

St. Paul's United Church

November 18th, 2018 - Twenty-sixth 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.

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

Matthew 5:14 - You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

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Prelude: The King of Love My Shepherd Is
I Heard the Voice of Jesus arr. Englert

*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:** Come Touch Our Hearts (vs 3) MV 12

**Come touch our minds
and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come, touch and bless our minds.**

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy VU 315

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Having shown us our place in the saving history of which we are a part, having shown the local of redemptive activity to be this world of human response to the divine call,

God is calling into being this day a people willing and able to commit themselves totally, calling us to choose where we will stand in the balance of destiny,

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New Office Hours

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Sun.:	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment
Mon.:	9am - noon	10 am - noon	8:30 am - noon
Tues.:	By Appointment	By Appointment	1-3 pm
Wed:	12-2 pm	10:30-12:30 pm	Day off
Thurs.:	12-2 pm	12-2 pm	8:30-12
Fri.:	Day off	Day off	By Appointment

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 English Second Language
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon., Wed., Friday	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Mon., Tues. & Sat.	7-9 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon-Thurs	6:30-8 pm	Taekwondo
Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	F'ton Choral Society
	7 pm	Barber Shopper Chorus
Wednesday	9 - 11am	Pantry
Thursday	7-8:15 pm	Senior Choir
Friday	7-9:30 pm	Youth Group (next on Nov. 16)
Saturday	10 am-noon	Taekwondo

Dr. Sharon Pond and the Vocal Collective will be in New Glasgow this weekend celebrating the 100th anniversary of Trinity United Church. Sharon and the Vocal Collective will be participating in the morning services. In the afternoon, Sharon will be presenting an organ recital for the rededication of the newly refurbished 1930 Casavant organ.

The Beavers/Cubs/Scout, 7th Fredericton meet on Tuesday night and have room for youth. Beavers ages 5, 6, 7 (kindergarten to grade 2) Cub 8,9,10 (grade 3 to grade 5). These two groups meet in the gym from 6:30 to 8. Scouts meet with 3rd Fredericton Scouts over at St. Anne's Parish Church. 7 to 9 pm. We have leaders for the groups. We are looking for interested adults for Group Committee. Email jocraighenry@gmail.com Helen 472-4886

Fresh Double Sided Evergreen Wreaths: Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Fredericton are selling fresh, double sided Christmas wreaths. We support grandmothers in Africa with a variety of resources including food, school fees, medicines, counseling, and more. November 4 and 25, Nancy MacGarvie will be taking orders at coffee time after church for undecorated 12 inch balsam fir wreaths @ \$13 each and for decorated ones @ \$15 each (with a single red bow). Or you can call Nancy at 455-3026 or Sue Short at 455-5377. The wreaths will be ready for pick up at Wilmot Church in the gym on December 2nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

- November 18th Family Potluck
- 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 12:10-12:50pm
- December 14th Youth Christmas Party 7-9:30pm
- 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.

Christmas Tea, "Angels Among Us", on Friday, Dec. 7th 1 - 3 pm at Nashwaaksis United. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome!

and to make of our living beacons of hope and peace in a troubled world.

In worship we hear that call articulated, and gather our resources for response.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Approach

Family Hymn: One More Step (vs 1) VU 639

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Family Hymn: One More Step (vs 2) VU 639

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

Assurance of God's Love (responsive)

God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Scripture: Isaiah 36: 1-3, 13-20, 37: 1-7, 2: 1-4 Debbie West

Ladies Chorus: I Then Shall Live Gaither/Sibelius

Message Pastor Sarah

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Walk With Me VU 649

* **Invitation to Offering**

Offertory Music Beatitudo arr. Peterson

* **Dedication Verse:** Grant us God VU 540
**Grant us God the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free.
That ourselves and all our living,
we may offer faithfully.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**
**Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modelling
ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May
your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask
or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus’
name, Amen.**

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** Faith of Our Fathers VU 580
* **Commissioning & Benediction**

* **Choral Closing:** Because He Lives
**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
because He lives, all fear is gone
because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living
just because He lives.**

Ministry of Music: Rejoice, the Lord is King Darwell, arr. Ritter
Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude

Greeters: Anna & Frank Goddard
Ushers: Left Side: Roger Miller & Kennedy Maclsaac
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Upstairs: Eric & Katie Lakes
Coffee Hour: The Board

Announcements

Do you find yourself at home here at St. Paul’s? Have you been worshipping with us regularly? We invite you to become a full member of St. Paul’s on Joy Sunday (December 16th)? Speak with any member of our ministry team to determine what would be involved for you today!

Today in Sunday School...Different Kinds of Family. Nov. Bible Verse: But Ruth replied “Don’t urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.” (Ruth 1:16) Bible Story: The Widow and Her Sons.

Family, friends and fellowship potluck. Today at 5 pm at St. Paul’s. We have dessert covered, just bring your favourite dish to share! This is an opportunity to come together to get to know each other better and have an easy, fun, Sunday night meal. All are welcome!

UCW NEWS

Christmas Luncheon, Bake and Craft Sale will be held on Sat., Nov. 24th from 11 am to 1 pm. Lunch is \$10:Chicken-a-la-King and Lemon sauce on Angel food cake. Mincemeat pies can be picked up at that time. For more information Donna Chauvin 458-5885.

Experience our Holy Scriptures! Lectio Divina is a spiritual practice of experiencing the words, feelings, and call from God in our Holy Texts. Through Advent, Rev. Richard will be facilitating this unique form of Bible Study. No prep is required. No previous Bible study is needed. All ages and experiences are invited. There will be two sessions running in parallel. One taking place **in the building on Sunday mornings (9:30 AM)** through Advent. The other session will be **online on Monday evenings (7:30 PM)**. Links will be made available in the eNews the week before. Can’t get online? Come Sunday Morning. Can’t get a babysitter? Log in from home! Start dates below: **Online:** 7:30 PM Monday, November 26th
In Person: 9:30 AM Sunday, December 2nd

Christmas Carols, the story of Christmas and Glowsticks! Fredericton’s first ever Carols by Glow Stick is happening at St. Paul’s United Church on November 30th 6-7pm. This indoor Christmas Carol event is a great way to kick off the season as we join our voices together to sing our favorite carols by child friendly glowstick. Come out and raise your voice, swing your glowstick and enjoy the glow of the season. Stay after the singing for cookies and apple cider. Your tickets include one glowstick per person. Join us for this all ages event. Check out Facebook for ticket information!