

St. Paul's United Church

Nov. 19th, 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 8:12 - Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Sonata No. 6 Mendelssohn

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 (vs 1)

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Christ Whose Glory VU 336

* Call to Worship:

To those who sit in darkness, light will come.

To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence is eternal.

God is our light and our salvation.

We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

Let us worship our God of light and promise.

Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

Prayer of the Day

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Family Hymn: Jesus Remember Me X2 VU 148

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Today's Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 Alexis Ervin

Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Thygeron

Sermon Hurry up and wait Rev. Richard

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** My Soul Cries Out MV 120

Minute for Community UCW Lynne Naugler

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Temple March Lyon

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:

Immortal, Invisible

VU 264

* Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):

We, the people of hope, have seen a great light

A light that shines within us giving us life. A light that shines before us showing us the way.

Let us rejoice as we go out in the name of the one we call Promise Keeper and Light bringer.

No matter the name we use, you are our God, we your people, your hands and feet in the world. Walk through us. Work through us.

Now go with the love of God in your heart, the peace of Christ in your hands, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you have heard this day.

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:

Fugue in C minor

Buxtehude

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Announcements

Greeters:		Alma & Walter Bidlake
Ushers:	Left Side:	Colleen Hannah & Roger Miller
	Center:	Isabel Green
	Right Side:	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
	Upstairs:	Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce
Coffee:	November 19	Ministry & Personnel

A big thank-you to all who were able to attend Rev. Michelle`s Covenanting service last Sunday. Both the Woolastook Presbytery and the St. Paul`s Congregation were well represented as promises were made for the strengthening of ministry and the body of Christ in this place.

Today in Sunday School: November unit: **The Wise King.** Anchor Point: 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 Builds the Temple--1 Kings 6:1-38. Solomon took on, with excitement and joy, the complicated and large job of building the Temple. When it was finished, he brought the people together for a great celebration and dedicated the Temple to be used for God`s glory.

Christmas Wish Tree Alert!

Every year the people of St. Paul's Church share their Christmas Spirit and generosity by buying gifts for children. Today the Children's Wish Tree is 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.

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.

St. Paul`s Marks 185 Years

We will be celebrating our 185th anniversary on Sunday, November 26. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Bill Randall, author, gerontologist and former minister at St. Paul`s. He will speak on Aging as a Natural Monastery: Reflections on Spirituality in Later Life". The service is at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend; a potluck lunch will follow.

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.

Advent Recitals: Spend your lunch time at St. Paul's United Church on the corner of York and George Streets as we celebrate the Advent seasons with music. On Wednesday December 6th, we will have Piano and Flute music offered by Dianne Roxborough Brown and Julie Grant, and on Wednesday December 13th, Dr. Sharon Pond will offer us her gift through the playing of the Organ. Following her playing there will be a Reception and CD launch for her CD of Christmas music played on the organ. Get your copy, and take in some of the music in person. We

hope you can make it to one or both of these days as we make our way through the Advent season towards Christmas.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Reading: Come to St. Paul's United on the corner of York and George Streets and hear the classic story, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas as read by Tim Yerxa. There will be musical offerings as well from The Vocal Collective, Sharon Pond, and Alexis Ervin. Join us for the story and the music at 7 PM on Friday December 15th. There will be a Free Will offering at the door in support of CBC Feed a Family

St. Paul's Upcoming Events

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

Last week of Advent/First week of Christmas Schedule

Dec. 21	@ 7:00 p.m	Blue Christmas/Longest Night (@ Wilmot)
Dec. 24	@ 10:30 a.m.	Advent 4: Love
	@ 3:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve Service
	@ 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candle-light Service
	@ 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion Service
Dec. 31	@ 10:30 a.m.	Joint Worship @ St. Paul's

Christmas Wreaths

Grandmothers Helping Grandmother is again raising funds through the sale of beautiful fresh double sided Christmas wreaths. This year we have a new supplier so the wreaths will not be exactly the same, but similar and very nice. Over the next several weeks we will be taking orders for undecorated 12 inch balsam fir wreaths @ \$ 12 each or decorated wreaths @ \$14 each. (Same cost as previous years). To order or for further information : Call Nancy MacGarvie 455-3026 or Sue Short 455-5377 **DEADLINE FOR ORDERS November 26 Important NOTE:** St. Paul's and Wilmot orders PICK UP AT WILMOT Sunday December 3rd . Proceeds will go to Stephen Lewis Grandmothers and Help Lesotho Grandmothers.