Lunch will be provided (with Gluten free options prepared separately).

**Confirmation through Lent:** Are you or do you know someone who is a youth 13+ who is looking to join the church? Beginning on **Wednesday, February 10th (Ash Wednesday)** and continuing through Lent on Thursday evenings, Rev. Richard Bowley will be holding **Confirmation classes**. Confirmation itself will take place on Easter Sunday during the service. If you are interested in being a part of these classes or if you would like more information, please contact Rev. Richard either by phone at **458-1183** or by email at **rev.bowley@outlook.com**.