

St. Paul's United Church

Giving Thanks - Modelling Gratitude
May 6th, 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: The Vesper Bell Smith

*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
Mon., Tues. & Sat.	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

Sunday School News: Last Sunday's Bake Sale raised a total amount of \$454.35 of which \$200 is going to "Children of the North" and \$254.35 to St. Paul's Pantry. Thank you to all the contributors and the buyers!! A cheque will be presented to the Finance Committee this morning and it will be mailed off to the "Children of the North" project.

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. Should you need envelopes or wish to go on PAR please inform Cathy at the time of your call. Tracking your donations allows me to forward a tax receipt for your yearly givings to St. Paul's.

As of Thursday morning Cathy reported that she has received 61 Response Cards representing 34% of our regular givers. If you are among the 61 we wanted to thank you again for returning your forms! The total pledges received as of Thursday afternoon totaled \$125,646 representing just over 30% of our budget. It would help both the financial and stewardship committees if you have not returned your response form to return them to the office as soon as possible, for based on this number we have some major work to do in funding our ministry. Having an accurate picture of the projected givings will help us create a plan for funding the remaining budget allowing us to do the ministry we are called to here at St. Paul's

SUMMER PROGRAMS: July 16-20th **Go Adventure Camp** - registration is open. All youth 7-12 are welcome. This amazing camp helps youth to not only have fun but engage their faith and the confidence to change the world one step at a time. Led 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 programing, (covers snacks/lunch). Space is limited ...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 but want to help out: Rev Michelle 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.



Brown Bag Needs: Juice (apple, orange, tomato, etc.), Pudding cups, Fruit cups, Protein (flip top lids please), individually packaged snacks, granola bars, Our folks who use this program are very thankful for all that you provide.

DRAMA and DESSERT: St. Andrews Players of St Andrews United in Harvey are presenting their 15th annual Drama and Dessert at the CE Center of the church on May 10,11,12 at 7:30 p.m. plus a matinee on Saturday, May 12 at 2 p.m. see Marlene at Wilmot.

Forest Hill United Church has an 8-wk position open for a student this spring/summer. The job will involve a variety of different projects, including working with our Affirm Committee to further our LGBTQ+ ministry. For more details please contact FHUC office at foresth.office@bellaliant.com.

ARTIST SHOW & SALE: Celebrate mom by taking her to Wilmot United on May 12th from 11 am – 2 pm. For \$10, enjoy an elegant tea featuring fancy sandwiches and dainty sweets along with an exhibition and sale of our congregation's fine arts. Tickets are available by contacting Marlene Phillips at the Wilmot Church Office (458-1066). Limited tickets will be available at the door. Wilmot photographers, writers, potters, painters, quilters, knitters, rug hookers, sewing enthusiasts, wood and metal crafts and all other Wilmot artisans will display their handiwork at this special event.

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** When Morning Gilds the Skies VU 339

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

God's abundance is life itself,

The breath, the blessings, the bounty of creation!

We come this morning surrounded by and overflowing with the love that God has poured out on this world,

And so we come to offer praise and thanksgiving, in prayer and in song.

God has sown seeds of joy and love in our hearts,

Let us burst forth with a harvest of worship.

Prayer of the Day

Family Hymn: Behold, Behold (X2) MV 115

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Video Message

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem You Are My Light Dave & Jean Perry

Today's Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15 Beth Henderson
This is the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music May Jesus Christ Be Saved Wyrter
Piano/Organ Duet: Alexis Ervin & Sharon

Pond

* **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 heart, and live in me.

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

In the abundance of your love, we live our lives, O God.
We have been blessed and so we strive to be a blessing
in this world and to those we share it with. Send your
Spirit upon these gifts and on us that we might build up
your kingdom of love here and beyond. Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer
Affirmation of Faith

VU 918

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn:** Go to the World

VU 420

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

As the sower scatters the seeds in abundance, so we are planted
in the Creator's love, as gardens bursting with Christ's hope, as
people shining with the Spirit's joy,

**we go to the world to be people of grace and gratitude,
to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbours
as we love ourselves.**

And God goes with us,
now and always. 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.

Ministry of Music: Temple March

Lyon

Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude

Greeters: Florence Bartlett

Ushers: Left Side: Kirsten & Murry Simpson

Center: Isabel Green

Right Side: Lois Walker & Betty Fitzpatrick

Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes

Coffee Hour: UCW



*Bulletin covers today have been provided in loving memory
of Don and Phyl Peacock by their daughters Carole
Peacock, Judy Thorne and Debbie Seymour.*

Today in Sunday School: **Breaking News!** Marguerite MacAlpine is
going back to Sunday School. Marguerite is the special guest at our
combined Primary and Junior class this morning. They will work
together on a special project that will be revealed to you next
Sunday. Stay tuned for further details.

The men of St Paul's are organizing a **breakfast** on May 12 . Guest
speaker will be The Very Reverend Dr. 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.

Senior's Fitness is coming to St. Paul's on Monday and Friday
from 10am-11am. If you are interested please contact Tyler Drost
at 506-754-2205 or email him at tylerddrost@gmail.com or contact
Cathy for more information 458-1183. Cost is \$65/month or \$10/
drop in.

On Sunday, May 6th, Hospice Fredericton is hosting its 10th
Annual Hike for Hospice fund raising event. This is one of the
largest fundraisers for the organization and is a national event. The
event will take place at Killarney Lake Lodge from 12-3pm. We are
very excited to have **Bayshore Home Health** partner with us this
year as our Title Sponsor! Their staff will not only participate in the
event, but the **Bayshore Foundation for Empowered Living** is going
to match \$0.50 for every dollar raised!! For more information or to
make a donation please contact Hospice Fredericton at 472-1608 or
visit us at www.hospicefredericton.ca (621 Churchill Row)