

St. Paul's United Church

Easter Sunday/Pantry Sunday - April 1st, 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 118:22-24: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Fantasia in G major 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:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU 179

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

First-born of all creation.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU 155

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Hallelujah!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

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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	9:30-12:30
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Tuesday:	8:30—12	10:30-2:00
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Wednesday:	By Appointment	9:30-12:30
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Thursday:	8:30—12	10:30-2:00
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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
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	11:30-1 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
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Mon., Wed., Friday	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
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Monday	7 pm	Spirit Sisters
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Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
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Tuesday & Saturday	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
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Tuesday	10 am	Ladies Bible Study—Parlour
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	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
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	7 pm	Fredericton Choral Society -Hall
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	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
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Wednesday	9 am	Pantry
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	10 am	Parlour Prayers
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	7 pm	Men's Discussion Group
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Thursday	7 pm	Senior Choir Practice - Hall
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Friday (1st and 3rd)	6:30-9 pm	Youth Group
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Sunday	11:45 am	Children's Choir - Ladies Parlour
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Scripture Readers Needed: Anyone who would like to read the scripture on Sunday morning or help with the collection are asked to contact Roger Miller at 461-8295 or email him at: roger_miller@rogers.com

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.

If you wish to donate the **bulletin covers** for a Sunday service in memory of a loved one please contact Cathy at 458-1183. A form has been placed on the bulletin board indicating which dates are left to choose from. (\$40 per week)

Bulletin Announcements: Please ensure that all announcements reach Cathy's office (458-1183 or cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com) by 10 a.m. on Wednesday to be included in the following Sunday bulletin. Many thanks - Cathy

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

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

HAPPY EASTER

Christ is risen, indeed. Hallelujah!!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!!
Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!!!**

Prayer of the Day

Family Hymn: This is the Day VU 412 (vs. 1)

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem Glorious Risen Christ Burke & Larson

Today's Scripture: John 20:1-18 Marguerite MacAlpine
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** The Day of Resurrection VU 164

* Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music Thine is the Glory arr. Hayes

* **Dedication Verse:** In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU 544

**In gratitude and humble Trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along
life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion (See Insert)

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Good Christians All, Rejoice VU 169

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

Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard and seen and experienced.

We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Go forth sustained by God's steadfast love.

We go forth transformed and transforming.

Go forth with shouts of joy.

Christ is risen, indeed. Hallelujah!

Choral Closing: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU 179

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and is risen.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

Ministry of Music: Toccata

Widor

You are invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude



The bulletin covers for today's service have been donated in loving memory of Bob Keiver by Anne and the family.

Tulip bouquets have been placed in loving memory of Doug Warman's parents and grandparents by Doug.

Greeters: John Davis, Sydney & Abby Henderson

Ushers: Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont

Center: Isabel Green

Right Side: Ann & Harold Raper

Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes

Coffee Hour: Christian Education

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



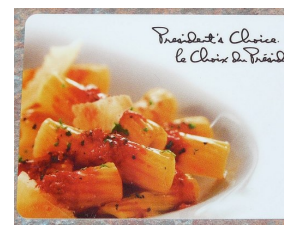
Today in Sunday School: Go and Tell. Anchor Point: Go and tell about Jesus. Bible Verse for the month: "He began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared." (Acts 9:20) Bible Story: The Tomb is Empty (Luke 24:1-12) After Jesus died on the cross, they quickly placed his body in the tomb before sundown on Friday to keep the Sabbath rules. On Saturday, the Sabbath, everyone rested. No activity was recorded at the tomb on Saturday. But Sunday was a different story.

Senior's Fitness is coming to St. Paul's for 2 mornings a week. Monday and Friday (starting April 6) from 10 to 11 am. If you are interested please contact Tyler Drost at 506-754-2205 or email him at tylerddrost@gmail.com. Cost is \$65 per month or a \$10 drop in charge. Helping you increase metabolism, build strength, increase bone density, enhance mobility, flexibility and balance.

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.



Elvis Gospel Concert. All are invited to hear "The Gospel Side of Elvis" Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Wilmot United Church Sanctuary. Join Mike Bravener as he sings your favourite gospel tunes. Proceeds to support youth ministry. Light refreshments served by UCW. Free will offering.



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> For those who have already dropped them off - many thanks - we have received \$150 worth of cards now which go a long way in helping us to fulfill St. Paul's mission of feeding the hungry!