

St. Paul's United Church

February 3rd, 2019 - Fourth 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.

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God. -Psalm 20:7

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Processional Hymn Dubois

* 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:** Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

People of God, why have you come?

**We hope for a glimpse of the goodness of God,
expressed in word and deed in this place.**

Followers of Jesus, what is your greatest fear?

**That there is something more we need to be or have to
receive God's grace, we are afraid that we are not
enough just as we are.**

Children of God, what does your heart desire?

To know that we are not alone, that God is with us.

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New Office Hours

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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's 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

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

Please join us and thousands of other walkers across Canada on February 23rd for the annual Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) event. This non-competitive and family friendly walk does an amazing job raising awareness for the homeless, and has become a highlight in over 130 Canadian communities.

Here in Fredericton since 2015, Youth in Transition and John Howard Society of Fredericton co-host the event, with this year's goal of raising \$20,000.

The funds raised will go towards increasing housing options for some of the homeless in our community, as well as programming opportunities to foster independent living skills. Register at www.cnoy.org/location/fredericton

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.

UCW Events

Friday, Feb. 8th. 3-6 pm **Valentine Bake sale and Winter Warming Soup sale.**
Saturday, March 16, noon **Bridge Luncheon**



Next **Youth Group** will be **February 8th 7:30pm** Frasier Memorial Hall.

World Day of Prayer Bible Study: The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Bible Study on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 10:00AM at Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland Street. Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove of Christ Church Parish Church will lead the Bible Study. The 2019 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of Slovenia (part of former Yugoslavia). Any women of all denomination of faith are encourage to come to the Bible Study.

Please sign up for our "**Blanket Exercise**" - a non-threatening, participatory history lesson that fosters understanding and respect among Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. Tuesday, February 12 at 2 pm in the downstairs gym.

Greenwood Drive Baptist church is in need of **warm blankets** for their Clothing Bank and a **bassinet** for an expectant Syrian family. In case you didn't know, they have a free clothing bank every Wednesday morning from 9-11am. They have approximately 100 visitors every week that are in need. If people would like to donate, there is an orange donation box beside the building that they can drop items off at any time. If there are any questions, please call the office at 452-8593. Thank you

God has sent the Holy Spirit to assure us of these things and so many more.

As we worship; God is seen, we are assured, God is here!

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

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Loving God, you provide us with all we need and call us into relationship, yet too often instead of resting in the truth of your grace and living our lives in thankfulness, we live in fear. Fear that we do not have enough, fear that we are not enough, fear that we need to act or do or be a certain way. This is because too often we equate success with the world's standards instead of focusing first on you. Forgive us and reorient us that we may put your call on our lives first and foremost in all we do. This we pray in the name of the one who showed us your way, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Anthem: Take My Life and Walk With Me Drennan

Today's Scripture: Matthew 6:7-21 Brad Green
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Take my Life and Let It Be VU 506

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Abide With Me
McKechnie
Piano/Organ Duet

* **Dedication Verse:** What Can I Do? MV 191
What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!
I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** May the God of Hope Go With Us VU 424

* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

God goes with us as we leave.

We are not alone!

Go into the world.

We go to share who we are for God's glory.

In doing just this we allow others to glimpse the kingdom of God.

We go to live as God's people given to this world.

Benediction

* **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 Toccata Dubois

Ushers: Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Upstairs: Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

Coffee Hour:

Announcements



Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Frank Lawrence whose funeral was held here yesterday. Sympathies and prayers are extended to Lyla and the family in his passing



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Lois Walker in the passing of her sister Norma Sherwood of Maugerville.

A donation has been made to the Music Fund in memory of Frank Lawrence by Ralph and Caroline Simpson.

Memorial donations have been made in memory of Bob Forbes by Sadie Miller, Nancy MacGarvie and Gladys Jeffery-MacKenzie.

Sunday School: Family Wisdom. Bible Verse: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength." (Deut. 6:5) **Bible Story:** Families Remember God (Deut. 6:4-9): This passage deals with the acceptance of divine rule. It emphasizes the religious duties to love God and to teach God's words to children.

Enbridge Gas has graciously donated \$500 in recognition of our work with the street folks in the Out of the Cold program.

Reflective Bible Study: Exciting news!!! 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 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 Feb. 10th the reading will be Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29. Come for either the study or prayer group. No experience necessary. It will be a relaxed environment guaranteed.

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)

2018 Income Tax Receipts are available in the Narthex this morning or from the office during the week. If you wish to have yours mailed out please call Cathy at 458-1183.