

St. Paul's United Church

April 15, 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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Prelude on Richmond

*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

A keeper of the Law walked up to Jesus and asked him,
"Teacher, what is the greatest commandment?"
Jesus replied,

"Love God with all that you are."

As the man turned away to think about what he had heard, Jesus said,

"Wait! There is a second one just like the first: Love your neighbour in the same way you are to love yourself."

(Lighting the candle)

This Great Commandment shines on, and shines through, all things: the writings of the Law, the words of the prophets, every moment of our lives!

In every moment, Christ's light shines! Alleluia!

* **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.

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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
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	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
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

Today in Sunday School: In April we will focus on.....

Serving Others in Christ's name

Because of the outreach of St. Paul's church, it is seen as a trusted source of help for those in need, and a caring place for children, youth, families and adults. Lois Walker will give the children a tour of The Pantry, one of our local community outreach projects. Then, they will learn about Food for the North, a project that addresses poverty and hunger in four of Canada's First Nations. Planning will begin for a food sale on Sunday, April 29 in the hall to raise funds for both the Pantry and Food for the North. As well, the children will be adding messages, designs and colour to brown bags used in St. Paul's Brown Bag Lunch project.

Save The Date: When: Sunday, April 29, following worship. Where: Fraser Memorial Hall: What: **Sunday School Bake Sale.** Why: to raise funds for our two mission projects—the Pantry and Food for the North.

The **Tuesday Bible Study** is finished for this spring. Thanks to all who faithfully attended. Chris Grant

Senior's Fitness is coming to St. Paul's Monday and Friday starting April 6 from 10am-11am. If you are interested please contact Tyler Drost at 506-754-2205 or email him at tylerddrost@gmail.com. Cost is \$65/month or \$10/drop in.

Greenwood Drive Baptist will be holding a special musical evening on April 29th, at 7 PM with special musical guests - Infinitely More. Come and bring your friends to hear some of their original music, favourite hymns and uplifting stories. www.InfinitelyMore.ca or Facebook at 'Infinitely More'. a love offering to benefit the Greenwood Drive Baptist Church Summer Children's Ministries.

Hymn-Sing and Concert, May 27th, 7:00 p.m. Forest Hill United , 45 Kimble Court. Please call the Forest Hill United Church office at 455-0988 or email foresth.office@bellalliant.com if you would like to request a favourite hymn. Please provide your contact information (name, phone number and/or email) and any dedication information. Requests must be received by May 1st. Suggested donation per hymn choice is \$20 for which an income tax receipt will be provided if requested.

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Let Us Build a House MV 1

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

The beginning of a line is a single point.

The beginning of a library is just one book.

The beginning of a journey is a single step.

The beginning of a flood is one drop of water.

The beginning of God's Kingdom is in each decision we make, to live God's love;

in reaching out to those around us, to bring food to those who are hungry, and water to those who thirst;

in reaching out to those around us, to shelter and clothe those who are naked, to visit the sick and those imprisoned;

in reaching out to those around us, we worship God.

We worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Family Hymn: God Whose Almighty Word VU 313(vs 1)

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem Come, Come, Ye Saints Trad. Folk arr. Hawryluk

Today's Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 Alanna Palmer
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Take My Life and Let It Be VU 506

Offertory Music Duet by Jordan Pond and Ralph Simpson

* **Dedication Verse:** Take, O Take me as I Am MV 85

Take, O Take me as I am. Summon our what I will be.

Set your seal upon my hearts, and live in me.

*** Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

For all your goodness, God, thank you! For all your abundance, God, alleluia! Help us to use all you have given, with wisdom and compassion, that these gifts might bring healing and hope to your world, to Fredericton, to St. Paul's United. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Sung Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith VU 918

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn:** We Shall Go Out With Hope VU586

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

Go into the world with a daring and a living love.

Everywhere we go, we will serve Christ by serving those in need. We will feed those who are hungry and thirsty, shelter those who are naked, and visit those who are sick or locked away.

And know this: not only do you serve; you are served as well. The peace of Christ holds you. The love of the Creator transforms you. And the Holy Spirit carries you—now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Greeters: Shirley MacLeod and Sadie Miller

Ushers: Left Side: John Gaskin & Roger Miller

Center: Isabel Green

Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones

Upstairs: Andrew, Hope, Graham & Laura Steeves

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Come and enjoy spaghetti with meat or vegetarian sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread and brownies with ice cream for dessert. Please come with yourself, your church friends, and friends from the wider community. All are welcome! Free will offering will be collected at the door.

St. Paul's United Church
Spaghetti
Dinner


Sunday, April 22nd

5:30 pm

Free will offering



Next Youth Group: Friday April 20th, 6:30-9pm. We will be doing a run through of our youth service and then learning more about what it means to be a refugee.

 **UCW Bridge Luncheon** Saturday May 5th 12:00pm.
Tables for \$48 or \$12/person. Contact Isabel Green at 459-7116 to reserve your spot!

Calling all people who read Bullseye, We will be having a joint gathering of men's and women's groups and anyone from the congregation who has read the book is welcome to join us for a potluck meal and discussion on May 14th at 5:30

You should have received a package in the mail from your giving team, please take time to prayerfully consider it and return the response card in the sealed envelope provided either by mail or by placing in the offering plate. If you did not receive an package please let a member of the giving's team know: Jen Petryshen, Blaine Irving, Ron Naugler or Rev. Michelle know and we can provide one for you.

You are invited to join us in the ministry of worship for those in care and nursing homes. The next upcoming services will be April 17th at Pine Grove @ 10:30am and April 19th at Windsor court @ 10am.