

St. Paul's United Church

November 24, 2019 – Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost
Reign of Christ Sunday

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

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.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"
- Luke 24:30-32

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: 6 variations Sweelinck

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 & Sabbatical 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:** Rejoice the Lord is King VU 213

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Blessed be the Lord,
The giver of law!
Blessed be the Lord,
The maker of promises!
Blessed be the Lord,
The author of peace!
Blessed be the Lord,
As we come to worship!

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	Office Hours	Responsive	
	Rev. Michelle	office Hours	Rev. Richard
Cell:	(506)259-7602	Eric Hotte	On Sabbatical
Sun.:	By Appointment	11:30-1:30	until February
Mon.:	10-12 pm	10-1	1st 2020
Tues.:	By Appointment	10-1	
Wed:	10:30-12:30 pm	10-1	
Thurs.:	12-2 pm	10-1	
Friday:	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

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
Thursday	7-8:30	Choir Practice
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

THANK YOU
*for worshipping
with us*

faith

St Paul's Yarn Ministry meets on the third Wednesday of each month. no previous experience or affiliation with St. Paul's required. Please let Jen Petryshen know if you would like to attend so we can book a spot.

Money counters/Tellers needed. Training provided previous money handling experience is an asset, please let Eric in the office know thank you very much.

If you ordered pictures they are in the office please stop by and pick them up. If you would like your picture in the directory and didn't get a chance to get your picture taken here, you can send it to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com Photo directories will not be available until the new year.

The Canadian International Organ Competition Presents, Christian Lane (organ) & Thomas Leslie (tenor) In Concert here at St. Paul's Saturday Nov 30th at 7:30 PM \$15 advance \$20 at the door, tickets at ciocm.org

Other News

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers are selling Christmas Wreaths again this year. Double sided 12 inch balsam fir...Decorated \$15 & Undecorated \$13. Call Nancy MacGarvie at 455-3026 or Sue Short 455-5537. Deadline for orders is today November 24 & pickup at Wilmot Church December 1st

Gibson Memorial United Church (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a "Breakfast and Christmas Market – INN from the Cold" on Nov. 30th, 2019, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Breakfast is \$8 and entrance to the Market is free. All proceeds to the Fredericton Homeless Shelters and the Church Outreach Fund.

Do you hear what I hear? Enjoy an "Angels All Around Us" Christmas Tea on Friday, December 6, from 2-4pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. View varied collections of angels. Coffee and tea with light refreshments will be served. Admission by donation.

Rainbow Breakfast Potluck 9:30 - 12:00. Saturday, Dec. 7. Wilmot Church Parlour. The rainbow breakfast is an opportunity for LGBTQ2+ individuals, and our friends and allies, to share a meal in a safe and welcoming space. We will have coffee on for 9:30 and sit down for a meal together at 10:00. If you don't have the opportunity to prepare anything, please come along anyway - we look forward to your company. For more information, or to find out how you can contribute other than through food, or to request a drive, feel free to contact Maureen Toner (457-2954) or Deb Bradbury (206-2948).

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: (Responsive)

Long ago,....name to sanction the very opposite of the things for which he lived and died and rose again.

We, too, are often confused, God.

Sometimes we are more concerned with having Jesus on our side than with loving as he loved. We look for him in stained glass and hymn books but do not see him in the face of our neighbours. Merciful God, forgive us. Let us place Jesus as the true and rightful king in our lives, not just as a figure head, but as one who leads us in the Way, where love and justice bring us closer to each other and to God. And we are made to shine with Christ's light. This we pray in Christ's name.

Assurance of God's Love

Today's Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3 Roland Krause
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: O Praise The Lord with Heart and Voice Haydn
Message Even in struggle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** God of the Bible MV 28
Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Elegy Thalben-Ball

* **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:** Crown Him with many crowns VU 211

* **Commissioning**

The seasons of the church come and go
The seasons of the calendar year come and go.
 The seasons of our lives change from one to the next.
The call of the gospel remains constant.
 Jesus' call to "come and follow me" is spoken each day
May God give us what we need to answer, "Here I am, send me!"

***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 Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland- Bach

Announcements

Greeters: Linda & Alastair Lamont
 Collectors Upstairs: Steeves Family
 Downstairs: Left Side: Larry Buick and Roger Miller
 Middle: Isabel Green
 Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
 Coffee Hour (December 1st): M&P

Services & Activities

St Paul's United Children's Handbell Choir has started Sunday's 10-10:30. This program is for children 6 years of age and older. Contact Tricia Berry tmberry@rogers.com .

Reflective Bible Study and Prayer Group Sundays at 9:15 am in the office. Tammy Landry is hosting. Come enjoy the scripture

Today in Sunday School: Stories that shape our faith Community.
 Verse of the Month: "Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey." (Psalm 119:105) **Bible Story:** Jonah and the Fish. God sent a large fish to swallow Jonah alive. Jonah prayed to God, and God made the fish spit Jonah up on dry land. Jonah went to Nineveh, and the people believed God's words,

Christmas Carols, the story of Christmas and Glowsticks! Fredericton's Second Annual Carols by Glowstick is happening at St. Paul's United Church November 29th 6-7pm. This indoor Christmas Carol event is a great way to kick off the season as we join our voices together to sing our favorite carols by child friendly glow stick. Come out and raise your voice, swing your glowstick and enjoy the glow of the season. Stay after the singing for cookies and apple cider. Your ticket includes one glowstick per person. Check us out on St Paul's Facebook page or buy tickets at our Eventbrite link, Family ticket (up to 5 people) \$20 Individual tickets \$5.50, Additional Glow products available to purchase that night. Tickets available through eventbrite or church office 224 York Street.

The Annual Advent Carol Festival held each year at St. Paul's United Church (corner of George and York) will take place on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. Local church and community choirs will present a program of new, as well as familiar, Christmas music. There will be a chance for audience members to join in the festive singing, too. A freewill offering to support 12 Fredericton area food banks will be received.

Our Awesome Pantry Team has the current need for coffee, cheez-whiz, pasta sauce, house hold cleaner, large juice, tomatoes, and soda crackers. Thank you very much

Dec. 11 at 7pm, Christmas with the FHS Jazz Band," A Jazz Christmas" directed by Craig Woodcock. Donation to support the FHS Jazz band and St. Paul's music program.

Dec. 18 at 7 pm Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Concert of Organ Music and Readings". Donations for CBC feed a family. This is geared to organ lovers although all are welcome looks like fun!