

St. Paul's United Church

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

10:30 a.m. September 25, 2016

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

Prelude Allegro Whitlock

Part 1: We Gather in Community

1-*Greeting (Responsive):

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who heals us be with you,
and also with you.

The love of God who creates and is creating be with you,
and also with you.

The power of the Holy Spirit that inspires and engages us be with
you.

And also with you.

2-*Introit: Lord, Prepare Me MV 18

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

3-Welcome & Announcements

4-Call to Worship (Responsive):

Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

Breathe new life into your people, O God.

For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our
paths.

Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace. AMEN.

5-Prayer of Approach

Lord's Prayer

6-Time for the Young at Heart

7-*Hymn of Praise: Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

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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		Pastor Sarah
Sunday:	By appointment	By appointment
Monday:	8:30—Noon, 1-4 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday:	8:30—Noon	8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday:	By appointment	8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday:	8:30—Noon	Morning by appointment 1 - 4 p.m.

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

Upcoming Fall 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	7 pm	Spirit Sisters—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
	6:45 pm	Men's Book Study - Ladies Parlour
	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
	7 pm	Fredericton Choral Society
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Joint Search Committee—L Parlour
Thursday	7 pm	Senior Choir Practice

Doors Open: Today from 1 to 4 p.m. This is your opportunity to see some of Fredericton’s most historically, and culturally interesting buildings not usually open to the public. The list of buildings are listed below. Fredericton Convention Centre, York Street Fire Station, City Water Treatment Plant, Fredericton Playhouse, Theatre New Brunswick, Sir Howard Douglass Hall, Brydone Jack Observatory, McCord Hall / Ice House, Memorial Hall, Maggie Jean Chestnut – UNB’s Renaissance College (NEW), Provincial Archives, Wilmot United Church, **St. Paul’s United Church**, St Anne’s Chapel of Ease, St. Peters Anglican Church, Brunswick Street Church, Rogers TV, Bell Media Radio Station, City Hall, The Station on York (NEW)

I Tromboni An evening **concert of brass music** for everyone: Sunday, Sept. 25th, 6:30 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Admission by donation

The Arthritis Society, New Brunswick Division is hosting a conference, **“Ease the Pain: Seniors Take Charge of Arthritis”**, on Saturday, November 12, at the Delta Fredericton. The conference runs from 9:30 to 4 pm, and includes lunch and refreshment breaks, at a total cost of \$10.00. This conference will bring together seniors with arthritis and others of all ages who experience chronic pain. “The Arthritis Society aims to connect seniors with healthcare professionals, treatment options they may not be aware of with the hope of making day-to-day life more manageable and a little more pain-free” says Susan Tilley- Russell, Executive Director. To register, visit: arthritis.ca/EaseThePainConferenceFredericton or call 1.800-321-1433

Music on the Hill Presents: Dissonant Grooves
 Wednesday, Sept 28th at 12 pm , Memorial Hall, 9 Bailey Drive, UNB Fredericton Admission: Free
 Our Emerging Artist in Residence, clarinetist David Scott, invites you to a program of rhythmic and groovy virtuoso music from the 20th and 21st centuries. Incorporating the talents of violinist Nadia Francavilla, cellist Emily Kennedy, and pianist Heather Fyffe Dunham, this free noon hour program will put a spring in your step for the rest of the day! Repertoire will include the Quartet, by Peter Schiekele and the Breakdown Tango, by John Mackey.

8-Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Lord of the ages, in our busy lives, we do not always make time to love, to pray, or to sing your praises. We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control: buffeted by the winds of change, rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships, burned by the fires of doubt. Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, “Why have you forgotten me?” Help us trust your presence, even when we feel utterly alone, trapped in our dark night of the soul. With the promise of Christ as our hope, lead us from our own wilderness wanderings into the well-tended garden of your love.

Assurance of God’s Love

Part 2: We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

9-Sung Prayer for Illumination: Listen God is Calling MV 97
Listen God is calling, through the word inviting offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

10-Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29 Chris Grant
 One: Herein is wisdom.
All: Thanks be to God.

11-Anthem Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Mueller

Scripture: John 9:1-12, 34-41 Rev. Richard
 One: The word of our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: Praise be to you O Christ.

12-Message
13-*Hymn: Let Us Build A House (vs 1-2,4-5) MV 1

Part 3: We Respond to the Spirit

14-Invitation to Offering
Offertory Prelude & Fugue in G minor Willan

***Dedication Verse:** What Can I Do? 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):**

Christ enters our lives and we find a healing we had not known. In our thanks we offer all that we are that a broken world might find mending; that seeking hearts might find truth. Bless us and these gifts that we might be the healing hands of Christ in this world. AMEN

15-Prayers of the People

16-*Hymn: Who Is My Mother? MV 178

17-*Blessing and Sending Forth (Responsive):

Go into the world, carrying the light of Christ into the darkness!

We go, with hearts full and eyes open!

Receive God's love and care, and share that love and care with others!

We go, with eyes reflecting God's light and hands open to share it!

May you walk in the light of Christ all the days of your life!

We will follow Christ wherever he leads us! Amen!

18-*Choral Closing: Take Up This Song Of Love MV 213

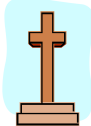
Take up this song of love and go into the world.

Take up this song of love in every moment.

In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives.

Lay them down in love, lay them down and take up this song.

Postlude Prelude on Drumclog Karg-Elert
We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to John & Barbara MacBean in the death of John's father, Douglas MacBean who passed away on September 15th.

- Greeters:** Sept. 25: Brenda & Alan Rayner, Isabel Green, Marian MacKay
- Ushers:** Left Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Middle: Roger Miller
Right Side: Betty Fitzpatrick & Florence Bartlett
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes
- Coffee Hour:** October 2: Worship Committee

We will be having a **soup & sandwich potluck luncheon** after church **today**. Everyone is welcome, and we'll make sure there is enough soup and sandwiches for all!

Spirit Sisters, a women's spirituality/discussion group will be gathering this fall. The next meeting will be a meet & greet, in the Ladies' Parlour at St. Paul's on **Monday, September 26th**, at 7pm. This will be a weekly group (except for holidays), and for the fall session, we will be looking at Stormie Omartian's book "The Power of a Praying Woman" which is available at Chapter's, Lighthouse, and through Amazon. All who self-identify as women and sisters in Christ are welcome to come and explore your spirituality with us. Any questions, queries, concerns, and conundrums can be addressed to Pastor Sarah at sarah.magie@gmail.com.

Men's Conversation Group will be starting up again **Tuesday, September 27th** at 6:45 pm. Our focus will be the book **Three Ways of Grace**, a collection of ways that we in the church have come to experience the mystery of the Trinity. For more information contact Rev. Richard at rev.bowley@outlook.com

On **October 2nd @ 11:00 am** we will be worshipping with our brothers and sisters at **Wilmot United Church**. On this day, they will celebrate their status as an Affirming Congregation and the **Moderator, the Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell** will be in attendance. All are encouraged to join in congratulating the congregation of Wilmot on their prayerful work.

Lectionary Readings

Wondering where we get our ideas for scripture readings Sunday morning? Here are the next few weeks so you can get an idea of what we might talk, pray, and sing about.

- October 9**
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100, Philippians 4:4-9, John 6:25-35
- October 16**
Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8
- October 23**
Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14
- October 30**
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

PANTRY NEEDS: The pantry is in need of protein (flip top lids) and brown paper bags for packing the lunches (flat bottom). Many thanks for your consideration.



Financial Contributions for September 18, 2016

2016 Weekly Budget for September		\$ 5,250.00
Envelopes	1,329.10	
Loose	30.50	
PAR	<u>2,032.48</u>	- 1,857.92
	\$ 3,392.08	

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

Foundation Fund: Year to date we have received \$8,400 in donations.

From January 1, 2016 through to August 31, 2016 donations through PAR and offering envelopes for the operating account have been \$144,900. Budget for the same period is \$145,000.

Interested in PAR? You can help increase the above figure by joining the “**PAR Team**” or by increasing your monthly PAR contributions. Contact Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183 if you are interested in either option. Offering envelopes are also available if you care to donate through that system.