

St. Paul's United Church

January 12, 2019 – 1st Sunday after Epiphany

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.

*The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.
Psalm 103:6-14*

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

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.

Land Acknowledgement:

* **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

* **Introit:** Hope Shines MV 220
Hope shines as a solitary star, faith is the inner light. You and I together mirror the light of lights, And illumine the pathway home.

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn:** In the Darkness Shines the Splendor VU 92

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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.:	10:30-12 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
Saturday	10 am-noon	Tae kwon do

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Today in Sunday School: Jesus Leads the Community. Verse of the Month: "So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives" (Mark 6:12) **Bible Story:** Mark 19-11 Jesus is Baptized : When Jesus came out of the water, after being baptized by his cousin John, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. Then a voice from heaven said, " You are my Son. I love you. You make me happy."

Other News

The Women's Inter-Church of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 10:00AM at Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland Street. The Church is Wheelchair Accessible. The 2020 World Day of Prayer service was prepared by the Women of Zimbabwe. Theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" Women of all denominations of faith are encourage to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 6, 2020. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace.

January 18th, 1:00pm All are invited to participate in Women's March Fredericton 2020. It will begin with a short gathering at City Hall, proceed along the route and end at Wilmot United Church. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served. An open mic session where women will share their experiences on the topic of "Women in Politics" and plans for political equality within the municipal, provincial and federal government will follow. Please consider sharing your voice in our commons. If you are unable to take part in the march portion of the event, please join us for the gathering at Wilmot. We welcome your participation as you are able.

The 3rd and 7th Fredericton Downtown Scout Groups will be holding a bottle drive on January 18th and 19th. Bottles can be dropped to the carpark at Christ Church Parish Church from 9-12 pm on Saturday (18th) or from 11-1 on Sunday (19th). We can be contacted at 3rdfredericton@gmail.com, to make alternative arrangements, if you are unable to make either of those times. Thank you in advance for your support. Money raised from our bottle drive will be used to help fund our adventures this winter and spring - camping, hiking, archery, climbing, STEM and arts.

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

Jesus calls us
to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;
Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us
to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;
Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us
to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision;
Jesus calls us to justice.
Let us heed the call of Christ.
Let us worship together with joy.

Opening Prayer:

Story Time Verse: Will you come and see the light (vs 1) VU 96
Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart & Profession of Faith:

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

Story Time Verse: Will you come and see the light (vs 5) VU 96
Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about
is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Prayer of Illumination (Unison):

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lived among us full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your way. Amen

Today's Scripture: Mark 2:1-22 **Gail Stephenson**
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* Hymn: My love colours outside the lines MV 138

Message: Re-imagining the possibilities. Rev Michelle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem: Seek Ye First Lafferty

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

Offertory:

* **Dedication Verse: In Gratitude VU 544**

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

* **Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

O Lord, your mission of love and reconciliation is as important today as it was when you walked on the earth. May these gifts we offer be only the tip of our commitment to your mission. Employ these gifts and our lives for your goals and your glory. This we pray this in your strong name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn: Moved by the gospel, Let us move VU 394**

* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

God calls us to follow

With a bold spirit

God calls us to follow

into a world without easy solutions

God calls us to follow

Responding to the challenges we face with creativity

God calls us to follow

So we go to follow Christ in our words and in our deeds.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Closing: I am Walking MV 221**

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home.

Postlude

Announcements

Greeters:

Ann and Harold Raper

Collectors Upstairs:

Steeves Family

Downstairs:

Left Side: Gail and Ralph Stephenson

Middle: Isabel Green

Right Side: Betty Fitzpatrick and Lois Walker

Coffee Hour

(January 19th): Property

Services & Activities

Upcoming Church Meetings:

Board Meeting

January 14th 6:30pm—conference room

Christian Education

January 16th 12pm –Mary Staples home

Worship

January 19th After coffee—quilter parlor

Broadview (Observer) Subscriptions if you would like your subscription renewed or start one for 2020 please come see Eric in the office. Thank you

St Paul's Yarn Ministry meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Please let Jen Petryshen know if you would like to attend.

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