

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. January 24th, 2016

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

Prelude Tell Me the Story of Jesus arr. McDonald
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.

Welcoming the Light and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—
***Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free, indigenous people and
late comers to this land...***

The body does not consist of one member but of many.
***If one among us suffers, we all suffer together; if one
among us is honoured, we all rejoice together.***

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
***Baptised by the Spirit, we claim our membership of the
body of Christ.***

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a Debbie West
Opening Prayer

***Hymn:** *Christ Has No Body Now But Yours* MV 171

Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive):

Gracious and merciful God, you asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose.
***We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the
work was hard.***

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

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Office Hours

Rev. Richard

Sunday: By appointment
Monday: 8:00—Noon, 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:00—Noon
Wednesday: 1:00—4:00

Pastor Sarah

By appointment
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
a.m. by appointment,
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
By appointment

Thursday: By appointment

These hours are subject to change due to Emergency Pastoral Care, meetings and other church business elsewhere.

Regular Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Mon., Wed., Friday	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
Monday	6:45 pm	Men's Book Study - Ladies Parlour
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	Fredericton Choral Society-Hall
	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
Wednesday	9-11 am	The Pantry
Thursday	7 pm	Senior Choir - Hall
Sunday	11:45am-12:15pm	Children's Choir & Teen's Choir
	2 pm	Bible Study

St. Paul's Tween Singers: Boys and girls aged 8-13 who like to sing are invited to join a youth choir. Rehearsals start today and will be held from 11:45 am -12:15 pm. in the Youth Lounge.

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.

DIVORCECARE - DivorceCare is a 13-week support group for those going through marital separation or divorce. Practical helps are shared through DVD presentations by experts in the field of divorce recovery and you'll find help and hope through being with those who understand where you are. A new session begins THIS Tuesday, January 19, 6:30-9 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. No preregistration required and no cost. For more information please contact the church at 458-8348/bsbc@bsbc.nb.ca.

This **Alpha** program is focused on secondary education/students. We encourage Christians to attend because it is helpful to hear from Christians and a chance for Christians to tell their testimony or share their faith with others. Intervarsity is also challenging Christians that if they come to also bring someone with them because one of the greatest invitations is, "Come with me". There are two leaders for this, I am one and the second is Tom Pettigrew please feel free to

You asked for our mouths, to speak out against injustice.
We gave you a whisper, that we might not be accused.
 You asked for our eyes, to see the pain of poverty.
We closed them, for we did not want to see.
 You asked for our lives, that you might work in and through us.
We gave you a small part, that we might not get too involved.
 O God, forgive us our calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.
O God, forgive us. Send us out as useable instruments, that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

Assurance of God's Love

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone; everything has become fresh and new.
 Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Moment for Community: Pastoral Care Team

***Hymn:** *In Christ There Is No East Or West* VU 606

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Interlude on "Give Me Jesus" arr. Lau

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):**

From one body come many gifts, so others might be fed, clothed, reconciled, renewed. From many gifts comes much hope, that good news might be proclaimed to those who have none; that those who cannot see a future might touch its reality; that those who are burdened by others might feel that weight taken off them; that all might know they are loved by God. AMEN.

Scripture Reading: *Luke 4:14–21*

Rev. Richard

Anthem Praise The Lord Handel, arr. Hopson
Message *Part of the Body, Filled with the Spirit* Rev. Richard
***Hymn:** *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation* VU 325

***Commissioning**

The Spirit is upon you, so go out into the world, for we have been anointed:

to share the good news with everyone we meet, to bring freedom to those held captive, to bring hope to those who have been displaced, to tear down all structures of oppression, to declare that this is God’s time.

***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

Coffee Hour Jan., 31: Worship Committee
Ushers: Left Side: Dow Johnston & Blaine Irving
Right Side: Ann & Harold Raper
Middle: Isabel Green
Upstairs: Mel & Barb McGuigan

Sunday, [today] January 24 at 4PM: Service to mark the Week of Christian Unity at Christian Reformed Church, 121 McAdam Avenue, Fredericton with special speaker Graydon Nicholas. All welcome.

Bible Study begins this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Ladies Parlour. The readings for today are:

Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6
1 Corinthians 13:1–13 Luke 4:21–30



Saturday Night Family Potluck Social for Pastor Sarah

All young families are invited to attend a social event and scavenger hunt on Saturday, February 6th in the Fraser Memorial Hall from 4-6 pm. Please sign up in the hall that you will be attending and what potluck item you will be bringing. Please arrive for 4 so we can set up and be ready to dine from 4:30 to 5. Afterwards we will partake in a church wide scavenger hunt followed by dessert, coffee, tea and conversation. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th! You may also RSVP to Kelly at 455-8365 or kelmurandco@gmail.com

Beginning February 14th, the first Sunday in Lent, the Worship Committee will be implementing a new collection procedure for the balcony (as a trial run for the season of Lent). Because safety is important to us, the Worship Committee has decided that instead of having collectors go up and down the stairs in the balcony, collection plates will be placed at the balcony entrances. Congregants are invited to place their offering in these plates at their convenience (on the way in or out of worship). A member of the Worship Committee will be present to ensure the security of your offering. Feedback is welcome, and indeed encouraged.

Men’s Conversation Group continues again on Monday, January 25th. Note the gathering time is **6:45** with prayer starting the time at **7 p.m.** As usual, the group meets in the Ladies Parlour.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup continues on Wednesday, January 27th. Pre-school aged children and their parents are encouraged to come and play. Playtime runs from 9-11 a.m. in the