

# St. Paul's United Church

Transfiguration - February 11th, 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 27:1, 4 - The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Organ Prelude:** Serenade Gounod

### \* 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:** Immortal Invisible VU 264

### \* Call to Worship:

The light of the Christ is what has led us to this place,  
**Blinded at first, we stumbled, but come here to meet him  
face to face.**

It is not light that blinds, but truth, and it is truth that reveals, and shows us the way.

**And so the way has led us here, and so we come to be  
changed, transformed, bathed in light and guided by  
love.**

## 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

**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.

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

**The Women's Inter-Church Council:** The World Day of Prayer is being prepared by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. The Theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good!" Please come and join us on Friday, March 2 with Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and in 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in Solidarity with the people of The Republic of Suriname through the World Day of Prayer. Open to the Public.

Northside/ Maryville: All Saints Anglican Church, 172 Canada Street, on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:00PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2:30PM.

Forest Hill/Lincoln: St. Francis of Assisi, Lincoln Road, on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:00PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2:00PM.

Hanwell/New Maryland: Holy Family Parish Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:00PM. No Storm Date.

Southside: Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2:00PM. No Storm Date. Contact name and phone number: Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

Let us worship the one who brings healing to the soul, who opens the eyes of our hearts.

**Let us worship God.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children's Choir:** Look Who God Made Joseph Martin  
**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Anthem** **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**  
 O Laughing Light Dunstan

**Today's Scripture:** John 9:1-41 Colleen Hanna  
 This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** What We Want To See

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** Are You a Shepherd MV 126

**Moment for Community**

**Offertory Music** Serenade Schubert  
**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**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)**

**SENDING FORTH**

• **Closing Hymn:** Let There Be Light VU 679

\* **Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):**  
 The light of Christ shines on us yet,  
**it also goes before us showing us our way,**

a light for the dark places of the world, a hope for those who despair.

**a light that reveals all that we have been and all that we might yet be.**

Following the Way of the light, our part in the work of creation, of reconciliation, and of sharing the boundless love of God is illumined. So go to the world, with souls bathed in the love of God, the way lit by the light of Christ, and our hearts empowered by the strength of the Holy Spirit.

**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:** Offertorio Zipoli

**Greeters:** Alma & Walter Bidlake  
**Ushers:** Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones  
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes

**Coffee Hour:** Congregational Board



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 at 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: : The Four Friends (Mark 2: 1-12) Four friends brought a man who couldn't walk to Jesus. The man's healing left a great impression on the people. Jesus did many miracles in the days before his arrest and trial. The people saw the miracles and were amazed, but they still didn't completely grasp that Jesus was God. Their shaky faith was challenged by the events that followed.

**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 denominations of faith are encourage to come to the Bible Study. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

**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**

Special stewardship event with Atlantic Stewardship and gifts officer Roger Janes will take place at St. Paul's on February 20 ( specific focus on the needs at St. Paul's) and February 22 (wider stewardship practices open to all united churches in the area) both start at 7pm. Committee members and those interested in stewardship are invited to attend.

**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.