

St. Paul's United Church

Nov. 12th, 2017

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

John 7:37-38 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. As the scripture has said, 'out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water'".

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Rhosymedre R V Williams

Greeting:

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle & Introit:

Come Touch our Hearts MV 12

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

* Call to Worship:

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst

come to worship a god who feeds the hungry

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed

come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war

come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world

In the midst of a world where so many things seem empty

come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come worship a God whose grace and love knows no end.

-sacraments and seasons: peacemaking through worship

Prayer of the Day

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	Rev. Michelle
Sunday:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Monday:	8:30—12	9-12, afternoon by appointment
Tuesday:	8:30—12	9-12, afternoon by appointment
Wednesday:	By Appointment	9-12:30, 1:30-4
Thursday:	8:30—12	By appointment

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

Upcoming 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	7 pm	Spirit Sisters - Ladies Parlour
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Tuesday	10 am	Sr. Bible Study: Aging Gracefully
	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	F'ton Choral Society
	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
Wednesday	10 am	Parlour Prayers
	7 pm	Men's Conversation Group
Thursday	7 pm	Senior Choir Practice - Hall
Friday (1st and 3rd)	6:30-9 pm	Youth Group
Sunday	11:45 am	Children's Choir - Ladies Parlour

Financial Contributions

November, 2017

2017 Weekly Budget for November \$7,500.00

Envelopes (Nov. 5) 1,825.25

Loose Offering 78.00

Anniversary 487.00

PAR 2,448.73

 \$ 4,838.98 - \$ 2,661.02

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. Offering envelopes are also available if you care to donate by that method.

There will be a **Turkey Supper**, and **Bake and Craft Sales** at **Forest Hill United Church**, from 4 to 6 p.m. on **Saturday 18 November**. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 – 12, and free for ages 5 and under. Take-outs and Celiac meals will be available. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **“Market & Breakfast”** on Nov. 25th, 8 a.m. until noon. Admission to the Market is free and Breakfast is \$7/adult and \$3/child.

A Christmas Nativity 'Tea' will be held on Friday, December 1 from 2-4 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring a variety of lovely nativity scenes. Enjoy sandwiches and sweets along with tea and coffee. Free-will donation. No reservation required.

St. Paul’s Upcoming Events

- Nov. 12 @ 2:30 p.m. Michelle’s Covenanting Service
- Nov. 19 Children’s Christmas Wish Tree
- Nov. 26 Anniversary Sunday
“Bring a Friend” Sunday
- Dec. 3 1st Sunday of Advent
Pantry Sunday
- Dec. 6 @ noon Advent Recital—Sanctuary
@ 7:30 p.m. Advent Carol Festival
- Dec. 13 @ noon Advent Recital
- Dec. 15 @ 7 p.m. ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas reading

Please Support Liberty Lane’s Kenny House Capital Campaign

Liberty Lane is a safe housing and outreach centre for women and their children trying to restart their lives free from the threat of abuse.

To donate or to learn about Liberty Lane’s Kenny House, go to libertylane.ca or call 451-2120.



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Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Duet Fear Not For Tomorrow Sleeth
Kirsten Simpson & Muriel Falkenstein

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Today’s Scripture: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 Mike Berry
Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Shout To The Lord Zschech, arr. Schrader

Sermon Flashlights are for the Darkness

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **Hymn:** Like a Healing Stream MV 144

Minute for Community Worship

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Bish

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.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Reaffirmation of Faith** VU 918

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

* **Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):**
Now go from this place with, renewed inspiration, to the work of God

The work of justice and mercy are ours now

Go to our world that is hungry, abused, fearful and lost

To this world we will go to feed the hungry, protect the abused, providing safe and solid ground that this world may know our God of love and compassion.

Go knowing that you do not go alone,
for the love of God surrounds you,
the grace of Christ attends you, and the Holy Spirit
compassionately guides you in the work that is yours. **Amen**

Choral Closing: To Show By Touch and Word VU 427
**Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.**

Ministry of Music: O God Our Help in Ages Past Wehmeyer

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

- Greeters:** Alma & Walter Bidlake
- Ushers:** Left Side: John Gaskin & Roger Miller
- Center: Isabel Green
- Right Side: Lois Walker & Kennedy MacIassac
- Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes
- Coffee:** November 12 Christian Education



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Derrick and Lori Grant and their family in the death of Derrick's father Arthur "Jim" Grant of Riverview who passed away last week.

A donation has been made to the Operating Fund at St. Paul's in memory of Jim Grant by the Congregational Board.

Rev. Michelle has been with us for 5 months, yet we have not formally covenanted with her and presbytery. **TODAY** at 2:30 you are invited to join us for a special covenanting service here at St Paul's. In this service our congregation, Rev. Michelle and Presbytery make promises to each other and mark this new pastoral relationship.

Cathy Simpson will be away from the office until November 20th, if you have bulletin announcements please forward to either Rev. Richard or Rev. Michelle (email address located on the inside of the back cover). The church office will be covered by volunteers on those days. Many thanks to Debbie Allison, Alma Bidlake and Colleen Hanna.

Today in Sunday School: November unit: **The Wise King**. We can ask God for what we need. Bible Verse for the month: "God gave Solomon wisdom and very great understanding." 1 Kings 4:29. Bible Story: Solomon's Wisdom Proverbs—Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1: 17:17. The Book of Proverbs tells us how to deal successfully with the practical affairs of everyday life and how to relate to God, parents, children, neighbours and government.

Christmas Wish Tree Alert!

Every year the people of St. Paul's Church share their Christmas Spirit and generosity by buying gifts for children. Next week November 19th, the Children's Wish Tree will be set-up. On it you will find gift tags bearing Santa's wishes from 40 children whose families are being looked after by the Fredericton Food Bank this Christmas. Please select a tag, buy a gift and return it to the church by December 3rd. Many of you look forward to sharing in this tradition. We hope we can count on your support again this year!



When you are planning Christmas financial donations please consider the **Interchurch Refugee Committee**. We have been supporting several new refugee families. Our costs have been greater than anticipated due to unexpected expenses. In order to meet commitments to our families we need to raise funds. Donations will be gratefully received to your local church treasurer and designated for the interchurch Refugee Fund. Many thanks.

Fredericton's Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers' is having a benefit dance Friday, Nov. 17th, 8:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Music by Fredericton's **Juke Box Live**. Proceeds from the dance go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho - supporting African grandmothers raising children orphaned by AIDS/HIV. Tickets are \$30 and available from Westminster Books, Jean Coutu Pharmacy **Or** by calling either : 472 -1767 or 457- 0362.