

# St. Paul's United Church

March 10th, 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.*

*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

-Psalm 32:1-2

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

### Prelude

#### \* 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:** We are One (vs 2) VU 402

**We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.**

**We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.**

### Welcome & Announcements

\* **Gathering Hymn:** There's a Wideness to God's Mercy VU 271

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

We enter this season of Lent, knowing a journey into the soul is ahead;

**Prepare us, O God, to face whatever adversity may come.**

We enter this week, uncertain of the distractions that might arrive;

**Help us, O God, to keep our minds on You.**

We enter this day, hoping to set our hearts on Christ;

**Keep us, O God, to the way of faith.**

We enter this time of worship, dependent upon our God;

**Show us, O God, Your way, Your truth, and Your life. Amen**

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## Office Hours

	<b>Rev. Richard</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
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<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
	8-5:30 p.m.	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
	9 am-noon	Play Group - gym
<b>Friday</b>	7:30-9:30 pm	Youth Group (twice a month)
<b>Saturday</b>	10 am-noon	Taekwondo
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am	Bible Study - Conference Room

## 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 Forgiving Father (Luke 15:11-32) focuses on the father and his reaction to his lost son's return. His older son had no joy that his brother had come home. While acknowledging his feelings, the father replied there was no reason for jealousy and "We had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was lost and is found."



**Support the youth,** Looking to buy bulbs or seeds through Vesey's the youth group will be raising funds to support their programming 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. 5 p.m.



**LAST CHANCE**....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 March 10, 2019

## Prayer of the Day

**Family Hymn:** The Church is Wherever (vs 1) VU 579  
**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**  
**Family Hymn:** The Church is Wherever (vs 2) VU 579

## Lenten Liturgy:

God, Help us to reach for your forgiveness  
**when we are tempted to lord over others their wrongdoings .**

Give us the forethought to understand  
**how when we are quick to carry a grudge, find fault and assign blame our hearts are hardened. We create a breeding ground for resentment and anger that leaves us locked in a prison of self-righteousness and holds others in bondage to guilt and shame.**

Challenge us to release the chains of bondage created by holding onto resentment and hurt has separated us from you and each other...

(silent reflection)

Forgive us for all the ways that our failure to show mercy has played a part in the suffering of others,  
 and lead us toward abundant life.

**When we are tempted by the fire of offence  
 Or weighted down by feelings of guilt and shame,  
 may we search for and cling to your boundless forgiveness and be uplifted by your ever-present grace.  
 Amen.**

**Anthem:** Prayer for Today (Ladies Chorus) Rentz

**Today's Scripture:** Matthew 18:15-35  
 This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Forgive who?

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* **Hymn:** Forgive Our Sins VU 364

**Moment for Community & Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

\* **Dedication Verse:** Your Work, O God, VU 537 (Vs 1)

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation VU 325

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

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us go into our lives and into the world seeking to offer the grace and mercy that we have received to those who we meet.

**Like Jesus we will carry love, healing and hope into our world by breaking all chains of guilt and shame through forgiveness.**

In doing this we clear the path so that

**Christ's light to shine through us, God's love to be reflected in all we do, and we take our place as agents of God's healing and redeeming power.**

Go from here to walk the Lenten road knowing the Grace of Christ attends you, the love of God surrounds you and the Holy Spirit will guide and empower you today and always.

**AMEN**

\* **Choral Closing:** God be With you (vs 4) VU 423

**God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Postlude**



The bulletin covers for the next two weeks have been donated in loving memory of Rev. Reg and Monica Miller by Roger, Bob and their families.

<b>Greeter:</b>	Barb Fletcher & Florence Bartlett
<b>Ushers:</b> Left Side:	Bob & Roger Miller
Center:	Isabel Green
Right Side:	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Upstairs:	Susan & Graeme Spencer
<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Mar 17):	UCW

The UCW will be holding a meeting on Monday March 11th at 10 AM in the Lady's Parlor. Please answer Roll Call with pull top protein food for the Brown Bag Lunches. All women of the congregation are most welcome to join us. Donna Chauvin 458-5885

**Lent Services & Activities**

**Lenten Film Series** There will be family friendly movies showing at 2pm, 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.

**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.



**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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