

# St. Paul's United Church

October 13th, 2019 - Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Thanksgiving 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.*

*And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." -Mark 3:33-35*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** Pastorale MacDowell

### \* 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:** Lord Prepare Me (X2) MV 18

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true,  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.**

### Welcome & Announcements

\* **Gathering Hymn:** Come you thankful people Come VU 516

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

Sisters and brothers, and all others, we gather together,

**we come from different families and different places.**

We have different views and different backgrounds,

**yet we gather, as one family.**

Thankful for all God has done in and through our lives.

**Grateful for God's welcome and continued presence.**

We gather to say thank you.

**We gather to offer praise.**

Come for now is the time,

**the time to worship.**

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## Office Hours

## Responsive

	<b>Rev. Richard</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>	<b>office Hours</b>
<b>Cell:</b>	Currently	(506)259-7602	Eric Hotte
<b>Sun.:</b>	On	By Appointment	11:30-1:30
<b>Mon.:</b>	sabbatical	10-12 pm	10-1
<b>Tues.:</b>		By Appointment	10-1
<b>Wed:</b>		10:30-12:30 pm	10-1
<b>Thurs.:</b>		12-2 pm	10-1
<b>Friday:</b>		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

<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>Tuesday</b>	7-9:30	Choral Society
	7-9:30	River Valley Choir
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</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	Tae kwon do
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-11am	Pantry
<b>Thursday</b>	7-8:30	Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	7:30-9:30 pm	Youth Group (Contact Rev Michelle)
<b>Saturday</b>	10 am-noon	Tae kwon do
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am	Bible Study - Conference Room

**THANK YOU**  
*for worshipping  
with us*

*faith*

### Other News

**Spiritual Plaza**, Hosted by Forest Hill United Church 180 Smythe St, Fredericton. 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.

The Women’s Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having their Annual General Meeting on Friday, Oct 18 at 1:30 PM here at St. Paul’s, Please remember Least Coin collection at the meeting. Those who are on the Executive Committee are responsible for providing the Refreshments at the Meeting. Everyone is welcome it is Non Denominational.

Christian Forum - Dr. Lois Mitchell, Dialogue & Division in an Age of Political Correctness Wed, October 16, 2019, 12:10 - 12:50 pm Christ Church (Parish) Church, 245 Westmorland Street. Have you ever wondered how to respond when pushed into the corner by the politics of correctness? Dr Lois Mitchell is Director of International Studies at St. Stephen University. A light reception will be served. Dr. Mitchell will present a second talk at UNB at 4:30 pm.

New Maryland United Church is holding their annual Salmon Supper on Sunday, Oct. 20th at the New Maryland Rec Centre (754 New Maryland Hwy.) Sittings 4 PM and 5:30 PM. Take-outs available. Tickets \$18 can be reserved by calling 459-3313 or 455-1948.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a “Turkey Dinner”, on Oct. 23, 4–6 p.m. \$15/person. Please call 457-1666 to reserve your tickets.

The UCW will be selling Mince Meat Pies, small \$6.00, Large \$13.00. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. We are making mincemeat on Thursday October 24th at 9am in the kitchen, helpers are needed to peel apples. We are making pies on November 4th at 9am. Please come along and join the group!! call Donna Chauvin 458-5885 The Luncheon/Bake/Craft sale is on Saturday Nov 16th.

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“Let God have you, and let God love you - and don’t be surprised if your heart begins to hear music you’ve never heard and your feet learn to dance as never before.”  
— Max Lucado

### Opening Prayer

**Story Time Verse:** I’m gonna Shout MV 183  
**I’m gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus! I’m gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for God’s most holy child. For whatever I might do today, at home, at school, at work, at play, I’ve got Jesus’ love deep down inside of me.**

### Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

**Story Time Verse:** I’m gonna Shout MV 183  
**I’m gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus! I’m gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for God’s most holy child. For whatever I might do today, at home, at school, at work, at play, I’ve got Jesus’ love deep down inside of me.**

### Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**Forgive us, when we walk away from you and then wonder where you are. Forgive us, when we fail to see the signs you place along our path. Forgive us, when we are too distracted to revel in the wonder of your creation. Forgive us, when we forget who we are and whose we are. Remind us that we are not a lost, but a found people and that there is no place we can go where you are not. Amen.**

### Assurance of God’s Love

**Today’s Scripture:** Ruth 1: 1-17 Gregory Morton

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Thanks be to Thee G.F. Handel

**Message Risking Relationship.**

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* **Hymn:** We are Pilgrims VU 595  
\* **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** (Piano/Organ Duet) Prayer of Thanksgiving Smith/Hustad

\* **Dedication Verse:** Grateful MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

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

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** Wherever you may Go MV 216

**Commissioning (Responsive)**

There are many pathways to take as we leave this sacred space.

**Wherever we go, we choose to go with God.**

There are many people we will meet along that way.

**Each and everyone of them is an opportunity to extend God's love.**

We go, welcoming the journey ahead of us and the diversity of people who cross our path.

**We go, thankful for the gifts and blessings that we will receive.**

The joy and love that we will share,

**and the abiding presence of God through all that we will face.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Closing:** Walk with Me (Refrain and V4) VU 649

**Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.**

**Postlude** Toccata on "St Catherine" Long

**Announcements**

**Greeters:** Barb Fletcher & Isabel Green  
**Collectors** **Upstairs:** Susan & Graham Spencer  
**Downstairs:** **Left Side:** Gail & Ralph Stephenson  
**Middle:** Isabel Green  
**Right Side:** Tammy Coughlan and Dean Jones  
**Coffee Hour** (October 20th): Positive Engagement

**SERVICES & ACTIVITIES**

**Reflective Bible Study and Prayer Group** Sundays at 9:15 am in the office. Tammy Landry is hosting. Come enjoy the scripture and watch the sermon come to life! Stick around afterwards for prayer. Everyone is welcome!

The St Paul's Senior Choir, is having a **Memorial Hymn** Sing next Sunday, Oct 20 at 10:30 am. This is an opportunity for everyone to remember their loved ones who have contributed so much to their lives and who live on in their hearts and memories. Names of those being remembered will be included in the Memorial Bulletin and there will be a time for fellowship after the service. Stop by the office for more information after service Eric will be more than happy to help.

St Paul's has very exciting news, we now have power push button doors, at the Charlotte street entrance and middle outside door at the front of the church. Great news for everyone especially those with accessibility issues.

**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.

Today in **Sunday School:** Community Foundations. Verse of the Month: "God said, I'll be with you" Exodus 3:12 **Bible Story** The Exodus. The Israelites were afraid because the sea was in front of them and the pharaoh's army was behind. God used a great miracle to save God's people. He parted the sea and the people walked over on dry land.

**Youth group** dates Mark them on your calendar now! Nov 1st, Nov. 15th, (Carol's by Glow stick on Nov 29th), then Dec 6th.