

# St. Paul's United Church

Second Sunday of Epiphany - January 14, 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 104:14-16 - You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Organ Prelude:** St. Petersburg arr. Johnson

### 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

\* **Gathering Hymn:** Will You Come And See The Light VU 96

### \* Call to Worship:

Come and see,

**come and see what?**

See what the light of God is up to now!

**Will I like what I see?**

I don't know, but come and see for it is life changing.

**Do I need to bring anything?**

Just yourself, nothing more than an open heart and open mind.

Now come and see and meet the light again as we worship.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

### Prayer of the Day

**Family Hymn:** Open Our Hearts (X2) MV 21

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

## 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 (Jan 23)</b>	10 am	Ladies Bible Study—Parlour
	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
	7 pm	Men's Discussion Group
<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

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

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**Greeters:**  
**Ushers:** Left Side: Derrick Grant & Dow Johnston  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Ann & Harold Raper  
Upstairs: Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

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Prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Frank Gale and to Sadie Miller and their families in the death of Ann Gale.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's Foundation in memory of Ann Gale by Mary Dingee Jacobs.

A donation has been made to the Pantry in memory of Ann Gale by Ed & Ivy Bujold.

**2017 Income Tax Receipts** are available in the Narthex this morning or may be picked up from the office during the week.

**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: A voice in the wilderness (Mark 1:9-11). Jesus came to John and asked John to baptize him. This was the first recorded appearance Jesus made after many years of obscure life in Nazareth.

**UCW** will meet on Monday, Jan. 15th in the Ladies Parlour. Please bring flip top food for the brown bag program.

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

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

**Ladies Bible Study** will begin again on Tuesday, January 23rd at 10 a.m. in the Ladies Parlour.

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Anthem**

**Today's Scripture:** John 2:1-11 Jen Petryshen  
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** O Radiant Christ VU 84

**Moment for Community** Church Board

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music** We Thank Thee Peterson

**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:** Love Divine VU 333

\* **Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):**  
Having met the incarnate Christ first in the stable, then down by the river, now at a wedding feast we are changed and challenged.

**Challenged to love like he loved, to follow as he followed  
and to give as he gave, we take up the task of this high  
calling.**

Go now into your daily life, opening your heart to Christ's presence and call, responding to the Holy Spirit's leading.

**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.**

**Loblaws** is providing **\$25 gift cards** to people who bought bread (see list at link below) between 2002 and 2015 at certain grocery stores. (ex. Superstore). If you are eligible to receive one, would you consider filling out the form at the link below and donating your card to our Brown Bag or Pantry programs when they mail it to you? It would be greatly appreciated and go a long way! Here is the link with eligibility criteria and the form:

<https://www.loblawcard.ca/en/register>

**New to the Congregation?** Please let Cathy Simpson in the office know (458-1183) so you can be added to our email send outs and to our family records. If you need envelopes or wish to go on PAR please inform Cathy at the time of your call.

The **Women's Inter-Church Council** is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 15 at 10 am at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Any women of all denomination of faith are encouraged to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 2, 2018. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace. Thank you

The **Women's Inter-Church Council** will be hosting a Panel discussion on "God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity" at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road on Thursday, January 25 from 2-4 pm. Free will donation to Liberty Lane, a home for Abused Women. Please call Linda Lamont for further information at 451-8956.

"DivorceCare will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM beginning on January 16. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at 458-8527."