

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 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



LENT 5

St. Paul's United Church

224 York Street

Fredericton, NB E3B 3P1

March 18th, 2018

St. Paul's United Church

5th Sunday in Lent - March 18th, 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 146:7-10 - The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall 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 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:** My Song is Love Unknown VU 143

*** Call to Worship:**

On this journey through Lent, we have come now so close to the end, so close to the beginning.

**We want to wave the palms, shout hosanna to our King,
but today all we hear is the cry to crucify him.**

We come together to hear of the story of humiliation and ridicule so that we can better understand the Gospel of hope and redemption.

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

Office Hours

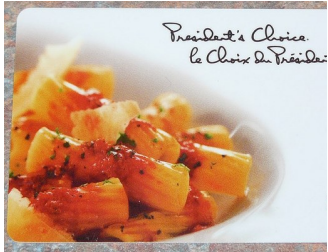
	Rev. Richard	Rev. Michelle
Sunday:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Monday:	8:30—12	9:30-12:30
Tuesday:	8:30—12	10:30-2:00
Wednesday:	By Appointment	9:30-12:30
Thursday:	8:30—12	10:30-2:00

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 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>

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) by 10 a.m. on Wednesday to be included in the following Sunday bulletin. Many thanks—Cathy

Let us worship the One who turns darkness to light, tragedy to triumph, the one who turns the world upside down and shows us what the kingdom looks like.

Prayer of Approach

Family Hymn: Listen God is Calling MV 97 (x2)

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

The crowd is a powerful thing, O God. A few placed words, words of passion, of anger, of fear, and many can be turned to hate and violence. Forgive us those times when we allow ourselves to go with the flow, letting fear guide us to say and do things that do not embody your love. Forgive us when we remain silent allowing prejudice to be an acceptable part of the conversation. Give us courage to speak out. Give us the strength to stand up. It is in Christ's name that we pray, stand, and speak. **AMEN**

Assurance of God's Love

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem The Lord's My Shepherd Mueller

Today's Scripture: John 19:1-19 Ann Krause
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Seeking Justice

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Rejoice, the Lord is King VU 213

Offertory Music I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ 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:** Crown Him With Many Crowns

VU 211

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

Don't let the crowd define the truth, because the Way, the Truth and the Life can speak for himself.

As bearers of the Gospel, we go to stand with those who the mob casts down, to speak against those who spread prejudice and fear.

Take God's love in your hearts and share it with those who feel unloved. Take the peace of Christ in your hands and bring it to places of injustice.

Go with the Holy Spirit at your back to build the kingdom of God.

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: In Thee is Gladness

Bach

Greeters: Brenda & Alan Rayner

Ushers: Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont

Center: Isabel Green

Right Side: Ann & Harold Raper

Upstairs: Andrew, Hope, Laura & Graham Steeves

Coffee Hour: Property Management

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



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: Jesus Breaks the Bread (Mark 14: 12-26). The story of the Last Supper leads into the plot to destroy Jesus, and Jesus' disciples scattering because they were too frightened to stand with him. Peter thought that Jesus' death would mean the end of his relationship with Jesus. But the story continues beyond the cross.

Theology on Tap: An opportunity to get together as people of faith to discuss issues that are faced by the church and the world. We may not always agree, but we will find that we have a lot in common. Come chat about theology, enjoy some good food, and better fellowship. First Theology on Tap happens on Tuesday, March 20th at 8 pm at Dolan's Pub on King Street.



Family Night Movie & Nachos: All are welcome to join us for a Family Night in Fraser Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 24th, beginning at 5:30 pm. Come and enjoy a family friendly movie with an Easter theme, popcorn, and your choice of chicken or veggie nachos. To confirm or for more information, please contact Jennifer or Brad Green at 454-7543.



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.