

St. Paul's United Church

Participating in Our Church's Mission for Mission & Service

April 22nd, 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: Andante Rheinberger

*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.

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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

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 a 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.

SUMMER PROGRAMS: Go Adventure Camp registration is open now. The camp is running in Fredericton July 16-20th. All youth ages 7-12 are encouraged to attend. This amazing camp helps youth to not only have fun but engage their faith. This camp gives youth the confidence to change the world one step at a time. Led and supported by trained staff, resource this camp that helps youth to explore outreach and social justice in a high energy and highly interactive way. Cost is \$125 for 5 full days of programming, which covers snacks and lunch. Space is limited for this amazing faith building camp...register today so your youth can Go Make a difference in the world. Financial assistance available. Contact Rev. Michelle at 458-1183. -Not a kid and want to help out: St. Paul's Rev Michelle is helping with this and she is looking for 2-3 volunteers to help with prep of lunch snacks.

Mark you Calendars now Joint Wilmot and ST. Paul's **Vacation Bible School** will be the mornings of August 27-31. Don't miss out on this free morning program for children ages 4 and up.

Wilmot United is holding their **annual spring rummage sale** on Friday, April 27th from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 28th from 9 am - noon. Items include spring & summer clothing, footwear, toys, linens, kitchenware, home décor and more. Proceeds will support Wilmot's charitable projects.

Tea and Artist Show & Sale: Celebrate mom and support charity at Wilmot United Church on May 12th from 11 am - 2 pm. Enjoy an elegant tea featuring fancy sandwiches and dainty sweets along with an exhibition and sale of fine arts and crafts in the Church hall. Also drop by the sanctuary to view Wilmot Quilters' display of beautiful quilts. Admission is \$10; for advance tickets, call 458-1066. Limited tickets also available at door.

Rev. Richard and Rev. Michelle will be attending **Cruxifusion** this week. This is a conference for Christ-centered clergy, meant to be a time of renewal, worship, networking, and prayer. For emergency pastoral care concerns, please contact Rev. Ellen Beairsto at 206-1943.

April 29th is our **youth led service**. It is also giving Sunday in the Call to be Church program. So lets come out and support our youth and bring back your pledge form for the stewardship team.

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



The men of St Paul's are organizing a breakfast on May 12 . Guest speaker will be The Very Reverend Peter Short. Breakfast will be served at 9 am with coffee available at 8:30 am. To give us an idea regarding numbers you can contact Blaine Irving at 476-1810 or email bmirving@nb.sympatico.ca All are welcome!

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.

We are having a **Welcoming of New Members** on May 20th (Pentecost)! Whether you've been a part of this community for a long time or a short time, we hope that this place feels like home. If so, you are invited to contact Rev. Richard or Rev. Michelle so that we can include you in our New Members celebration on May 20th.

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

Promoting Healthy Living Senior's Fitness is coming to St. Paul's on 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.

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:** This is God's Wondrous World VU 296

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

God's Word isn't just for our ears or eyes.

God's Word is for our hearts and lives.

Not just for listening,

but also for hearing.

Not just for hearing,

but also for living.

As people of the Creator, St. Paul's United Church!

As Christ's disciples, The United Church of Canada!

As dancers with the Holy Spirit,

here and everywhere!

Let us worship God!

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Family Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing VU 574 (vs 4)

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Video Message

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem In That Holy Place DeFord

Today's Scripture: James 1:19-25 Ann Raper
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Christ Has No Body Now MV 171

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music Adante Bach
* **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):**

You call us to be your people; you call us to be the church; you share with us so many things; alleluia, loving God! As your people, as your church, we offer what we have and who we are to you. Blessed by your love, may these gifts be a blessing for the world. Alleluia, loving God! Amen!

Prayers of the People & Sung Lord's Prayer VU 959

Affirmation of Faith VU 918

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** When Hands Reach Out MV 169

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

Go into the world, living Christ's love everywhere you go. Remember your neighbours: those who live here and those around the world. In the joyful times, share the celebration. In the difficult times, share the hope. In all times, remember this: we never go alone.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

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 Young

Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude

Greeters: Shirley MacLeod and Sadie Miller
Ushers: Left Side: Ann & Harold Raper
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes
Coffee Hour: Pantry

TONIGHT at 5:30 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.



UCW will meet on Monday, April 23 in the Ladies' Parlour at 10 a.m. Our guest speakers will be Monica Antwoh and Tracy Staples from the Canadian Cancer Society. Please answer Roll Call with coffee or cereal for the Men's Shelter. All are welcome to join us.

We hope you come a little early on April 29th because we are having another **Sing-a-long!** At 10:10 AM the music will kick off. So come and sing as you are able, listen as you prefer, and let the Holy Spirit move in and through you.

Today in Sunday School: Go and tell about Jesus. April Bible Verse: "He (Paul) began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared." (Acts 9:20) Bible Story: The Church Grows (Acts 9: 26-31). Paul came to Jerusalem as an outsider. With Barnabus' support, Paul became accepted by the apostles. When the church heard of a plot against Paul, they helped him get out of Jerusalem and on to Tarsus. A period of peace and building up spiritually followed for the churches in Judea and Samaria. God multiplied their numbers.



What's in a name? It turns out quite a bit! The Sunday School Bake sale is now the **SS FOOD Sale**, next Sunday, April 29, after church. When discussing what would be for sale, the children came up with much more than baked goods. Lemonade was popular, a few recommended their grandmothers' jams and jellies. It became apparent that the event will be more than a bake sale. Come and see.