

St. Paul's United Church

January 20th, 2019 - Second Sunday After 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.

Psalm 91:11-12: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Adagio in G Minor Albinoni

* Greeting (Responsive):

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 (X2) MV 2

**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:** Jesus Tempted in the Desert VU 115

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

As God's beloved children we come,
having been blessed by God's grace, we come.
Knowing the joy of life with Christ we come,
to celebrate with others who know this joy, we come.
We come to learn from Christ and grow in faith,
as we offer our praise to God who is faithful and sure.

Prayer of the Day

Family Hymn: I am the Light of the World (vs 1) VU 87

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Family Hymn: I am the Light of the World (vs 4) VU 87

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New Office Hours

	Rev. Richard	Rev. Michelle
Cell:	(506)262-2150	(306)858-7602
Sun.:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Mon.:	9am - noon	10 am - noon
Tues.:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Wed:	12-2 pm	10:30-12:30 pm
Thurs.:	12-2 pm	12-2 pm
Friday:	Day off	Day off

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
Sunday	9:15 am	Bible Study - Office

Good News! St. Paul's United Church has been opening its doors since mid-December 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 openings, and we are using an online platform to fill the empty spots:

https://www.connectfredericton.ca/need/detail/?need_id=392812.

If you feel called to this work, please add your name to the list. If you are having issues with the online platform, please contact your Ministry Team.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. We encourage you to stay after worship for a potluck fellowship.

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

Our **Brown Bag program** is in need of all nourishment items: Proteins (flip lid please), snacks (crackers/cheese, granola bars, etc.), juice boxes, pudding/fruit cups. Your donations are very much appreciated by all that come.



The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 28 at 10 am at Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland Street. The Church is Wheelchair Accessible. The 2019 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of Slovenia (part of former Yugoslavia). Any women of all denominations of faith are encouraged to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 1, 2019. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace.

Enjoy an evening **Dinner Theatre** at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 8. For \$25 you will be treated to the comedy, "The Life of Riley – Valentine Fiasco", and a delicious meal of soup, roast turkey dinner, and dessert. Limited seating. Reservations only. Please reserve early with Rindy & Tom Austin, 450-7151. Please note: Tickets are being reserved at a very fast rate so **DON'T DELAY** – call for yours today!!

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

God of the way, in Jesus we see your promises lived out, your faithfulness in action. As he faced temptation in the desert he held true to your path. " I will give you everything at such a small cost" the tempter said to Jesus and says to us still. Yet unlike your son, we admit we like the sound of it. We are often tricked into believing that we can live in your joy and blessings without any response or that we can find abundant life and true joy in things. So too often we claim your love, and forget to love others. We marvel in your grace and mercy, yet do not forgive others. We accumulate possessions and hoard what we have, instead of sharing with those in need. We make plans for our lives, yet forget to include you in our planning. Forgive us God when you become an afterthought in our lives and guide us yet again into your way of abundance and service. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Assurance of God's Love Anthem

Today's Scripture: Matthew 4:1-17

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This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Forty Days and Forty Nights

VU 114

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Flute Solo

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* **Dedication Verse:** What Child Is This? (vs 3)

VU 74

**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.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn:** We are Marching (X2) VU 646

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

From our temptation to think only of ourselves,
Christ has called us to lives of service,
from our temptation to accumulate power and prestige

Christ has called us to put God first.

From our temptation to worldly ways

Christ has called us to new life.

So we rise, to go out to the world to live in the light of Christ.

*** Choral Closing:** Go to the World (vs 2) VU 420

**Go to the world! Go into every place;
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Postlude Psalm 19 Dubois

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

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- Greeters:** Alma & Walter Bidlake
 - Ushers:** Left Side: Colleen Hanna Miller & Bob Miller
 - Center: Isabel Green
 - Right Side: Maude McNamara & Florence Bartlett
 - Upstairs: Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce
 - Coffee Hour:** Christian Education

Announcements

Sunday School: **Healing Families.** Bible Verse: "God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. (Psalm 147:3) **Story:** Jesus Heals a Young Woman: Jairus begged Jesus to heal his daughter. Before Jesus could make his way through the crowd, word came Jairus' daughter had died. Jesus told Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." After Jesus restored her life, he gave strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened.

Reflective Bible Study: Exciting news!!! Starting next Sunday, January 27th, Eric Hotte will be hosting a reflective Bible study from 9:15 am until 10am in the church office. Following the study, there will be a prayer group from 10am until 10:20am. Absolutely everyone welcome! Eric will lead in the reading, which will focus on the scriptures for the weekly sermon. Watch the "Word" come alive. Next Sunday January 27th the reading will be Matthew 5:1-20. Come for either the study or prayer group. No experience necessary. It will be a relaxed environment guaranteed.

ANNUAL REPORTS need to be submitted to the office no later than **January 28th** to be included in the 2018 report. The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for February 17 following worship.

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

Board Positions are Open: Some of our members are transitioning off of the Board which means that there will be some open spaces! If you have a passion for the work of the church and some of the big picture work of St. Paul's, we want you to step forward. Currently we are looking for 2 people to step forward for regular Board positions. We are also seeking a **Chair of the Board** and a **Treasurer** for the church. Inserts with information on these positions will come prior to our annual meeting scheduled for February 17th (with a storm date of February 24th)

A **UCW meeting** has been called for Monday, January 28th at 10 AM in the Ladies' Parlour. We need to discuss the Bake/Soup Sale, and the Bridge. Please answer Roll Call with items for the Pantry – canned milk, canned meat or fish, Cheese Whiz.