

**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  
Potluck 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 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



**LENT 3**

***St. Paul's United Church***

224 York Street

Fredericton, NB E3B 3P1

March 4th, 2018

# St. Paul's United Church

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 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.

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

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*Psalm 17:3-4 - If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Organ Prelude:** Adagio Beethoven

### \* 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:** O God, How We Have Wandered VU 112

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

We have come here seeking relief,

**we have come here seeking the truth.**

In this time we hear of those trapped,

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**Keep up to date on upcoming activities  
and stay in touch in-between Sundays!**

<http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsunitedfredericton>

**Ministers:** Rev. Richard Bowley rev.bowley@outlook.com  
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## Office Hours

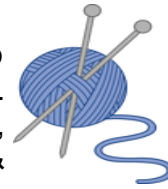
	<b>Rev. Richard</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	By Appointment	By Appointment
<b>Monday:</b>	8:30—12	9-12, afternoon by appointment
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:30—12	9-12, afternoon by appointment
<b>Wednesday:</b>	By Appointment	9-12:30, 1:30-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:30—12	By appointment

*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

**Meals on Wheels** is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Weekly openings on North side for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday delivery routes. North & South side casual substitute drivers also welcome. Minimal time commitment, enriching community involvement and charitable tax donation. Call 458-9482 for more information.



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**.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **"Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner"** on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m. Adults \$14. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

**Run for the Word 2018:** June 2 at Wilmot Park. This is one of the few annual fund raisers that the **Canadian Bible Society** hosts locally. It helps provide scripture resources used in Canadian ministry, with youth camping, armed forces, prisoners, indigenous people, refugees, migrants and others. This is an excellent opportunity for some exercise (run or walk 1 k or 5 k), fellowship, and fresh air, get prizes, enjoy a barbecue and make a difference with God's Word. Please, mark your calendar, pray for the event and consider how you and a friend may participate. More info will follow. Bill MacMullin, event coordinator, 238-5034, canonbill@gmail.com

**Godly Play Core Training for Storytellers & Doorpersons**  
**2018 Core Training at Nashwaaksis United Church, March 24**  
 (storm date April 14), April 21, and May 5<sup>[SEP]</sup>

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**and stories of those truly free.**

In these stories Jesus the Christ comes to shine a light, to reveal the Good News of God's great love,

**While Peter the Rock slides into the comfortable shadows of denial.**

Let us join our hearts, our voices, our prayers, and our actions as we respond to the Holy One who has called us from the shadows.

**Let us step into the light as we worship the God who sets us free to live, to love, to serve.**

**Prayer of Approach**

**Family Hymn:** Were You There VU 144 (using tune)  
**Were you there when the Rock denied the Christ?**  
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**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,**  
**were you there when the Rock denied the Christ?**

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

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**You, O Christ stood before the High Priest and spoke truth boldly, as you did throughout your ministry. Yet even as we marvel at your courage and resolve, our eyes are drawn to Peter, our ears hearing his tale. How often, when confronted by hardship, does our faith falter? How easy is it for us to say, "I am not" when asked if we are a follower of the great, "I am". Forgive us those times when we turn from You, forget You, deny You for fear of what others may say. Encourage us to speak truth boldly and the Good News without fear. It is in your name that we offer this and all our prayers. AMEN**

**Assurance of God's Love**

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

<b>Anthem</b>	Give Thanks Unto the Lord	Wilson
<b>Today's Scripture:</b>	John 18:12-27	Greg Morton
This is the Good News.	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

**Message** *Chained and Unchained*

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** O Jesus, I Have Promised VU 120

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory Music** Ave Verum Mozart

**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** VU 959

**Affirmation of Faith** VU 918

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** Jesus Christ is Waiting VU 117

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

In the presence of Christ we have found relief and renewal.

**His truth pierces our hearts.**

We carry the Good News with boldness into the world, to free those trapped by guilt and fear.

**We move unchained by the faith we have found.**

Over us the love and grace of God is poured reminding us that we are precious, within us the light of Christ shines to show us the way, and before us the Holy Spirit goes to scatter the shadows that seek to find root in our hearts. **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:** Offertoire sur Les Grands jeux de Grigny

*Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude*

**Greeters:**

**Ushers:** Left Side: Derrick Grant & Jen Petryshen  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Kennedy MacLssac & Roger Miller  
Upstairs: Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

**Coffee Hour:** Sr. Choir

**Today in Sunday School:** In the Name of the Lord. Anchor Point: We welcome Jesus in the name of the Lord. Bible Verse: Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matt: 1:9). Bible Story: Mary Honours Jesus (John 12:1-8) In response to Judas’s negative reaction to Mary’s pouring costly perfume on Jesus’ feet, Jesus defended Mary. He balanced care for the poor, an ongoing concern, with care for the dead, an immediate concern. Both categories of good deeds were valued in Judaism.

**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>

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 Women’s Inter-Church Council:** The World Day of Prayer is being prepared by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Theme “All God’s Creation is Very Good!” **Morning Gate Church,** 74 Morning Gate Drive, Sunday, March 4 at 2PM. Contact name and phone number: Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

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