

# St. Paul's United Church

February 10th, 2019 - Fifth 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.*

*Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous. The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will abide forever*

-Psalm 37:16-18

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** Rhosymedre Vaughan Williams

### \* 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:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU 664

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

We are here,

**In the name of Christ Jesus,  
to bring honour to God's Holy name.**

We are here to be in relationship with

**The one who is the beginning and the end of our  
searching, the fullness and the emptiness of our yearning,  
the alpha and omega of all discovery.**

We are here, Let us worship!

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### \*New\* Office Hours

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

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

## 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 Shopper's Chorus
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 - 11am	Pantry
<b>Thursday</b>	7-8:15 pm	Senior Choir
<b>Friday</b>	7-9:30 pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday</b>	10 am-noon	Taekwondo
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am	Bible Study - Office

Please join us and thousands of other walkers across Canada on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.cnoy.org/location/fredericton)

The **Women's Inter-Church Council** is having the World Day of Prayer Services for 2019 in the Fredericton Areas. The World Day of Prayers is being prepared by the Women of Slovenia. The Theme is "Come-Everything is Ready!" Open to the Public: Men, Women and Children.

Northside / Marysville: Nashwaaksis Baptist Church, 104 Edgewood Drive, Fredericton, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 2:00PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00PM. Rehearsal Date: Friday, February 22,2019 at 7:00 PM. It is Wheel-chair Accessible.

Forest Hill/Lincoln: St. Margaret's Anglican Church,775 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton on Sunday, March 3,2019 at 2:00PM. No Storm Date. Rehearsal date: Monday, February 25,2019 at 10:00AM.

Hanwell/New Maryland: St. James's Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 7:00PM. Storm date: Friday, March 8,2019 at 7:00PM. No Rehearsal.

Southside: Christ Church Cathedral,115 Church Street, Fredericton on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00PM. Rehearsal Date, Thursday, February 28,2019 at 2:00PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 10,2019 at 2:00PM.

Contact name and phone number: Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

**Graduate student** assigned to Fredericton for 12 week stage as of April 29th. Seeks accommodation (with hairless cat).

Please contact her mother at 450-465-3991 for additional information. Or you may contact Jennifer Kurtz , secretary of Saint Lambert United Church as well as Stephanie herself 438-881-7443. References on request.

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

### Mount Allison University Sharp Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Herbert S. Sharp, Class of 1890, and is awarded to a student born in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island, who is Protestant, who is a non-smoker, and who has demonstrated financial need. Preference given to members of the United Church of Canada and to applicants from PEI. Deadline March 1.

- Submit an online admissions application to MtA and specify that you are a member of the United Church of Canada within Section IV Scholarship Donor Criteria located on the Entrance Scholarship tab of the online application. ([mta.ca/apply](http://mta.ca/apply))
- Submit the following supporting documents:
  - o Entrance Bursary Application (available online within [Connect@MtA](mailto:Connect@MtA) once admitted)
  - o One letter of reference from a minister
 Value: \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year – renewable upon maintaining 3.3 GPA on full course load)

Information: [mta.ca/apply/money\\_matters/scholarships.html](http://mta.ca/apply/money_matters/scholarships.html) | [financialaid@mta.ca](mailto:financialaid@mta.ca) | 506-364-2258  
Herbert S. Sharp Scholarship  
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### Prayer of the Day

**Children’s Choir:** Love the Lord Jeff Reeves  
**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):

**God you have summed up the way of life you call us to so simply summing up the law and prophets in one short phrase “do to others as you would have them do to you.” Yet Lord, we confess that this is not always easy to do. We jump to conclusions about others motives and actions, we judge others for petty reasons using our standards not yours, we think only of ourselves at the expense of others. Daily we fall short of this simple command. We come before you in the strong name of Jesus Christ, seeking forgiveness and renewal. Amen**

### Assurance of God’s Love

**Anthem:** Come and Be Joyful Vivaldi, arr. Hopson  
**Today’s Scripture:** Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29 Natalie Bowley  
 This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

### Message

#### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- \* **Hymn:** How Firm A Foundation (vs 1-3, 5) VU 660
- \* **Moment for Community & Invitation to the Offering**
- Offertory** Brethren, We Have Met to Worship Moore  
 \* **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:** Let us Build a House MV 1

\* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

When we come together here we are the church in worship  
As we leave we are the church in action, go now to that high calling.

**We go now to live the way of Jesus Christ  
putting God first,  
reflecting more of God's likeness each day,  
showing mercy and grace,  
sharing God's welcome and love with all who we meet.**

\* **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** Largo in G Major Handel

**Greeter:** Florence Bartlett  
**Ushers:** Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones  
Upstairs: Andrew, Hope, Laura & Graham Steeves

***Announcements***

The **Fraser Memorial Building** was dedicated on Sunday, February 10, 1918 in memory of the late Donald Fraser by his sons Donald and Archibald Fraser!

Sunday School: *Today in 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:** Family Traditions (Daniel 1:1-21): While captives in Babylon, Daniel and his 3 friends chose to eat only food that was part of their Hebrew tradition. Daniel in particular was gifted by God in understanding visions and dreams. After 3 years, they were so strong they were given special jobs at the king's court.



A donation has been made in memory of Bob Forbes by Hope Brewer-Bruce and Darrell Bruce.

Donations have been made in memory of Frank Lawrence by Jean & Red MacFadyen and by Ann & Harold Raper.

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

**Annual Meeting:** Don't forget that following worship on February 17th, we will be gathering in the hall for our Annual General Meeting.

**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. 17th the reading will be Matthew 13:24-43. 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)

We have hundreds of old **hymn books** that have been sorted and are no longer needed. If you or anyone you know wishes to have a copy they will be available until March 14th at which time we will recycle them and they will be no longer available after that date.

**UCW Bridge Luncheon:** Saturday, March 16 at noon.

Next **Youth Group** will be **February 8th 7:30pm** in Fraser Memorial