



**THANK YOU
FOR WORSHIPING
WITH US TODAY**

HAVE A GREAT WEEK

St. Paul's United Church

September 15th, 2019 - Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

Mark 10:27 - Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Ballade Coeur de Lion

* 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:** Will you Come and Follow Me VU 587

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Come, worship the Lord:

The bringer of laughter,

The keeper of promises,

Promises of ages,

Who knows of no limits,

and gladdens forever!

Come, worship the Lord
The bringer of laughter!

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Office Hours

Responsive

| | Rev. Richard | Rev. Michelle | office Hours |
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| Cell: | (506)262-2150 | (306)858-7602 | Eric Hotte |
| Sun.: | By Appointment | By Appointment | 11:30-1:30 |
| Mon.: | 9-11 am 1:30-3:30 pm | 10-12 pm | 10-1 |
| Tues.: | By Appointment | By Appointment | 10-1 |
| Wed: | 1-3 pm | 10:30-12:30 pm | 10-1 |
| Thurs.: | 1-3 pm | 12-2 pm | 10-1 |
| Friday: | Day off | Day off | Day off |

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

Upcoming Weekly Activities

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| 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 |
| Tuesday | 7-9:30 | Choral Society |
| | 7-9:30 | River Valley Choir |
| Tuesday & Thursday | 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 | Tae kwon do |
| Wednesday | 9 - 11am | Pantry |
| Friday | 7:30-9:30 pm | Youth Group (Contact Rev Michelle) |
| Saturday | 10 am-noon | Tae kwon do |
| Sunday | 9:15 am | Bible Study - Conference Room |

We are doing a new photo directory with Universal Portraits, they are coming October 1st - 5th. We look forward to having YOU included in the new photo directory. This is a great way to be part of the church family. Book your photo session today by calling Universal portrait studios at 1-888-769-7339 or online at www.universalportraits.com. Those that participate will receive a free Photo directory!

Spiritual Plaza, Hosted by Forest Hill United Church 180 Smythe St, Fredericton. Sept 16 8pm Oct 21 8pm Nov 18 8pm. We meet once a month to discuss spirituality and theology in a non-denominational setting. Many faiths are represented.

Restless murmurs never
cease,
Or so it seems to many
Countless minutes ticking by
With little sleep, if any
Why do we worry so much?
When God says, "Give it to
Me"
Why do we fret and fuss?
When prayer is the only key
For in prayer we find great re-
lease
And quietness for the soul,
We find our restless murmurs
cease
Then God can make us whole.

By M.S.Lowndes



Opening Prayer

Story Time Verse: Teach Me God (vs 1) VU 299
**Teach me God to wonder, teach me God to see
Let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Story Time Verse: Teach Me God (vs 4) VU 299
**Teach me God to know you, hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour when we meet.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Creator God, we have given you many reasons to grieve. We disrespect your creation. We long for personal glory, material riches and other things which don't last. We mistreat ourselves and each other. We forget the power of your promises. We ask your forgiveness, counting on your never-failing mercy, in Jesus' name. Amen

Assurance of God's Love

Today's Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-17 Colleen Hanna Miller
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Seek Ye First Lafferty
Message **A Saving Sense of Humour** Bob Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Give to Us Laughter VU 624
* **Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory Flute Solo Arne
* **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 & Lord's Prayer**

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn:** To Abraham and Sarah VU 634

*** Commissioning (Responsive):**
God's love and promises are outrageous.
and yet they are true.

God's calls seem impossible.
and yet we are the ones being called.

God's way is winding and dangerous
and yet we follow with laughter.

Go now to embrace the outrageous promise, the impossible call,
and the winding way of love.

Ha Ha Ha!

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Closing:** Wherever You May Go MV 216

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow:
For I will be faithful, loyal and true.**

Postude Festival Alleluia Miller

Announcements

Greeters: Carole Peacock and Maude McNamara
Collectors **Upstairs:** Susan and Graham Spencer
Downstairs: **Left Side:** Linda and Alastair Lamont
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: Larry Buick and Roger Miller
Coffee Hour (September 22nd): Ministry and Personnel

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Congregational meeting Sept, 29th right after church.

Reflective Bible Study and Prayer Group Started this Sunday and will be ongoing Sunday Mornings at 9:15 am in the conference room. Tammy Landry will be hosting. Come enjoy the scripture and watch the sermon come to life! Stick around afterwards for some prayer. Everyone is welcome!

Rummage and Boot (trunk) sale has expanded September 27th and 28th. Want to donate items to sell? Or Rent a parking spot and sell from the trunk of your car? Date is set, time to start going through your house and seeing if there is anything you don't need!

St. Paul's **Fall Supper!** On September 21st 5:00 pm, Pork carrots potatoes and beans and apple crumble for dessert, also we there is a vegetarian option. Tickets are on sale now through the office \$12 Adults \$5 kids (6-12). Get yours today!

Youth group will be meeting on September 20th from 7-9pm. If you are in Middle School or High School you are invited to come and enjoy youth fellowship.

Our community of faith is bigger than the people we see on Sundays. It also includes people who are living in retirement communities. One of our ministries is reaching out to these communities to bring a worship experience that residents could not otherwise attend. Our next service is **at Windsor Court September 19th at 10 AM all are welcome!** We hope to see you there!

Exciting news Choir practice begins September 19th 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Lunch Bags our bag lunch program is in dire need of proteins like tuna/ham/turkey with pull tab lids. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful program reaching out to so many that need some nourishment.

Other News

The Multicultural Association hosts a sewing program for newcomers each Saturday from 1:00 ~ [5:00](#) at their location [28 Saunders St.](#) It would be lovely to have volunteers lend a hand with sewing tips & sewing machine maintenance to support the growing interest. While giving the gift of time, you receive an enriching cultural experience when joining ladies from around the world. Please consider our invitation. Any number of volunteer hours will be helpful. Program coordinator, Marisa, will be happy to receive your calls of inquiry. Cell [506 447-2618](tel:5064472618) Office [506 452-0660](tel:5064520660)