



LENT 2

St. Paul's United Church

224 York Street

Fredericton, NB E3B 3P1

February 25, 2018

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2nd Sunday of Lent & Scout/Guide Sunday - February 25th, 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 51:10-12 - Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Our Father in the Heaven Who Art Bach

* **Parade of Colours**

* **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:** Tree of Life VU 121 (vs 4)

**Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.**

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** An Upper Room VU 130

* **Call to Worship (Responsive):**

We come to kneel before the Holy One in worship and prayer

Only to find the Christ kneeled before us, waiting to serve.

As the word washes over us, may our minds be open to God's will.

As eternal love washes over us, may our hearts be open to a new way.

Here in this time let us be made ready for the road that Christ walked,

that we might walk beside him, witnesses to the brokenness and the miracle.

Prayer of Approach

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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

The CD "Joy" Organ music from St. Paul's can be purchased through the office or any choir member for \$20, performed by Dr, Sharon Pond. Get your copy before we run out, limited number available.

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 at 7PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 4, at 2:30PM. . It is not Wheelchair Accessible.

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

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

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

A **JIGGS DINNER** will be held on Saturday, March 17, at 5:30 pm in the Nashwaaksis United Church Hall, 46 Main Street, featuring corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, peas' pudding and dessert. Adults - \$14, children 10 & under - \$5. Numbers are limited, please reserve by Thursday, March 15 from Rindy & Tom Austin, **450-7151**.

Family Hymn: I'm Gonna Live VU 575(vs 1)

**Beavers, Cubs & Scouts – Reaffirmation of Promises
Presentation of Certificates of Commendation and Outstanding
Service awards by Karoline Barr
DAC Recognition
Certificates of Commendation to Scouters
Bar to the Medal of Merit to Jo Craig Henry**

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Christ, my feet are dirty. You come as a servant to wash them, to cleanse me for the road ahead. And yet we hesitate, unwilling for the One before whom we kneel, to kneel before us. We feel battered and broken by life, unworthy of the waters of grace and hands of love to stoop so low. Remind us that it is because of our battered world that you came to bring healing and hope, that it is because of our brokenness that you enter into our lives loving us to wholeness. Remind us that your love for us makes us worthy of your touch, your care, your call. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem Lord For Thy Tender Mercies Sake Farrant
Today's Scripture: John 13:1-17 Marilyn Brewer
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Stooping so low... Rev. Richard

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn:** We are Pilgrims VU 595
Moment for Community
Offertory Music To A Wild Rose Elgar
Dedication Verse: For All Your Goodness God VU 549
**For all your goodness, God, we give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat,
and for the friends we meet;
for each new day we greet, we give you thanks.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People & Sung Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

VU 959

VU 918

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn:** Christ Has No Body Now But Yours MV 171

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

Leaving this place, we walk beside you, O Christ, to witness and to bear the cross.

In this time you have shown us a way, and made our feet, our hearts, ready for the journey.

Your love has transformed our understanding of what it means to be a servant.

Your word has shown us what it means to be a king.

We rise to share the love of God that lives in our hearts, the peace of Christ that rests in our hands, and the power of the Holy Spirit that blows ever at our backs.

We rise from worship of you and go to service in your name. AMEN

*** Choral Closing:** Tree of Life

VU 121 (vs general)

**Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.**

March off the Colours

Ministry of Music: Psalm 19

Marcello



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Ann and Roland Krause in the death of Ann's sister-in-law Cheryl Morrison who passed away last week.

Sympathy and prayers are also extended to Ann Manuel and Doug Willms in the death of Ann's mom of Corner Brook, NL who passed away last week.

A donation has been made to the Foundation in memory of Kathleen Carr by Mary Dingee Jacobs.

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: Jairus's Daughter (Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43) Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, had faith Jesus could heal his daughter even from the dead, and Jesus honoured his faith.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday is today! If you are new to the church, welcome! We hope you find the service filled with the Holy Spirit. We also hope that you stay after the service and join us in Fraser Memorial Hall for a free lunch. There are soups, snacks, and the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides brought cake! There is always enough, and your presence in the fellowship is a gift.

On Thursday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard will be conducting **Worship Service at Governor & Frederick Hall** (Shannex). All are invited to come and share in song and prayer with the residents.

Next week is the first Sunday of the month and that means that it is **Pantry Sunday**. The Pantry supports families by offering some of those necessities that we often take for granted. We hope that you prayerfully consider bringing in some of the following items, because doing so doesn't just fill our shelves, but the shelves of those we serve.

Toilet tissue, canned milk, soups (not tomato), juice boxes, pudding cups, fruit cups, large canned fruit, sugar, flour, toothpaste, cookies, soda crackers, ketchup, cereals, cleaning supplies, canned meats and fish, instant coffee, cheez whiz



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>