

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. February 7th, 2016

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Prelude Shall We Gather At the River? arr. Harris

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

From seashore to mountain top, from lonely place to hillside,
from touching lepers to touching glory, this has been the reign of
God.

***From baptism's water to mountain top glory, from calling
disciples to the healing of many, from synagogue exorcism
to transfiguration, we have moved in the glory of God.***

The revealing, the making known, the unfolding, the manifesting, the
unveiling, the unmasking, of Jesus.

***From the Jordan to the present, from the beginning to here,
from the Galilee to this place, we gather in the transfigured
light of God.***

Welcoming the Light and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

God toiled over a lump of clay, we are told in the old creation story,
until it was shaped in the image of its maker, and then blew into it
the breath of life. Through all the ages God still acts to bring to bear
upon human beings the creative spirit that will make us capable of
relationship with the divine.

***In worship, we open ourselves to that spirit, seek to allow it
to possess us, to transform our very being, and to empower
our living, so that we can become more than what we are -
beings touched with the spirit of divinity, and made capable
of embodying God's love for the reshaping of a needing
world.***

Let us worship God!

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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.
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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
	6:30 pm	Joint Search Committee—L Parlour
Thursday	7 pm	Senior Choir - Hall
Sunday	11:45am-12:15pm	Children's Choir & Teen's Choir
	2 pm	Bible Study

THANK YOU to everyone for your great financial and personal contributions to St. Paul's in 2015 and prior years ! The financial books have been closed for 2015 and have been given to EPR Daye Kelly & Associates for their financial review and preparation of our financial statements.

Financial Contributions for January 31

2016 Weekly Budget for January \$3,400.00

Envelopes 1665.50

Loose 39.00

PAR 1982.86

\$3,687.36 **+\$ 287.36**

Year to Date Budget **+\$2,145.36**

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

Envelope users 135

PAR contributors 65

The following schedule indicates DONATIONS by various level of dollars for 2015:

Over \$10,000	2
Over \$ 5,001 less than 10,000	10
Over \$ 3,001 less than 5,000	17
Over \$ 2,001 less than 3,000	22
Over \$ 1,001 less than 2,000	40
Over \$ 500 less than 1,000	37
Less than 500	58



Lenten Envelope Challenge: Next week there will be 150 envelopes to choose from, each with a number from 1-150 on the front. The challenge is to fill the envelope with the number in dollars and bring it back for Easter Sunday. This has the potential to raise over \$11,000 for St. Paul's, and get our financial year off to a great start. To lead by example, Pastor Sarah and Rev. Richard have pledged to take the two highest envelopes, and you are invited to take one (or more) and bring it back on March 27th as we celebrate Easter Morning.

Starting Feb. 14, the first Sunday in Lent, the Worship Committee will be starting a trial run for a new collection method in the balcony. Because safety is important to us, instead of having collectors, collection plates will be placed at the balcony entrances. You are invited to place your offering in these plates at your convenience (on the way in or out of worship). A member of the Committee will be present to ensure the security of your offering. Feedback is welcome, and indeed encouraged.

The Board has called for 2016 to be a year of visioning at St. Paul's. Are you **passionate about growing the church**? Ever wondered what our Mission Statement really means? Are you on a committee? Come to church and have some great ideas? **We want to hear from you!** Please prayerfully consider whether a visioning process for our church might be something God is calling you to, and come talk to us about it. We will meet for initial discussion **today, Sunday, February 7th after church in the Quilter's Parlour.**

Come and share your lunch and your reflections in a small **Lenten spiritual circle** on Saturday, **February 13th, at 12 noon** in the **Wilmot Parlour**. There is no cost for this time together. This is a 2 hour, one-time Lenten circle, and you are welcome to attend. We'll reflect on 2 topics: Original Goodness and Scarcity & Abundance. For more information and to register, please contact **Rose~Hannah - 506-292-1680**

Monday, Feb. 15 at 10am, **World Day of Prayer Bible Study** will be held at St/ Andrews Presbyterian Church. Written by the women of CUBA and based on the theme "Receive children, Receive Me". All are welcome to this study given by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton. Info from Ann Raper 457-0164.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 Diana Brown

Opening Prayer & Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive):
We who have known the touch of your love, and who have heard the call to a special and intimate relationship with the spirit at the heart of life, are conscious of our limitations, O God.

Our own failure to see the vision with which you would have us move out to recreate the world in the pattern with which creation began; our inability to get beyond the material needs that keep us from forgetting ourselves so as to be truly possessed by your spirit.

Yet in moments of special sensitivity we are conscious of life forces vibrating in the heart of our being, a longing for the high excitement of what we could be and experience if our hearts and our lives were truly attuned to your will...

If we were to be truly caught up in the redemptive plan by which you are seeking still to bring humanity back to the harmony of creation, where your love was the dominant theme.

Shine the light of your grace into the shadow places of our lives as we seek your presence in worship, O God.

That our thoughts and our prayers may be lifted above the mundane, the pedestrian concerns that dominate so much of our lives,

May we be set free to soar into new dimensions of spiritual reality and know ourselves to be workers with you in calling into being a new reality,

A world in which your will for creation may be carried out in the lives of all those created in your image. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

***Hymn:** Oh a Song Must Rise MV 142

Story Time: Holy Communion (see insert)

Story Time Verse: Jesus Bids us Shine (vs 1) VU 585

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

***Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy

Pastor Sarah

VU 315

Invitation to Offering

Offertory The Spirit Sings

Curtis

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):**

God has invited us to this mountain-top place, so as we offer our gifts may our faces reflect the transforming light of our hopes, our hearts reflect our love, and our lives reflect the calling we have received as God's people. AMEN.

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Rev. Richard

Anthem Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So Parks

Message In this Moment

Rev. Richard

***Hymn:** Teach Me God To Wonder

VU 299

***Commissioning (Responsive):**

When Jesus' glory is revealed to us,
we become transformed. We are not who we were before.

Go now to your homes, your neighbourhoods, your schools, and places of work as new people.

We go as Christians illuminated by the glory of God in Christ.

Be renewed and be radiant.

***Benediction**

Choral Closing: MV 215 "Peace be with you"

***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** With Joy Unending

Broughton

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Coffee Hour: February 14:

Trustees

Ushers: Left Side:

Dow Johnston & Murray Simpson

Right Side:

Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones

Middle:

Roger Miller

Upstairs:

Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce



On **Tuesday Feb. 9th** we are coming together in Fraser Hall for a pancake supper starting at 5:45 p.m., hosted by the men of the congregation. Menu: pancakes, sausages, beans, brown bread and pies for desert. Free will offering. Pastor Sarah has also challenged Rev. Richard to a Pancake flip-off. Come and cheer them on!

Ash Wednesday: On **Wednesday, Feb. 10th** we are gathering in the Sanctuary at **7 p.m.** for our **Ash Wednesday Service**. Come and experience a service where we name the burdens, seek support and relief from God, and begin our journey to the cross.

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13



Youth Event: Fun With Frosting

Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to come learn basic cake decorating techniques. This event will be held on Fridays after dismissal Feb 12, 19, 26 in Fraser Memorial Hall. We will prep and have a snack, then get to work at 4pm. Sign up or get more info from Kelly Simpson kelmurandco@gmail.com or 455-8365 There is no charge for the event but you will need your own supplies, contact the above for more details. This event is limited to 10 participants.

Men's Conversation Group continues again on Monday. 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.

St. Paul's Tween Singers

Boys and girls aged 8-13 who like to sing are invited to join a youth choir. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday from 11:45 am -12:15 pm. in the Youth Lounge.