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?

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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

Pastor Sarah

By appointment 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Thursday: 8:00—Noon 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

Bible Study

2 pm

Financial Contributions for March 27, 2016

2016 Weekly Budget for March \$4,750.00

Envelopes 2,919.10

Loose 125.25

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\$ 5,034.13

+ \$ 384.13

Easter Donations \$ 1,014.00

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

The Work of Stewardship: As you know, we have a Stewardship Committee, but you might not know the kind of work it does. One of the big tasks of the Stewardship committee is finding ways to bridge the gap between the budget and any forecasted deficit. This is where the Lenten Envelope idea came from, as well as suggestions in our Easter Mail out on how we might continue to work together throughout the year to meet our goals and serve as members of the body of Christ in Fredericton as best we can. Though there is a Stewardship Committee, the work of being a steward both of this church and of this world belongs to us all. It's not our obligation, but our joy to give abundantly of ourselves to God for the building up of one another. Thank you for the continued giving of every gift, talent, and care that makes St. Paul's a place of service and praise.

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.

HOLY

BIBLE

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.

On Thursday, May 5th, Nashwaaksis United UCW, Unit 6, will host a **SPRING LUNCHEON & BRIDGE** at 12 noon at the Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium, 46 Main Street, Cost is \$40 per table of four with proceeds going toward church and community initiatives. Please contact Sharon at 458-5246 to reserve your table."

Now we come together to wait for him.

May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe. Let us pray...

God of new life, move through the locked doors of our hearts. Open us to your love moving in the world. Instruct us as you taught the disciples. Make a new church of us, a blessed place where we live in unity. Help us to learn from those first believers who prayed as we do, using the words Jesus taught, Our Father...

Scripture: Revelation 1: 4-8 Kirsten Simpson ***Opening Hymn** I Have Called You By Your Name MV 161

Prayer of Reconciliation (Responsive)

Awesome God, sometimes we think that we're the ones in charge. In shepherding our own lives, we forget that you are our shepherd. We allow fear and worry to overtake us. We make plans upon plans, not trusting that green pastures and still waters await us. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust in your great love, in the abundance of the table you prepare for us. Help us to know that our cup overflows. And help us to live our lives accordingly. (Silent Reflection)

Assurance of God's Love

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart
Children's Hymn Come, Children, Join to Sing VU 345
Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant-King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
Now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community: St. Paul's Visioning Team

*Hymn Jesus Christ is Waiting VU 117

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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 Koertz

Take It To The Lord in Prayer

Protecting Our Doubts Pastor Sarah

Message I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say *Hymn 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!

Praise the Lord on High Postlude

Sawyer

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postludeu

April 3: **Greeters:** Florence Bartlett & Anne Keiver

Coffee Hour: April 10: Worship Committee

Ushers: 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.