

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. October 16th, 2016

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

Prelude

***Greeting (Responsive):**

The love of God, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Introit:** For the Beauty of the Earth

VU226

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
God of all to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

We come before God as equal in God's sight.

God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

**Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate
and responsible in our caring and witness.**

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

**Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us.
AMEN.**

Prayer of Approach

Lord's Prayer (sung)

VU 959

Time for the Young at Heart

***Hymn of Praise:** Like A Rock

MV 92

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift so far from your truth, that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

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

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:27-34 Graeme Smith
One: Herein is wisdom.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 Rev. Richard
One: The Gospel of Christ.
All: Praise be to you O Christ.

Message Judging God
***Hymn:** Christ Has No Body Now But Yours MV 171

***Invitation to Offering**

Offertory

***Dedication Verse: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

Gracious God, you have granted us wisdom, understanding, and knowledge far greater than that of any teacher; you have given us love and grace freely from your abundance. As you have shared your gifts with us, we share these gifts with you, that all the world may know you. As you have led us by the hand, we offer our hands to your service, in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision VU 642

***Blessing and Sending Forth (Responsive):**

May the living word of the Lord dwell with us.

May it live through us. May it fill our thoughts and deeds.

May it fill our mouths with God's message of love.

May it sustain us in good times and bad. May it equip us for a ministry of peace and hope!

***Choral Closing:** We Shall Go Out with Joy VU 884

**We shall go out with Joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before us;
there'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!**

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)

the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)

the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)

while we go out with joy!

Postlude

Announcements

Greeters: Oct. 16: Brenda & Alan Rayner
Ushers: Left Side: John Gaskin and Andrea Allen
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: Anne & Harold Raper
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes
Coffee Hour: October 23: Senior Choir

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday is coming back! On October 30th we are having our second invitational Sunday where all are encouraged to bring family and friends to join in worship of God. Following the service we will have a soup and sandwich pot-luck during which there will be a special presentation by Rev. Brent Bishop on his work in Prison Ministries. As before, the pot-luck fellowship is **FREE** and open to all. Come and share in the bread that sustains body and soul.

UCW will meet on Wednesday, Oct 19th at 10 a.m. in the Ladies Parlour. All are welcome.

Wreath Sale & Coffee Time

The UCW of St. Paul's will be hosting a Wire Mesh & Burlap Wreath Sale and Coffee Time on Saturday, Oct 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. Wreaths vary in colours, sizes and costs. Come early for the best selection and bring your friends to enjoy the sale, coffee, tea and home made muffins, cheese and fruit cocktail for \$5. For more information please contact Donna Chauvin at 458-5885.

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, October 22 @ 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 per person, children 12 and under eat for FREE! Tickets can be purchased through the office or by calling Cathy at 458-1183. Silent Auction is open to all—the proceeds from this event will support programs and activities of St. Paul's.

Family Night Movie & Nachos: All are welcome to join us for a Family Night in Fraser Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 29th, beginning at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy a family friendly movie, popcorn, and your choice of chicken or veggie nachos. To confirm your attendance, or for more information, please contact Jennifer or Brad Green at 454-7543.

Spirit Sisters, a women's spirituality/discussion group continues this fall. The next meeting will be on **Monday, October 17**, 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" . 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 please address to Pastor Sarah at sarah.magie@gmail.com

Men's Conversation Group will continue on **Tuesday** evening **October 18th** starting 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

Though we have been blessed to have volunteers in our Sunday School for the months of September and October, we are in need of teachers for the months of November and December. Material is prepared for you ahead of time. Please prayerfully consider how you might offer your gift of leadership in this.

From the Inter-church Refugee Committee: Come and meet our refugee families at Forest Hill United Church on Oct.23 from 2-4 pm.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **Turkey Dinner**, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4 – 6 p.m. \$13/adult and \$3/child. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

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 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

November 6

Haggai 1:15b—2:9, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17, Luke 20:27–38

On Thursday, October 27th, the Nashwaaksis United Church UCW, Unit 6, will host their **Fall Bridge Luncheon** at 12 noon at the church auditorium, 46 Main Street, Fredericton. Cost is \$40 per table of four with proceeds going toward church and community initiatives. Contact Sharon at 458-5246 to reserve your table.

It's a "Square Dance"-- Bring your partner, bring your friend and "do-si-do" in the Nashwaaksis United Church gym to the rhythm of foot stompin' and hand clappin' music. **Saturday, Nov 5th, 2016 from 7-8:30 pm** – a free-will offering will be received. All are welcome no matter age, dancing ability, or shoe size. Join the fun as we dance in lines and squares, or laugh alongside, to the call of Gerry O'Hara. (Proceeds of this dance will go to the General fund.)