

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Mark your calendars! There are still a few weeks left in Lent, but Holy week will be on us before we know it. Below is the schedule for Holy week. Some services are here at St. Paul's while others are at Wilmot, while still others will be out bathed in the light of the rising sun. We hope you can make it to all of them.

- Sunday** March 25th @ 10:30 AM - Palm Sunday
Thursday March 29th @ 6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday:
Joint service with Wilmot at St. Paul's Pot-luck Supper and worship service
Friday March 30th @ 11:00 AM - Good Friday:
Joint worship at Wilmot United
Sunday April 1st @ 7:00 AM - Sunrise Service
(river side of the pedway, end of Carleton St)
Following the service, there will be breakfast at St. Paul's United Church
April 1st @ 10:30 AM - Easter Worship :
Communion will be served in our seats

Lenten Recitals

St. Paul's at 12:10– 12:50 pm

March 28: Dr. Sharon Pond - Organ Favourites

FREE WILL OFFERING

May 6, 2:30 pm: Handel's Messiah "Sing-a-Long"
\$10 Singers \$15 Audience
Director: Alexis Ervin
Soloists: Sally Dibblee, David Steeves
Organist: Dr. Sharon Pond
For info and to reserve a spot: stpaulsmusic3@gmail.com



St. Paul's United Church

224 York Street

Fredericton, NB E3B 3P1

March 25th, 2018



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Palm Sunday - March 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.

Mission Statement

To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

Psalm 24:7-10 - Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: The Palms Faure

* 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: All Glory, Laud and Honour VU 122

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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Ministers: Rev. Richard Bowley rev.bowley@outlook.com
Rev. Michelle Armstrong michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com
Pastor Sarah Magie *is on maternity leave*

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Sexton: Sam Zakaria
Office Admin: Cathy Simpson cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com

Office Hours

	Rev. Richard	Rev. Michelle
Sunday:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Monday:	8:30—12	9:30-12:30
Tuesday:	8:30—12	10:30-2:00
Wednesday:	By Appointment	9:30-12:30
Thursday:	8:30—12	10:30-2:00

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

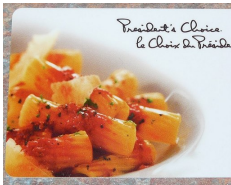


The CD "Joy" Organ music from St. Paul's can be purchased through the office or any choir member for \$20, performed by Dr. Sharon Pond. Get your copy now as only a limited number are available.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT FOR PALM SUNDAY - The congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist invite you to join them March 25 at 6:30 pm for a Candlelight Concert for Palm Sunday. Music which focuses on God's great gift of Christ and Christ's great sacrifice for us will be featured as presented by the adult choir and soloists. Offering from the evening is designated to support the work of the Fredericton Community Kitchen. A reception will follow. All welcome.

People and Places of Yesteryear Fredericton: Renowned local educator and historian, Ted Jones, will provide an illustrated talk on people and places of Fredericton's historic past in the Garrison Lounge of Regent hall on Monday, March 26 at 2 pm. He will focus on legendary stories relating to Fredericton and surrounding area, both people and places. Ted and Anita are retired school teachers who have turned their retirement interest in local history into the publication of several books. There will be a follow-up question-and-answer period. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend.

Loblaw's 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>



Next Sunday is Pantry Sunday and we are in need of the following: Puddings, tuna, salmon, soup (not tomato), jam, toilet paper, baking soda, canned meat, flour, sugar (white & brown), Kraft dinner, condiments, canned fruit, salad dressing, canned beans, canned milk, juice, tin foil, waxed paper.

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

We have been walking towards the cross experiencing the shadows gathering around us, we came to the cries for crucifixion, but now we jump back

We jump back to this moment, this moment in the sun, when spirits are high and joyful; we jump back to the safety of the parade.

We come and gather, to shout Hosanna

We come to celebrate, the promise that our Messiah will save us, lead us on to brighter days.

We shout Hosanna in worship and in praise.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Prayer of Approach

Children's Choir Hosanna In the Highest Ruth Schram

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God we come to you this day to confess the ways in which we have failed to live up to what we profess to believe. We have shouted "Hosanna" one day and "Crucify Him" the next. We have professed undying loyalty one hour and denied even knowing Jesus the next. We follow Christ only when it is convenient. Forgive us. Restore us. Strengthen us to follow Jesus with all our hearts. Amen

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Assurance of God's Love

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem A Joyful Hosanna Paige & Buda

Today's Scripture: John 12:12-27 Natalie Bowley
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Throwing It Down

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: When They Heard (1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9) MV 128

Offertory Music Le Cygne Saint-Saens
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 918

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Ride on, Ride on, in Majesty VU 127

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

The palms litter the ground, the crowd has dispersed,
But the joy and excitement of seeing Christ come to town is still in our hearts.

As the reality of this moment closes in on Christ, as the shadow of the cross begins to be cast,

we walk with Him into this week, not turning from His path and we see love in action.

So go now to proclaim Jesus’ love and presence through your words and action.

We go knowing the love of God surrounds us, that Christ’s mercy is given to us, and the Holy Spirit will guide us on this path of faith. 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.**

Ministry of Music: All Glory, Laud and Honour Miller

You are invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude

Greeters: John Davis & Sydney Henderson
Ushers: Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Florence Bartlett & Roger Miller
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes
Coffee Hour: Worship

The following donations have been made in loving memory of Bill McNamara:

Music:	Ralph & Caroline Simpson	Peter & Debbie Allison
	Catherine Sutherland	St. Paul’s Senior Choir
Pantry:	Ed & Ivy Bujold	Ron & Lynne Naugler
Operating:	Gladys Jeffery MacKenzie	Lois Walker
	Etta Davis	Herb & Helen Walsh
Foundation:	Carole Peacock	
Benevolent:	Ann & Harold Raper	

Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are in memory of Bill McNamara.

Tulips have been placed in loving memory of my parents and grandparents - Douglas Warman.

Vesey’s seeds and bulbs as a fundraiser with proceeds going to support the youth program of St. Paul’s. If you are looking at planting this year, come check it out! Orders will be due April 1st and will be shipped mid-late April. For more info or to order check out our table at coffee or talk with Rev. Michelle



Today in Sunday School: We welcome Jesus in the name of the Lord. Verse: “Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matthew 1:9). Story: People Welcome Jesus. In a very short time, the same crowd that praised Jesus as the Christ turned against him and shouted “Crucify him!”. Neither the crowd nor the disciples understood the different kind of kingdom Jesus was offering

The **UCW** will meet on Monday, March 26th in the Ladies’ Parlour at 10 AM. Our guest will be Jim Noseworthy and his seeing eye dog from CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind). This is the 100th anniversary for CNIB. Please answer Roll Call with feminine hygiene products for the Women’s Shelter. All are welcome to join us. Donna Chauvin 458-5885