

## 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

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### Lenten Recitals

St. Paul's at 12:10– 12:50 pm

- March 21: Dianne Roxborough Brown & Krystyna Higgins  
Piano Duo  
March 28: Dr. Sharon Pond - Organ Favourites

### FREE WILL OFFERING

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- 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](mailto:stpaulsmusic3@gmail.com)



# LENT 4

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

224 York Street

Fredericton, NB E3B 3P1

March 11th, 2018

# St. Paul's United Church

4th Sunday of Lent - March 11th, 2018

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.  
At the points marked \* - those who are able please 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 145:10-13 - All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Organ Prelude:** Trio Sonata No. 1 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:** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery 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:** Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

**\* Call to Worship:**

We come today as we are; some of us overflowing with joy, some of us hurting, some of us tired, some of us feeling broken.

## St. Paul's Contact Information

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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  
Rev. Michelle Armstrong michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com  
Pastor Sarah Magie is on maternity leave

**Music Director:** Dr. Sharon Pond spond@bellaliant.net

**Choir Director:** Alexis Ervin aervin17@gmail.com

**Sexton:** Sam Zakaria

**Office Admin:** Cathy Simpson cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com

## Office Hours

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

<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

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the Pantry last week. Your support of this vital program makes a difference for struggling families each week.



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 available.

**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>



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**.

### CHURCH GROWTH AT ST. PAUL'S

As we grow at St Paul's each of us are requested to answer the following question with enthusiastic answers:

WHAT WILL I DO FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST PAUL'S IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS.

ANSWERS:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

**We come to have our hearts touched, to be inspired by God's Holy Word, to be strengthened by the community of faith.**

We come that we may hear truth that changes our lives.

**We come in response to God's call**

We come to be the church in loving action sharing God's grace.

**We come to worship, offering our prayers and praise.**

Let us worship in Spirit and Truth!

### Prayer of Approach

**Family Hymn:** Like a Rock MV 92  
**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God, these days the word "truth" is thrown around so frequently, that we start to doubt everything and are easily taken in by the story we like the best. We stand looking over all of the opinions offered and ask with Pilate "what is truth?" You who seek to be the rock on which we stand guide us to your truth and help us to see your way. This we pray, Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Love

#### LISTENING FOR TRUTH

**Anthem**  
**Today's Scripture:** John 18:28-40 Roland Krause  
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** Living in the Truth

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\* Hymn:** Faith of Our Fathers VU 580

**Offertory Music** Blessed Jesus Bach

**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:** Giver of the Perfect Gift VU 116

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

In Christ, we have a living embodiment of the truth of who God is and what love means.

**This is the truth that we are to live by, the truth that does not deny life and love but gives it in abundance.**

So go into our world to bear this truth in your living,

**We will go to live as Christ: sharing God's love, seeking God's justice and offering God's mercy to the whole world.**

With God's love, Christ's grace and the Holy Spirit's power, go into the world and change it forever!

**Choral Closing:** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery VU 121 (vs gen.)

**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:** Les Cloches Le Beque

**Greeters:** Brenda & Alan Rayner

**Ushers:** Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont

Center: Isabel Green

Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones

Upstairs: Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

**Coffee Hour:** UCW



A donation has been made to St. Paul's in loving memory of Reg & Monica Miller by Roger, Bob and their families.



**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 out the offerings. 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

**Youth Group** meets March 16th @ 6:30-9:00pm the night before St. Patrick's Day...come expecting something green! We will be exploring how story and truth are interwoven in our faith. Don't miss this engaging Friday. Heads up.... come prepared to play two truths and a lie (three short stories/facts about yourself - 2 of which are true and 1 which is not) and we will guess what is Truth and what is not! RSVP Rev. Michelle

**Today in Sunday School:** March unit: In the Name of the Lord. Anchor Point: We welcome Jesus in the name of the Lord. Bible Verse for the month: "Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 1:9). Bible Story: Bartimaeus shouts to Jesus (Mark 10:46-52). The blind beggar Bartimaeus knew Jesus was someone special, someone who would help him. Instead of calling out for money, Bartimaeus called for mercy. He understood that Jesus could give him something better than money.

**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

The inter-church refugee committee would like to remind the congregation that St. Paul's has joined with Wilmot and Forest Hills to sponsor families coming to Canada. The committee would like to thank everyone who has donated gifts in kind to help set up our most recent family. At this time the committee is in need of financial assistance to meet our commitment for the next few months. If you are able, we ask you to please make a directed donation to refugees either by contacting Cathy in the office directly or by placing an envelope marked refugee committee in the offering plate. Thanks you for your consideration.