



St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. March 13th, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude How Many Are Thy Works, O God Hayden arr. Bliss
Introit Listen, God is Calling (X2) MV 97
**Listen, God is calling, through the word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

Greeting (Responsive):

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):

We come to this place because we want to know God,
who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life
We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus,
**who anoints us with the resurrection, who shares our lives
with us.**
We come with these people because we want to know the Spirit,
**who shapes us for life with God, so we may praise God
forever!**

Let us worship God!

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-6 *Barbara Cull-Wilby*
Opening Prayer
Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** *In the Bulb There is a Flower* VU 703

Prayer for Reconciliation (Unison):

**God of new beginnings, like Judas we like to complain about
your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor
are always with us, we believe, which makes it easier not to see
them, until others are in need and then we are quick to make
big claims about "helping our own first" even though we
seldom do. In our memories, we see a perceived golden past,
and so close our eyes to the new things you do in our midst.
We are so enamoured with our achievements that we are not
willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus.**

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Office Hours

Rev. Richard

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

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

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

Financial Contributions for March 6, 2016

2016 Weekly Budget for March		\$ 4,750.00
Envelopes	1,943.05	
Loose	39.40	
PAR	<u>1989.78</u>	
	\$ 3,972.23	- \$ 777.77

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

Lenten Envelope Challenge

Can we meet this challenge? Get your envelope (one or more), numbered 1-150, and through the season of Lent we'll be **raising money for St. Paul's!** On Easter Morning, bring the envelope back with the number amount on the envelope in dollars, and together we'll raise over **\$11,000!** The envelopes can be found in the **Narthex prior to worship** and in **Fraser Memorial Hall following worship.** The top two numbers; 149 and 150 have been taken by Rev. Richard and Pastor Sarah to lead by example. If you wish a tax receipt please ensure that either your name or envelope number is on the outside of the envelope.

There are 64 envelopes remaining and two weeks left to claim them!! Don't miss out on this opportunity to get ahead on our budget early in the year!

Intermediates at Conference (Grade 7-9) and Youth Forum (Grade 10-age 19) are accepting applicants for this year's Annual Meeting happening May 26th - 29th. This is an opportunity to experience church in a new way with other kids excited about the church of the future. Activities range from worship, to team building, to participation at the Conference meeting. The registration fee is \$275.00, \$50 of which is covered by Woolastook Presbytery. Please submit your registration form to the office with a \$25 deposit (that goes towards the total registration cost).

The work of visioning for the church takes many hands and people working together to be creative about our future. If you have an interest in being a part of the **Visioning Team** contact Pastor Sarah by phone, email, or in person.

Lenten Calendar

March 19th	<i>Afternoon Movie—Son of God</i>	2 p.m.
March 20th	<i>Palm Sunday Worship</i>	10:30 a.m.
March 24th	<i>Maundy Thursday Potluck (St. Paul's)</i>	6 p.m.
March 25th	<i>Good Friday Service (Wilmot)</i>	11 a.m.
March 27th	<i>Sunrise Service (Pedway)</i> <i>followed by Breakfast at St. Paul's</i>	7 a.m.
March 27th	<i>Easter Service</i>	10:30 a.m.

Downtown United Through Lent

Through Holy Week (March 20-27) there will be opportunities to come together in prayer and praise with our sisters and brother at Wilmot. On **Thursday, March 24th @ 6 p.m.** there will be a potluck supper and service at **St. Paul's United** to mark the occasion of the Last Supper. On **Friday, March 25th @ 11 a.m.** we gather at the feet of the cross at **Wilmot United**. Finally, **at sunrise on Easter Morning**, we gather at the pedway at the bottom of Carlton Street to greet the Risen Son.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **“Jig’s Dinner”** on Wednesday, March 16th, 4 – 6 p.m. Tickets: \$15/ adult and \$3/child. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.



Proclamation: The Word of the Lord is an event to encourage the reading of the Scriptures so people become aware of the values and principles proclaimed in God’s Word. It is the reading aloud of the entire Bible over 10 days, 14 hours/day. The goal is to proclaim God’s message in as many communities as possible across Canada. Proclamation will be held from May 4 - May 13 at Christ Church Parish Church on Westmorland St. All neighbouring Christian churches are invited to participate. Rev. Priscilla Geisterfer will be co-ordinating the Readings and can be reached at 458-9452.

Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, brother and our Saviour, to Jerusalem. We pray in the name of Him through whom all things are made possible. AMEN.

Assurance of God’s Love

Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

Story Time

Story Time Verse: *One More Step*

VU 639

**One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.
And it’s from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you**

Prayers of the People

Minute For Mission

Marguerite MacAlpine

*Hymn:

When Hands Reach Out

MV 169

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Deep River

arr. Scott

Offering Verse:

VU 542

**We give you but your own. What e’er the gift may be.
All that we have is yours alone. We give it gratefully.**

*Dedication Prayer (Unison):

If we want to know you, Generous God, we must see you in those all around us. If we want to serve you, we must give up that which is most important to us, even our material resources, so that blessings of hope and life might be offered to the needy, the lonely, the hungry all around us. Receive our gifts, we pray, so that others might be transformed even as we are. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

Scripture Reading: *John 12:1-8* Rev. Richard

Anthem If We Will Seek the Lord Price & Besig
Message *Sorting Our Priorities*
*Hymn: *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* MV 138

***Commissioning (Responsive):**

And now, God sends us out into our communities,
not to cling to a faded past, but to share all the new things God is doing.

And now, Jesus calls us to notice those around us,
to shower them with hope, to feed them from our deep pantries, to welcome them as family.

And now, the Spirit anoints us with grace,
to make a way through the injustices around us so we might walk with our sisters and brothers into the kingdom springing forth in our midst.

***Benediction**

Choral Closing: *I Am Walking a Path (X2)* MV 221
I am walking a path of grace.
I am walking a path of grace.
I am walking a path of grace.
Lead me home. Lead me home.

*Postlude Postlude on Terra Beata arr. Broughton

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Greeters: March 13: Chris & Eve Walker
Coffee Hour: March 20: Quilters
Ushers: Left Side Roger Miller & Allison Gorrill
Right Side Betty Fitzpatrick & Shirley MacLeod
Upstairs Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

Bible Study continues this afternoon at **2 p.m.** with the following readings:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-9a Luke 22:14-23:56

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.

Tween Singers will not meet today, starting back on the 20th.

Men's Conversation Group continues Monday, Mar 14 at **6:45 pm** in the Ladies Parlour to look at the book: *I Am A Church Member*.

The **UCW** will meet in the Ladies' Parlour on Wednesday, March 16th at 10 am. Please answer Roll Call with fruit/pudding cups or juice boxes for the Brown Bag lunches. All women of the congregation are welcome to join us. Donna Chauvin 458-5885

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. **And you don't have to do it alone!** For the older group, we strive to have a team of two working together. So pick a Sunday, sign up (maybe even find a partner!), and be a part of building the future of St. Paul's United.



The members of St. Paul's are invited to escape winter for a few hours with an **indoor church picnic and barbeque on Friday, March 18th in Fraser Memorial Hall**. This Family Night event is open to everyone, and will begin at **6:00 pm**. Come and enjoy grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, salad, pink lemonade, watermelon and ice cream. We will also be showing a family movie and serving popcorn. Feel free to bring your picnic blankets and folding chairs, and to dress for the occasion. For more information or to advise of attendance, please contact **Jennifer or Brad Green at 454-7453**.



Afternoon Movie—Son of God

On Saturday March 19th, there will be a showing of **Son of God** at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary with some conversation to follow. The life story of Jesus is told from his humble birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection. Come and experience the story of Christ as we continue to journey through Lent together.