

# St. Paul's United Church

October 21st, 2018 - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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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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## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** Trio Sonata 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:** O Let the Power Fall on Me MV 13

**O Let the power fall on me, my Lord,  
let the power fall on me.  
Let the power from heaven fall on me,  
let the power fall on me.**

## Welcome & Announcements

**\* Gathering Hymn:** Come O Fount of Every Blessing VU 559

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

We come to this place to receive a gift.

**A gift meant for us and for all. One that grows in the sharing.**

We come to this place to receive a teaching.

**A lesson in how we are to follow, and the grace that comes when we falter.**

We come to worship God, who blesses us and invites us to be a blessing to others, to lift up those who have been brought low. To share our strength, our courage, and our joy.

**With hearts open to God's wisdom and will, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise!**

## Prayer of Approach

**Family Hymn:** I Have Called You (vs 1) MV 161

**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Family Hymn:** I Have Called You (vs 2) MV 161

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## \*New\* Office Hours

	<b>Rev. Richard</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>	<b>Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Cell:</b>	(506)262-2150	(306)858-7602	(613)329-6315
<b>Sun.:</b>	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment
<b>Mon.:</b>	9am - noon	10 am - noon	8:30 am - noon
<b>Tues.:</b>	By Appointment	By Appointment	1-3 pm
<b>Wed:</b>	12-2 pm	10:30-12:30 pm	Day off
<b>Thurs.:</b>	12-2 pm	12-2 pm	8:30-12
<b>Fri.:</b>	Day off	Day off	By Appointment

*These hours are subject to change due to Emergency Pastoral Care, meetings and other church business elsewhere.*

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## Upcoming Weekly Activities

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
		English Second Language
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
<b>Mon., Wed., Friday</b>	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
<b>Mon., Tues. &amp; Sat.</b>	7-9 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	6:30-8 pm	Taekwondo
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	F'ton Choral Society
	7 pm	Barber Shoppers
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 - 11am	Pantry
<b>Thursday</b>	7-8:15 pm	Senior Choir
<b>Friday (selected)</b>	7-9:30 pm	Youth Group (next one Nov 16th)
<b>Saturday</b>	10 am-noon	Taekwondo

**Today in Sunday School...**We Are Family. October Bible Verse: "Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one! (Psalm 133:1) Bible Story: Moses and His Sister (Exodus 1:8-2:10). God delivered Moses at birth, and his adopted grandfather was the man who had ordered the destruction of the Israelites. After 40 years living in the palace in Egypt, Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness. Then God chose him to be the leader to bring the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.

The UCW will meet on Monday, October 22nd at 10 am in the Ladies' Parlour. Our guest speaker will be from the Autism Society. Please answer Roll Call with items for Youth in Transition . They are in need of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, face clothes. All are welcome to join us. For further information please call Donna Chauvin at 458-5885

The **Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council** is having their Annual General Meeting on, Monday, October 22 at 1:30pm.at St. Paul's. All women of any denomination of faith are welcome to attend to prepare for the World Day of Prayer events which will be the country of Slovenia. Our Guest speaker will be Rev. Shirley DeMerchant, President of the Council.

**Monday, October 29th at 7 pm** (in the Sanctuary). Come and enjoy "The General" starring Buster Keaton with organ improvisation by David Drinkell, produced by Dr. Sharon Pond . Free Will Offering



**Upcoming Youth Event:** Popcorn Creation and Sale OCT 29th 3:30pm til 9pm. Come for all or part of the evening! Funds raised from this activity support our program. Nov 3 Pumpkin Smash 2-4 @ Forest Hill United Church.



**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, **November 3rd**, 8:30 a.m.  
Menu: Pancakes, sausages, tea/coffee. Guest Speaker Brian Scott will speaking on his trip to Slave Lake where he worked with a local church in their efforts to reach out to at-risk youth.. Our brothers from Wilmot United will also be invited to join us. Free Will Offering. Please call Blaine Irving for further information and to book your spot. 476-1810

**Prayer of Confession (Responsive):**

Tender, loving God, have mercy on us.

**Like David, we have been greedy, grasping for what is not ours even though we have enough.**

We have forgotten your promise: that you will guide us, bless us, and hold us close.

**Like those who first heard the teachings of Christ, we long to know your will and your way for us as we strive to be good stewards of your Good News.**

Forget our sins, take away our guilt. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean.

**Tender, loving God, have mercy on us.**

**Assurance of God's Love**

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Anthem**

**Today's Scriptures:**

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

*Rev. Richard*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matt 21:33-41

*Marguerite MacAlpine*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Message**

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Getty & Townsend

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\* Hymn:**

When We Are Tested

MV 65

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

VU 918

**\* Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory Music**

Fantasia

Mozart

**\* Dedication Verse:** We Praise you, O God

VU 218

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say VU 626

\* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

The words of the prophet have opened our eyes to the way before us.

**The teachings of Christ have opened our hearts, giving us the courage to walk that way.**

May we learn from those times when we are weak, and find strength in God who walks with us.

**May the we carry what we have heard in this place into the world**

\***Benediction**

\* **Choral Closing:** Peace be With you MV 215

**Peace be with you, peace forever,  
peace be with you my friends.**

**Till we meet again, may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.**

**Ministry of Music:** Final Guilmant

*Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude*

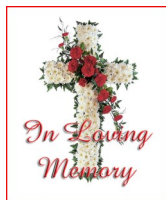
**Greeters:**

**Ushers:** Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones  
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes

**Coffee Hour:** UCW

**Announcements**

The bulletins for today's service have been donated in loving memory of the late George W and Diva A (Knights) Estey in honour of what would be their 100th Wedding Anniversary on October 23, 1918.



**Anniversary Envelope Challenge:** Please remember to take an envelope from the display, to help us celebrate 186 years of St. Paul's by giving a birthday gift to the church in the form of a special donation. Simply take an envelope, fill it with the amount of money listed on the front (envelopes from 1 to 186), and bring it back on **Anniversary Sunday, November 4th**. If you would like a tax receipt, please include your regular envelope number on the envelope. Of the funds raised, half will go to the trustees for the care of our historic building, and half will go to operating expenses contributing to the various ministries and activities we support.



**Clergy Appreciation month.** Our ministers are there for us in good times and in bad and we don't always remember to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Take this opportunity to let Rev. Richard, Rev. Michelle and Pastor Sarah know how much they mean. Look for cards in the pews, take a minute and write a note!

Did you know that 82% of unchurched people are at least somewhat likely to give church a try, if invited?! (Dr. Thom Rainer, The Unchurched Next Door) Next Sunday, October 28th, is the last Sunday of the month, and so we're reminding everyone that it's "**Bring a Friend to Church**" Sunday. Bring soup or sandwiches to share in our potluck after the service, and enjoy a time of fellowship with our guests. Please take the invitation included in the bulletin home and, sometime in the next week, use it to invite a friend, neighbour, colleague or stranger to come try our church.



Spirit Sisters is meeting again at the end of October! Because of other programming and events, we're moving the night to **Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm**. The theme for this month is spirituality and art, and our meeting will be a paint and sip led by Stephanie Weaver of Dragonfly and Octopi Studio in Oromocto. There is a cost for this event, to cover the art supplies, of \$30 per person. If you would like to participate, but the \$30 is a barrier, please contact Pastor Sarah or Cathy Simpson in the church office, as a limited number of subsidies are available to help cover the costs. We do need to know how many people are planning on attending, so please RSVP to Pastor Sarah no later than **Friday, October 26th**.

**PANTRY SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, October 28

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

October 29th	Silent Film (Sanctuary) 7 p.m.
November 3rd	Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
November 4th	Anniversary Sunday 10:30 am
November 24th	UCW Christmas Bazaar
November 30th	Carols by Glow Stick 6-7 pm
December 5th	Vocal Collective/Sharon Pond 12:10-12:50 Advent Carol Festival 7:30 pm
December 12th	FHS Jazz Ensemble 12:10-12:50
December 16th	'Twas the Night Before Christmas 7 pm
December 19th	Sharon Pond/Vocal Collective 12:10 -12:50

**Mark your calendars now as you won't want to miss any of these special events.**

**Pops Organ Recital: Remembering Elmer Bourque** - The Fredericton Organists' Association (FOA) is pleased to present a recital of fun and entertaining organ music performed by members of the FOA on Sunday October 21 at 2pm at Christ Church Parish Church. Some of the works to be performed include Boellman's "*Toccata*" from *Suite Gothique*, themes from the Harry Potter movies, an organ duet on *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, Denis Be-dard's *Fantaisie sur O Canada*, and Schneider's *Toccata on "Brother of Sleep."* Freewill donation at the door with proceeds going towards an organ scholarship in memory of Elmer Bourque.

**Roast Beef Super:** Keswick Ridge United, Sat., Oct. 27  
Home Baking and Handicraft Sale, Sponsored by the UCW  
Sittings at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Take-outs Available. adults - \$15.  
children - \$7. Advance Tickets Only. Please Call: C. Sheppard at  
363-2284 or B. Kelly at 363-2739

**Wilmot Rummage Sale:** Friday, Oct. 26. 3-6 and 27th 9-12.  
Something for everyone!

A **Craft Sale** will be held on Sat., Nov 3 from 9 to 2 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Northumberland and Con-naught. Proceeds from table rentals will go towards a Mission Trip to the Philippines 2019.

**Morning Gate Church:** On November 4<sup>th</sup> experience the first-hand account of John Deweyert, the last surviving member of his family who owned and lived at Hotel Dreijeroord in Oosterbeek, Holland during the battle of Arnhem which was part of "Operation Market Garden". John immigrated to Canada and now lives in Temperance Vale, NB.