

# St. Paul's United Church

First Sunday of Epiphany - January 7, 2018

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.

*Psalm 66:1-5 - Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.'*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Gathering Music:** Adagio 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.**

**Introit:** Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am.**

**Summon out what I shall be.**

**Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

## Welcome & Announcements

\* **Opening Hymn:** I Am The Light of the World VU 87

### \* Call to Worship:

On the road from where we've been to where we think we need to be

**a man meets us and calls us by name.**

Come and see.

**He points to a future that we cannot see but on the way he will lead us. He will walk beside us.**

Come and see.

**He points within us and draws out something that we didn't even know was there, calling us to share our gifts.**

Let us come into this time and place and meet the one who has known us since before the beginning.

**Let us worship the Messiah, the anointed one.**

## Prayer of the Day

**Family Hymn:** Arise Your Light Has Come VU 79 (vs 1, 4)

## 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

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

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
<b>Mon., Wed., Friday</b>	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
<b>Monday</b>	7 pm	Spirit Sisters
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b>	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	Fredericton Choral Society -Hall
	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 am	Pantry
	10 am	Parlour Prayers
<b>Thursday</b>	7 pm	Senior Choir Practice - Hall
<b>Friday (1st and 3rd)</b>	6:30-9 pm	Youth Group
<b>Sunday</b>	11:45 am	Children's Choir - Ladies Parlour

**Greeters:**

**Ushers:** Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Florence Bartlett & Roger Miller  
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes

**Today in Sunday School:** Jesus, the Greatest Prophet. Anchor Point: God sent Jesus to tell us about God. Bible Verse for the month: "This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world." John 6:14. Bible Story: the Visitors from the East (Matthew 2:1-12). When they found Christ, the wise men worshipped him and gave him kingly gifts. Then God spoke to them in a dream and warned them not to go back to Herod so they returned home another way.

**Brown Bag Program.** We are in need of all items: protein, juice boxes, snacks, puddings/fruit cups. Many thanks to all who contribute to this much needed outreach program.



**Last Call for Observer** subscriptions.... Please let Cathy know (458-1183) if you are interested in receiving the magazine by Wednesday, January 10.

**Annual Reports** are due by January 22. Please prepare yours and email to Cathy or drop off at the office. [cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com](mailto:cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com)

**New to the Congregation?** Please let Cathy Simpson in the office know (458-1183) so you can be added to our email send out and to our family records. If you need envelopes or wish to go on PAR for your contributions Cathy can help with that as well.

**Youth Group** (middle school and older) will be joining at the church for a games night on January 12 at the church. Watch for details on time of arrival or call Michelle at 458-1183.

**Men's Conversation Group:** Will be resuming our meetings on January 17th

**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Anthem** From A Distant Home - trad. Puerto Rican carol

**Today's Scripture:** John 1:35-51 Brad Green  
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** Come and See Rev. Richard

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** Wherever You May Go MV 216

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music** Hail This Brightest Day of Days Bach

**Dedication Verse:** Grant Us God VU 540

**Grant us God the grace of giving  
with a spirit large and free  
that ourselves and all our living,  
we may offer faithfully.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** Today We Are Called To Be Disciples VU 507

\* **Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):**

Go forth as people called by Christ,

**To go and see what he is already doing in the world and to  
find our place in that life-giving work.**

Filled with God's creative light, let us follow the steps of our brother Christ to share the power of the Holy Spirit with all that we meet.

**Amen.**

**Choral Closing:** Forth In Your Name VU 416

**Forth in your name, O Christ, we go,  
our daily labour to pursue,  
you, only you, resolved to know  
in all we think, or speak, or do.**

**Ministry of Music:** Masque Bedard

*We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music*