

# St. Paul's United Church

March 17th, 2019 - Second Sunday of Lent

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.*

*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

-Psalm 16:7-8

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** O Gott, du Frommer Gott - Bach

### \* 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:** Each Blade of Grass MV 37

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

To those called by God as children, come and seek the wisdom of the Most High.

**We come to worship the Lord, our hands and feet are God's to use!**

To those whom the Spirit touched only once they stepped out their own, come and seek the embrace of the Great Shepherd.

**We come to worship the Lord, our hands and feet are God's to use!**

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## 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
	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

**St. Anne's Lodge Inc.:** There is a 3 bedroom apartment available for low-income families (single parent or two parent). To qualify one must first register with social development, and have a n annual income below \$33,000

### ***OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP THROUGH LENT***

#### **Services of Healing & Release:**

Lent is a great time to lift up to God that which is holding us bound and holding us back. This year we will be hosting 3 special services of healing and release in April, they will be held on the evenings of:

**Wednesday April 3, 2019**

**Wednesday April 10, 2019**

**Wednesday April 17th, 2019**

These service start at **7:30 PM**. All are welcome

#### **Holy Week Services:**

Wave palms, sing praises, and come before the cross in prayer throughout Holy Week. Experience the triumph and the tragedy, and ultimately the glory of God revealed. Below are a list of the services happening through Holy Week.

<b>Palm Sunday:</b>	Sunday, April 14th	@ 10:30 AM
<b>Maundy Thursday (Wilmot):</b>	Thursday, April 18th	@ 6:00 PM
<b>Good Friday:</b>	Friday, April 19th	@ 10:30 AM
<b>Sunrise Service (Pedway):</b>	Sunday, April 21st	@ 7:00 AM
<b>Easter Communion:</b>	Sunday, April 21st	@ 10:30 AM

**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.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Hospital Stays:** Please advise either of the ministers or the office if you or someone from our congregation has to go to hospital. You have to let the hospital administration know that you are in and from what church, then they place your name on a list that Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard look at each time they go for hospital visitation. We would rather hear 10 times that someone is in hospital than not to hear it at all. Thank you

**For Pastoral Care Emergencies:** Call Rev. Richard @ (506)262-2150

**Congratulations to the Pancake Supper hosts,** they received **\$891.85** in sales for their efforts. One of the largest crowds out yet for this yearly event. Thank you to all those involved.

**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.

**Rev. Michelle is on Vacation** from March 14th—March 25th inclusive.

**Lenten Rocks:** Today at the door, you should have received a rock with your bulletin. We invite you to carry this small stone with you through the season of Lent. When you feel anger, frustration, sadness, grief—any emotions that draw darkness over the light in our lives—squeeze the stone. Remember you are not alone. We also ask that on Good Friday, you bring your stone with you to the 10:30 am worship service.

To those whom Christ has called after they were set in their lives, come and seek the encouragement of the one we call Prince of Peace.

**We come to worship the Lord, our hands and feet are God's to use!**

To those who feel they have accomplished all they can in this life, come and seek the new creation of which you are a crucial part.

**We come to worship the Lord, our hands and feet are God's to use!**

All have been called, and all have their part to play in the building. So come.

**Let us worship the Lord who works in and through us.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children's Choir:** Sing Him a Song of Praise - Jeff Reeves

**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 loving-kindness

**when we are tempted to cradle our selfishness.**

Give us the forethought to understand that our acts of greed can lead us to secure personal privileges and benefits at the expense of the rights and needs of others.

**Give us the courage to confess the personal acts of selfishness that unjustly separate us from each other and from you...**

*(silent reflection)*

Forgive us for the self-seeking acts that we have committed, and lead us toward abundant life.

**When we are tempted by the seduction of selfishness and weighed down by the burden of greed, may we search for and cling to loving-kindness and be uplifted by your ever-present grace. Amen.**

**Anthem:** In That Holy Place -DeFord

**Today's Scripture:** Matthew 20:1-16 Barbara Cull-Wilby

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Getting in on the Ground Floor Rev. Richard

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** For the Fruit of All Creation VU 227

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

**Offertory:** Be Thou My Vision - Hopson

\* **Dedication Verse:** Your Work, O God VU 537

**Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

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

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** Let All Things Now Living VU 242

\* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Morning, noon, or night, God calls each of us to join in the work of building up of the kingdom.

**Each of us with a part to play, a gift to give, a way to walk.**

Answer the call of Christ, and walk in his Way. Be the hands and feet of God, working the vineyard that is creation.

**Together we will share Gospel and Grace, Glorifying God in all that we do.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **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:** Partita 1X

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**Greeter:** Katie and Eric Lakes  
**Ushers:** Left Side: Greg Morton and Larry Buick  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones  
Upstairs: Steeves Family  
**Coffee Hour (Mar 24):** Property



The bulletin covers for this week has been donated in loving memory of Rev. Reg and Monica Miller by Roger, Bob and their families.

A donation has been made to the Music Fund in loving memory of Bill McNamara by Maude, Bryan, Donna and Robert.

**LENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES**

**Lenten Film Series** There will be family friendly movies showing at 2pm, March 24th **Wall-E**, April 7th **Inside Out**.

And ...2 Adult/mature audience showings at 7pm March 31st **Arrival** and April 14th **Calvary**. Each film will be followed by discussion.

**Reflective In-Person 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 22:1-14**. 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.

**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. The reading for this week is **Matthew 22:1-14**. May we walk with Christ on this journey through Lent.

**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 Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-47). In this parable, Jesus' point was obvious: great forgiveness provides the opportunity for great love.