

# St. Paul's United Church

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany - February 4th, 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 42:1-3 - As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Organ Prelude:** Prayer Guilmant

### \* 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:** As the Deer Pants For the Water VU 766

### \* Call to Worship:

Journeying through desert country Jesus got thirsty.

**In our daily walk we get thirsty too.**

Finding a well Jesus was refreshed with cool water.

**We thirst for more than cool water, we long for living water!**

So come, drink deeply of the living water given to us by our God.

## Prayer of the Day

**Family Hymn:** Come Let Us Sing VU 222 vs 2

## 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>	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

**World Day of Prayer Bible Study:** The Women’s Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Bible Study on Monday, February 12 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 encourage to come to the Bible Study. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

**Forest Hill United Church** is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with special events in 2018. On February 18 (storm date March 11) there will be a service at 10:00 am led by the Rev Deborah Ambridge Fisher. Guest speaker will be the President of Maritime Conference, Rev Richard Bowley. Founding members will have a role reading Scripture and assisting with communion. There will be displays of the colourful banners that have enhanced the worship space over the decades, plus other displays of activities at Forest Hill United Church over the last 50 years. There will be a light lunch and anniversary cake following the service and all are welcome.

**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 **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.

**PANTRY NEEDS**

(pantry Sunday: first Sunday of each month)

Whatever you might need in your home—they will need in theirs! Non perishable canned goods and pasta, drinks, paper products, baking needs, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

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

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Anthem** Prayer For Today Rentz

**Today’s Scripture:** John 4:1-42 Blaine Irving  
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

**Moment for Community** Pantry

**Offertory Music** Fill My Cup Lord  
**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:** When Hands Reach Out MV 169

\* **Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):**  
We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ.

**We have been refreshed by living water. We go to live in  
the hope this encounter inspires.**

Go now, be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always. Amen.

**Choral Closing:** Forth In Your Name  
**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.**

VU 416

**Ministry of Music:** Dorian Toccata-Bach

**Ushers:** Left Side: Blaine Irving & Derrick Grant  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Kennedy MacIsaac & Allison Gorrill  
Upstairs: Andrew, Hope, Laura & Graham Steeves  
**Coffee Hour:** M&P

**UCW Frozen Casserole Sale  
Saturday, February 10th  
10 am—noon**



Choose from a variety of chicken, tuna, salmon, meat balls, lasagna, shepherd's pie, hash browns, turnips, squash, baked beans and more! (Some gluten free) Bonus: Keith Kingston will be making break for this sale. Come early for the best selection.



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.

**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>

**Today in Sunday School:** February unit: Who Then Is This?  
Anchor Point: Jesus shows God's Power. Bible Verse for the month: "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him! (Mark 4:41) Bible Story: Jesus Walks on Water ( John 6:16-25) Jesus showed God's power by controlling nature. He did these miracles to show that he was the Christ, God's Son. And he did miracles to prove that he was the promised Messiah.

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

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

**Music Event Support:** We're trying to catch up to our Director of the Music Ministry, Dr. Sharon Pond! She's full of wonderful ideas for occasional special events which fill our sanctuary with beautiful music, and we'd like to have a group of people who we can call on to help with the not-so-musical activities that these events involve: handing-out programs, collection, managing the sound/screen system. If you're interested/available to help out with this low-volume commitment, please contact Cathy (458-1183) or send a note to [stpaulsmusic3@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsmusic3@gmail.com)

**Brown Bag Needs**

The program is in need of the following items:  
Protein (flip top lids please)  
Small juice boxes  
Snacks (granola bars, cheese & crackers)  
Desserts (pudding cups, fruit cups, cookies)



Many thanks for your continued support of this outreach, they appreciate it and so does the Lord.