

St. Paul's United Church

Third Sunday of Epiphany - January 21, 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 127:1-2 - Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Fantasia Bach

* 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:** 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:** Jesus Christ Is Waiting VU 117

* Call to Worship:

We come into this place to worship, but is it the house of the Lord, are we worshipping something else?

We come seeking the Christ, the one who clears this place and our hearts of all that gets in the way of worshipping the Lord.

Are we chased out like the sheep, the cattle, the doves? Are we poured out like the bags of money? Or are we invited in to pray for guidance, to be filled with love?

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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
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	9 am	Pantry
	10 am	Parlour Prayers
	7 pm	Men's Discussion 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

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>

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. Storm date: Sunday, January 28

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.”

The **All Saints' Women of Worship Group** are looking for odds & ends of yarn, to knit muffs to donate to Nursing Homes for Dementia patients. If you have any yarn, you would like to donate, please call Lois 363-4229 or Sharon 363-4296.

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.

**Annual Congregational Meeting
February 18, 2018
following our Worship Service
Fraser Memorial Hall**

We are a people seeking a way. Show us, O Christ, how to live authentically, to love deeply, and to worship fully.
Let us make this place one where God is seen, and heard, and felt.
Let us worship the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Family Hymn: Jesus Stands Among Us VU 396

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem God Weeps

Today’s Scripture: John 2:13-25 Derrick Grant
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Where Our Heart Is Rev. Richard

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **Hymn:** Canticle Of Turning MV 120
Moment for Community Christian Education

Offertory Music Bist Du Bei Mir 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:** For The Healing Of The Nations VU 678

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

Breaking into our lives, Christ overturns tables and hearts.

He shows us a way, one little walked but filled more with light and love than darkness and pain.

We go from this place, a temple for God in our hearts, the way of Christ at our feet, and the will of the Holy Spirit at our backs.

In this way we live, work, and worship. 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: Fugue in G minor Bach

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Ushers: Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Ann & Harold Raper
Upstairs: Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

Coffee Hour: Property Committee

Today we welcome **Logan Brown** into our family! Pass along your well wishes and prayers to his parents Diana and Brandon Brown.

Donations have been made in memory of Ann Gale to the following funds:

Pantry Lois Walker
Lois & Bill Paterson
Carole Peacock
Music: Caroline & Ralph Simpson
Benevolent: Gladys Jeffery MacKenzie



A donation has been made to The Foundation in loving memory of Gil MacKenzie by Gladys.

While the weather outside is frightful, the prayer is still delightful! We invite you to join us for **Prayers in the Parlour** on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the Ladies` Parlour.

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: Jesus and the children. Jesus declared that the disciples should be committed to the children and remove any obstacles that stood between Jesus and the children.

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

Annual Reports are due **TOMORROW**. Please email to Cathy or drop off at the office by noon. The annual meeting is scheduled for **February 18th** following service. cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com

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

Men's Conversation Group: Meets on Wednesday, January 24th at 7 pm in the Ladies` Parlour.

On Saturday, January 27th the **Youth Group** will be attending the play **Oliver** starring our very own **Josh MacIntyre**. Show starts at 7 pm. If you are planning to attend, but have not contacted Rev. Michelle, please do so ASAP - michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com, 458-1183

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday returns in 2018 on Sunday, January 28th. We encourage all to reach out to friends and neighbours to share the faith that they have found in this place. Because it is a pot luck, we also hope that you can bring some simple comfort food (soup, sandwiches, etc) to share with all as we share in the fellowship.

Mark your calendars! On February 13th all are invited to come and share in the fellowship and the food of **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!** Supper starts a 5:45 pm and while there is no set cost, a free-will offering basket will be located at the entrances to the hall.