

# St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. April 3rd, 2016

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

**Prelude:** His Love Brings Peace Curtis

**Introit** *Behold!* MV 115  
**Behold! Behold! I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold! Behold! I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ the way!**

**\*Greeting** (Based on Revelation 1:4-8)

Grace to you and peace, from the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**We come diffidently weighed down by the excesses and the sorrows of the past.**

Grace to you and peace, from the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**We come hopefully knowing that the presence of God will not be limited by our human constructs.**

Grace to you and peace, from the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**We come thankfully discovering abundance born not of possession but of the heart.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship & Opening Prayer (*Responsive*)

Christ is risen!

#### Now what?

The disciples clung to each other.

They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

#### Would the authorities come to take them, too?

Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

#### What next?

Next came doubts and questions,

assurances and instructions, and a last word:

**"Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have come to believe."**

Christ is risen! Now what?

## 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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## 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

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

### Pastor Sarah

By appointment

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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>Monday</b>	6:45 pm	Men's Book Study - Ladies Parlour
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b>	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
<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>	6:30 pm	Joint Search Committee—L Parlour
<b>Thursday</b>	7 pm	Senior Choir - Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	11:45am-12:15pm	Children's Choir & Tween's Choir
	2 pm	Bible Study

## Financial Contributions for March 27, 2016

2016 Weekly Budget for March	\$ 4,750.00	
Envelopes	2,919.10	
Loose	125.25	
PAR	<u>1989.78</u>	
	\$ 5,034.13	+ \$ 384.13
<b>Easter Donations</b>	<b>\$ 1,014.00</b>	

**Lenten Envelope Challenge: \$8,309.00 to date**

Thank you to all who participated.



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



**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**      Offertory in Classic Style      Broughton

**\*Dedication Verse**    *In Gratitude*      VU 544 (tune VU 530)

*In gratitude and humble Trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.*

**\*Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

**Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. AMEN**

**Scripture:**      John 20: 19-31      Pastor Sarah

**Anthem**      Take It To The Lord in Prayer      Koertz

**Message**      Protecting Our Doubts      Pastor Sarah

**\*Hymn**      I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say      VU 626

**\*Commissioning (Responsive)**

Go forth in joy.

**We have God's kingdom in our heart.**

Go forth in love.

**We will live for the Lord.**

Go with hope and forgiveness.

**The grace of God sustains us.**

Go forth in peace.

**We are not alone, the light of Christ goes with us wherever we go!**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Closing**      *Because He Lives*

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
because He lives, all fear is gone,  
because I know He holds the future,  
and life is worth the living, just because He lives!***

**Postlude**      Praise the Lord on High      Sawyer

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

<b>Greeters:</b>	April 3:	Florence Bartlett & Anne Keiver
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	April 10:	Worship Committee
<b>Ushers:</b>	Left Side:	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
	Middle:	Isabel Green
	Right Side:	Barbara Cull Wilby & Joe Wilby
	Upstairs:	Katie & Eric Lakes

**Presbytery Triennial Visit:** On Monday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m. the congregation is invited to join with staff, M&P, and the Board to give their feed back on how you feel things are going at St. Paul's. Woolastook Presbytery is responsible for making this visit every 3 years with all United Churches in their area.

The **Stewardship Committee** will meet on Monday, April 4th at noon in the Ladies Parlour.

**Bible Study** will resume today at 2 pm in the Ladies Parlour:  
Readings for today are:

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Psalm 30 (VU p. 757)
Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19

**Men's Book Discussion** will resume on Monday, April 11th

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.