

St. Paul's United Church

March 3rd, 2019 - Transfiguration Sunday

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.

All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying, "A vile disease has afflicted him; he will never get up from the place where he lies." Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me. But may you have mercy on me, LORD;

-Psalm 41:7-10a

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Nimrod Elgar

* 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:** We Have Come VU 104

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

From a world that only takes from you, come.

So that we might discover grace given freely.

From lives filled with "busy", come.

So that we might find new life in the one who calls us here.

From the highways, roadways, and wrong-ways, come to the mountain top.

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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
	9 am-noon	Play Group - gym
Friday	7:30-9:30 pm	Youth Group (twice a month)
Saturday	10 am-noon	Taekwondo
Sunday	9:15 am	Bible Study - Conference Room



The Brown Bag Luncheon program is in need of the following items and we thank you for whatever you are able to contribute

- protein (flip lids)
- granola bars
- Pudding cups
- small juice boxes
- cheese/crackers

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Today in Sunday School: Observing Lent with Your Family. March Bible Verse: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives." (Mark 1:15) **Bible Story:** The Stories of the Lost (Luke 15:3-10). The three Lost parables share the terms *lost* and *found* and *rejoice* and *celebrate*. Also, all three parables end with similar statements.



Support the youth, Looking to buy bulbs or seeds through Vesey's the youth group will be raising funds to support their programing and the wider work of the church again this Spring. Catalogues will be here coming soon! Despite the rough start to the growing season that hurt many

flowers, your support last year helped grow our youth program to bloom.

Pizza & Scavenger Hunt: Hosted by the Engagement committee to take place on March 16th. Watch for further details.



We have 100's of **old hymn books** that have been a part of this church for many years. Some have been donated in memory of loved ones and others are just old books, taking up space. We would love to share any or all of these with anyone who wants them But because of the much needed space they occupy, we need to recycle them if no one wants them. Please let Greg Morton or any of the Property Committee know if you are interested in rescuing any or all of them before

So that we might see face to face The Way.

Come and see what God is revealing in Word and in Deed. Come and worship the Lord!

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):

You challenge us, O Christ, to take up our cross if we want to follow you. We hang our cross around our necks but we know you really mean the one slung across our backs. We like the idea of your light shining on the path before us, so we are able to see where we're going. Yet so often we choose to stumble around in the dark, because though we can see where you are calling us, the places where you are at work, the road and the work will be hard. Forgive us when we set aside our cross, treating it as a burden rather than a joy. Empower us, we pray, to be bold, to take risks, and follow you faithfully. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

- Anthem:** Seek Ye First Lafferty/Wilson
- Today's Scripture:** Matt 16:24-17:8 Lynne Naugler
- This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Praise be to you, O Christ.**

- Message** Beyond Dazzling Light Rev. Michelle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision VU 642

* Moment for Community & Invitation to the Offering

- Offertory** I will Rise and Go To Jesus Hustad
- * 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**

Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)
adapted from re: Worship & Discipleship Ministries

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** We Shall Go Out VU 586

* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

On the mountain-top, Christ was transfigured by the glory of God's light.

May we go from here transformed.

The lives of Peter, James, and John were changed after their experience.

May our encounter with the Holy this day enable us to live lives of praise, thanksgiving, and love.

In his life and teaching, Christ changed the world.

**May we take up our cross,
not as burden, but as blessing,
and be a part of shaping the world with grace.**

* **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 Fugue Cernohorsky

Greeter: Barb Fletcher & Florence Bartlett
Ushers: Left Side: Colleen Hanna-Miller & Bob Miller
Center: Larry Buick
Right Side: Katie & Eric Lakes
Upstairs: Susan & Graham Spencer

Coffee Hour (Mar 10): Senior Choir

Announcements

 Donations have been made to St. Paul's in memory of Bob Forbes and Frank Lawrence by Ed & Ivy Bujold.

Lent Services & Activities

Starting this afternoon **Lenten Film Series** There will be 3 family friendly movies showing at 2pm, March 3rd **Prince of Egypt**, March 24th **Wall-E**, April 7th **Inside Out**. And 3 Adult/mature audience showings at 7pm March 10 **The Green Mile**, March 31st **Arrival** and April 14th **Calvary**. Each film will be followed by discussion.

On-Line Bible Study: Winter makes it hard to get out even on a good day. So, join Rev. Richard online and share the Good News as we engage with and experience the Word together. We will be meeting online on Monday's at 7:30 p.m. beginning on March 4th. The link to the study is <https://zoom.us/j/280179122> and you can check any time before the meeting to make sure your computer/ phone/tablet works. Just make sure the sound is turned on. May we walk with Christ on this journey through Lent.

Shrove Tuesday, March 5, **PANCAKE SUPPER** at 5:30 pm
Menu: Pancakes, Larry's beans, sausages, homemade pies.
Pancake Flipping Contest: between reigning champ Rev. Richard and challenger strong-arm Rev. Michelle. ALL ARE WELCOME - FREE WILL OFFERING

Ash Wednesday: Official start of Lent, a Reflective Ash Wednesday service will be held this year at St. Paul's on **March 6th at 7pm**. Join us as we join in traditional practices of reflection and marking with ashes.

Reflective Bible Study: Spend time with the word of God, think about what it is saying to you today and what God may be saying through the scripture. No bible experience needed. Join Eric Hotte at 9:15 am until 10am in the church office. Each week the focus on the scriptures for that day, participants say the service takes on a new meaning. Next Sunday March 3rd the reading will be Matthew 16:24-17:8 . Following the study, there will be a prayer group until 10:20am. Absolutely everyone welcome! Come to one or both of these exciting and faith building opportunities.



Women's Inter-Church Council

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

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

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

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

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

Men in Song: Come along for a wonderful concert of musical selections for ensemble and soloists presented by the men of Brunswick Street Baptist Church and offered on Sunday, March 24th at 6:30 pm. The offering for the evening is collected in support of a global project in India and a local project to send local youth to a Christian conference in Moncton.

Enjoy a JIGGS DINNER at 5:30 pm Saturday, March 16th, at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, turnip, potatoes, peas pudding and dessert for \$14. Reservations only – phone Larry and Helen Forward, 457-1338 by March 13th.