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IS YOUR  
**STRENGTH**  


# St. Paul's United Church

January 26, 2020 – 3rd 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.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'" - Psalm 98:1-4*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude** **Idyll**

### 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:** 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:** Breath on me, Breath of God VU 382

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

The steadfast love of our God never ceases; God's mercy never comes to an end.

**God's love is new every morning!! Great is God's faithfulness!!**

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	<b>Office Hours</b>	<b>Responsive office Hours</b>	<b>Rev. Richard</b>
<b>Cell:</b>	(506)259-7602	Eric Hotte	On Sabbatical
<b>Sun.:</b>	By Appointment	11:30-1:30	until February
<b>Mon.:</b>	10:30-12 pm	10-1	1st 2020
<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>Saturday</b>	10 am-noon	Tae kwon do
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am	Bible Study - Conference Room

**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:** Luke 5:27-32 Jesus Calls Levi: The Pharisees did not approve of Jesus associating with tax collectors, like Levi, who were often dishonest and cheated people. Jesus said, "I didn't come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives."

### **Other News**

Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner, "Some Enchanted Evening" with the Collective Theatrics (Musical Theatre Group) and a Stuffed Pork. Feb. 14th, 7 p.m. Please contact 457-1666 to reserve your tickets. \$25 person.

Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper" on February 25th, 4 – 6:00 p.m. Menu: Baked Beans, sausages, ham, potato scallop, brown bread, pancakes and dessert. \$12 adult and children eat for free. Please call 457-1666

Cellist Emily Kennedy and classical guitarist Steven Peacock for Romantico: Music for Cello and Guitar, on Sunday, January 26th at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Wilmot United Church. Admission is by voluntary contribution; all are welcome.

The Fredericton Mission Thrift Store thanks all our customers, donors, and volunteers for another fantastic year serving our Lord together in work that spreads the gospel at home and around the world. Our store donated \$190,000 to our Mission partner, Bible League of Canada, an increase of \$10,000 from last year.

Wilmot United Church in downtown Fredericton is accepting applications for a 30 hr/wk Church/Office Administrator beginning Mar 2 (flexible). This is a very special ministry and important in a church setting. This position is key to creating a welcoming environment. It involves management, financial, clerical and supervisory responsibilities; skills required include-good interpersonal communication; advance computer proficiency & knowledge of Microsoft Office products; accounting, graphics & database software; basic accounting & bookkeeping skills; ability to work independently in an environment subject to frequent interruptions. Please direct inquiries or covering letter & resume to Chair of Ministry & Personnel Committee, Judy Coates, judycoates@rogers.com. Review of Applications will begin Jan 31

### **Opening Prayer (in unison):**

**O Lord, you know that winter can be hard on our spirits and our outlook: longer hours of darkness, weather and walking conditions that make it hard for us to get out and enjoy your creation and get some sun. You know that whatever other challenges we may be facing can make things worse. Through our time of worshipping you, the light your Word sheds on our path, and the connections we make with one another here, may we be refreshed in the knowledge that you are good, that beauty can still be found in creation, that there is still much to be admired in one another, and that your purposes will ultimately prevail in our world. We ask this because Jesus goes before us, Amen.**

**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?**

### **Baptism of Evelyne Ruby Gallant (by Rev. Michelle Armstrong)**

**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 5:1-20**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Greg Morton**

\* Hymn: Come touch our Hearts MV 12

Message: Reverend Brian MacDonald

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

Anthem: Seek Ye First Lafferty

\* Moment for Community & Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: Jesus Loves Me

\* 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 (in unison)  
 Lord, you ask us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to your service, to live lives of self-giving love. Help us to do just that. We offer ourselves along with our monetary gifts, to be agents of your grace and healing in our hurting world. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

**SENDING FORTH**

\* Closing Hymn: Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit VU 620

\* Commissioning

\* 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 Masque

Here are some useful resources for informing us about mental health, for directing us when we need help ourselves, and for helping us as we seek to support others (note that not all the following will provide resources for all three needs):

Canadian Mental Health Association, suite 202 403 Regent St. 455-5231 [www.cmha.ca](http://www.cmha.ca)

Mental Health First Aid Courses [www.mhfa.ca](http://www.mhfa.ca)>coursesearch

Chimo Help Line 1-800-667-5005

“Kids’ Help Phone 1-800-668-6868”

The Book of Psalms (please note: with the exception of the “imprecatory” or cursing Psalms, such as Psalm 137)

Announcements

Greeters: Ann and Harold Raper  
 Collectors Upstairs: Steeves Family  
 Downstairs: Left Side: Greg Morton and Roger Miller  
 Middle: Isabel Green  
 Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones  
 Coffee Hour (Feb 2nd): Worship (Reverend Richards Potluck)

**Services & Activities**

Donation of Stock Shares to St. Paul's, We have Church members who donate stock shares to St Paul's and this is greatly appreciated. There is a big advantage in doing so as a donation of shares does not trigger capital gains and the donor receives a regular donation receipt for the full amount for income tax purposes. Please contact Eric Hotte for more details.

From The Pantry On behalf of the leaders and volunteers of The Pantry I wish to thank you for all your support during the past year. All your donations, both grocery items and monetary, are most appreciated. Our clients are most appreciative as well. Thank you so much. Items we need most of include: juice boxes, pudding cups, cereal, peanut butter, coffee, toilet tissue, large juice, cheez whiz, canned meats and fish. Thank you so much! Lois Walker

Welcome back Potluck for Reverend Richard Feb 2nd