

St. Paul's United Church

January 6, 2019

Epiphany

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

Matthew 2:1-5 - In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet.

Prelude: Variations on "I Saw Three Kings" Payne
Greeting:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord.**

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Will you come and See the Light VU96

* **Call to Worship:**

In the dark of the night, A light came

That light calls us to come

We feel the call in our souls,

**We prepare to follow, packing our bags yet we are unsure
what to take,**

For we do not know of exactly where the light will be led us

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New Office Hours

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Cell:	(506)262-2150	(306)858-7602	(613)329-6315
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
Friday:	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
Saturday	10 am-noon	Taekwondo

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** As with Gladsome Men of Old VU 81

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

Follow the light and do not be afraid

for God is with us, we are in God's care

Go boldly to proclaim God's light and love

**we go to shine God's light in our world, we go to be
God's active love for those we meet along the way.**

Please feel free to stay and enjoy Dr. Sharon Pond's Postlude

Greeters: Katie & Eric Lake
Ushers: Left Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Ann & Harold Raper
Upstairs: Hope, Andrew, Laura & Graham Steeves
Coffee Hour: UCW

Announcements

A donation has been made to St. Paul's Operating Fund by the Quilters.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's in memory of Herb Quigg by Ed & Ivy Bujold.

Sunday School: **Healing Families.** Bible Verse: "God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. (Psalm 147:3) **Story:** Magi Seek a Healer: The magi were warned by God not to go back to Herod. In response to their change of plans, Herod decreed that all Jewish boys less than two years old were to be killed. But God protected Jesus by telling Joseph to take his family and flee to Egypt.

2019 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up—if you are in need of envelopes or wish to go on PAR please contact Cathy Simpson at 458-1183.

Bulletin Announcements: Please ensure that all announcements reach Cathy in the office by 10 on Wednesday morning to make the Sunday bulletin. cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com or 458-1183

Despite not knowing we take our first step

We come together to worship the One who sent us the light.

Prayer of the Day:

O God, not so long ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus, yet now the decorations are down, the presents put away, the carols have ended and that Joyous day seems so long ago. Yet, you call us not to forget that Jesus came to be with us, not just on Christmas Day, not just for the 30 years of his life, but always and forever. As this New Year starts, we do not know what it will bring, but we do not need to be afraid, for you are still with us and you are still guiding us. In this time of worship may we experience again Christ's abiding love, strengthening presence and reassuring grace. Amen.

Family Hymn Just as I am VU508 (vs 3)
Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart
Family Hymn Just as I am VU508 (vs 4)

Anthem: We Three Kings arr. Hopkins
Solos by: Doug Warman, Ralph Simpson & Ron Naugler

Today's Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-33 Eric Hotte
Herein is Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Responding To God's Word

***Hymn:** I Am the Light of the World VU 87

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory We Three Kings Lani Smith
Organ/Piano Duet
VU 74 (vs 3)

***Dedication Verse:** What Child Is This?
**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**
Closing of A Covenant
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Good News! St. Paul's United Church has been opening it's doors the last few weeks to help get those without a warm place to sleep in out of the cold. We are working with the "Out of the Cold Program" running at Bishop's Court, but we still have volunteer needs as we make our way into the colder nights. There are still sign-up sheets in the narthex (the entryway of the church) and in Fraser Memorial Hall. If you feel called to this work, please add your name to the list.

The **Women's Inter-Church Council** of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 14th at 10 AM at Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland Street. The Church is Wheelchair Accessible.

INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Morning Gate Church invites you to a women's retreat Saturday, January 19, 2019. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Come, bring a friend, as we learn from Sue Lambropolous about Turning Winters into Wonderlands. Registration Forms are available at the church office, or on our website www.morninggate.ca