

St. Paul's United Church

April 21st, 2019 - Easter 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.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- Psalm 118:21-24

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Today God's Only-Gotten Son Bach
*** Introit:** This is the Day MV 122

**This is the day that God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad!
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we will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu,
We will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu,
We will rejoice and be glad!**

* 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

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU 155

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Do not stand at the tomb and weep. Christ is risen!

Do not let your hearts be in mourning: HALLELUJAH!

Run to tell others the great good news: Christ is risen!

Believe the good news Christ is risen! HALLELUJAH!

Prayer of Approach

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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
	8-5:30 p.m.	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
Monday	7-9 p.m.	Floor Hockey - gym
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

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 are available now, but our last day to take orders is today. **If you haven't paid for your order please talk with Rev. Michelle**



Youth Group: The St. Paul's Youth Group will be gathering at the church on Friday April 26th @ 7:30 p.m.. If you are new and would like to join (Junior-Senior High age group) contact Rev. Michelle @ michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com

OTHER NEWS

Congregational Meeting on May 5th: Members and Adherents are encouraged to come to a meeting of the congregation following worship on May 5th as we take stock of where we are and look forward to the coming months.

ATTENTION PARENTS: LOOKING FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS?

Vacation Bible School is changing! St. Paul's and Wilmot are partnering to host FULL DAY programming. From July 22-27, our Vacation Bible School will be running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The dates are firm, and pre-registration will open soon. Cost for registration is by free-will offering.

Accommodations: If you plan to have a meeting or event here on the church premises please inform the office so space can be made available for you. We have many activities here everyday now and we would appreciate knowing of events allowing us to accommodate everyone! Thank you—Cathy

Hospital Please advise one of the ministers or the office if you or someone from our midst has to go to hospital. You also need to inform the hospital administration that you want to be on the visitation list for St. Paul's so that Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard know. They are at the hospital approximately twice a week, we would rather hear 10 times that someone is in hospital than not to hear it at all. Thank you!

Family Hymn: Sing a Happy Hallelujah (vs 1) VU 224

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Anthem: Awake! Arise! Go Forth! Besig

Prayer of Illumination (Unison):

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10 Jenn Petryshen
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message Breaking Into A New Day

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Thine is the Glory VU 173

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We serve a risen Saviour who has broken free of the shackles of expectations, fear, even death itself, yet we live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord, that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us when we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us, that your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love: MV 162 (vs 5 tune of VU 377)
**Christ in love recovered, Christ our hope revealed,
Christ in faith discovered, Christ our tombs unsealed.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Crown Him With Many Crowns Hayes
Piano/Organ Duet

- * **Dedication Verse:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah (vs 2) VU 179
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.
- * **Prayer of Dedication**
- Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)**

SENDING FORTH

- * **Closing Hymn:** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing VU 169
- * **Commissioning (Responsive):**
 Christ is with us in this place.
HALLELUJAH!
 Christ goes with us into the world.
HALLELUJAH!
 The peace of Christ is with us always because He is risen!
He is risen indeed! HALLELUJAH!
- * **Benediction**
- * **Choral Closing:** As we Walked Home (vs 5,tune VU84)VU 184
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude Crown Him With Many Crowns Westenkuehler

- Greeters:** Barb Fletcher & Florence Bartlett
- Ushers:** Upstairs: Susan & Graeme Spencer
- Left Side: John Gaskin and Roger Miller
- Middle: Larry Buick
- Right Side: Maude McNamara & Barb Fletcher

Coffee Hour (Apr 28): Pantry



The Bulletin Covers for today's service have been donated in loving memory of Bob Keiver by Anne and the family,

On May 5th following the worship service there will be a **congregational meeting** in the Hall.

Retirement Home Worship Coverage: Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard will be attending a conference for Christ-centered clergy in the UCC called Cruxifusion from April 30th-May 2nd. During this time there are retirement home services that need coverage (either an individually or as a team). If you or a group are able to cover the dates below, please contact Rev. Richard at rev.bowley@outlook.com and he'll provide you with a service/prayers

Wednesday May 1st at 3 p.m. @ St. Anne's Court
 Thursday May 2nd at 10 a.m. @ Frederick Hall (Shannex)
 Thursday May 2nd at 10:45 a.m. @ Governor Hall (Shannex).

Love to sing some of you old favourites and some new ones? Don't forget to come to church early (10:10 AM) on Bring a Friend Sunday, April 28 on our Sing-a-Long Sunday. Always a great way to begin the day.

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES


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, the reading will be **Matthew 28:16-20**. 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.

Streaming Sunday Worship: We want you to feel like you can worship with us even when you can't be here, perhaps you are travelling, maybe you're sick, or maybe you get a little anxious in a new place and want to see what we are about - we hope that you tune in by following this link <https://zoom.us/j/955672091> (this is the link for the month of April). You should be able to hear the worship service and see what is on the screens.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Sunday School: Observing Lent with Your Family. Bible Verse: "I have seen the Lord." (John 20:18) Mary had just found Jesus, and he sent her away with a commission. "Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them I'm going to my Father." Mary left and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

Campus Ministry AGM: On Monday April 29th, from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. St. Paul's will be hosting the annual general meeting for the Fredericton Council for Christian Ministry on Campus. All those interested in attending are welcome to do so.

Brown Bag Lunches: Thank you to those who brought in items and stocked our shelves this past week! We continue to provide for the hungry in our community. In April so far we have given away 16 bags! Please note flip top proteins are always in demand. 

Next Pantry Sunday is May 5th.

Community Prayer Breakfast: Everyone is invited to come to a Community Prayer Breakfast at Morning Gate Church, on Saturday, May 4th from 9-11 am, A continental breakfast will be provided. Come join us for worship music under the leadership of Pastor Deb MacDonald, a devotional by Rev. Peter Lohnes and a time of prayer for our elected officials and community leaders.

The [2019 KAIROS Atlantic Gathering](#), May 2-5 at Mount Allison, will include a public Mass Blanket Exercise with hundreds of people, a daily sunrise service and continuous Sacred Fire, elder care by Andrea Cofler, opening keynote/theological workshops by Executive Director Jennifer Henry, a Latin American feast with global partner Kelly Campo, an opportunity to delve deeper into a Stream of KAIROS' work (acknowledged with a certificate of completion) with the help of regional elders and guest speakers, advocacy workshops and more! Children's program available. 40 subsidies left. Details & registration: www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering
ps. Questions can be directed to events@kairoscanada.org

Happy Easter