

The
JOY
OF THE
Lord
IS YOUR
STRENGTH


St. Paul's United Church

February 16th, 2020 6th 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.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. – Psalm 51:3, 6

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude Choral Boellmann

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:** Called By Earth And Sky MV 135

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

We come, a lost people,
seeking the Word.
We come from places of darkness,
seeking light.
We come with the burdens of yesterday looking into tomorrow,
seeking hope.
Together with Christ, we see ourselves for who we are and for who we can be.

Let us worship God who loves us from brokenness into wholeness.

Opening Prayer

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Sun.:	By Appointment	11:30-1:30	By Appointment
Mon.:	10:30-12 pm	10-1	1-3
Tues.:	By Appointment	10-1	10-11.30
Wed.:	10:30-12:30 pm	10-1	By Appointment
Thurs.:	12-2 pm	10-1	1-3
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

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
Sunday	9:15 am	Bible Study - Conference Room

Other News

HYMN SING – Today Sunday, February 16th, at 2:30 at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. As we journey through these Winter months and make our way towards Spring, please join us on Sunday, Feb. 16th, to sing favourite songs of comfort, assurance, and hope. A free-will offering will be collected to assist with the work of the church.

The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council will be presenting the following three services to mark World Day of Prayer:
Friday, March 6 at 7pm at the Salvation Army Church
Sunday, March 8 at 2pm at St. Peters Anglican Church
Sunday, March 8 at 2pm at Wilmot United Church
Theme: Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk; written by the Women of Zimbabwe Donna Chauvin will be taking part in the Wilmot service.
Information: Ann Raper 457-0164

**GOD
IS GOOD
all the
TIME**

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

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 7:1-23

Andrew Steeves

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Be Not Afraid

Dufford, arr. Wagner

Message: Auctioned Sermon: What is Sin?

Rev. Richard B

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful**

VU 291

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

Offertory: Menuet Gothique

Boellmann

*** 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)**
The world, this day, all that is a blessing to us comes from you, O God. We give back of our time, talent, and treasure with joyful thanks as we strive to be people who live by your word to build your kingdom. Bless what we have given here today, through PAR, and in service. This we ask in the strong name of our brother and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn: Let all things now living VU 242**

*** Commissioning (Responsive):**
We are called from this place to be bearers of Hope.

We have been created and blessed, and are called to be a blessing.

We are called from this place to be bearers of Light.

We have walked in darkness, and are called to walk with others.

We are called from this place to be bearers of the Word.

We are broken. We are made whole by Christ. We are called to tend to a broken world.

*** 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 Toccata Stanford

Announcements

Greeters: Steeves Family
Collectors Upstairs: Steeves Family
Downstairs: Left Side: Gail and Ralph Stephenson
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: Ann and Harold Raper
Coffee Hour (Feb 23rd): UCW

Services & Activities

The Men of St. Paul's are hosting the pancake supper on February 25th at 5:30 and we are seeking volunteers. Let Eric know in the office or contact Harold Raper.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due if you haven't completed one yet please do so asap.

Ash Wednesday service February 26th 7pm all welcome!

Come early and sing yourselves in to the worship service on February 23 at 10 AM. This continues to be an uplifting time to prepare yourselves for the service. Saints and Sinners look forward to hearing your voices join our musical selections.

If you have an online presence, you should be showing the world the best possible version of "you". Instead of dodgy selfies, showcase the competent, polished, human you are with a professional headshot by Moments by Kassie. On February 26, our very own Kelly S. will be hosting a headshot day at St. Paul's. For the *amazing* price of \$60, you'll get a 15 minute shoot with Kelly, who will capture your fabulous (and properly lit) self for posterity. You'll then get to choose one photo to be edited, which will be sent to you electronically. Don't delay - only 20 spots are available and they're already filling up! Contact me at kelmurandco@gmail.com All proceeds go to support the Brown Bag Lunch and Pantry programs.

Today in Sunday School: Leaders of the Community. Verse of the Month "He did what was right in the Lord's eyes." (2 Kings 22:2) Bible Story: Judges: 4: 4-14: Deborah and Barak. Above all the prophet Deborah's remarkable gifts was her trust in God. She served God to the limit of her ability and capacity.

Organ Recital Hosted by St. Paul's very own Dr. Sharon Pond, in Memory of David Drinkell. 3 PM Sunday February 23rd for those who love organ music you will not want to miss this special event. Sponsored by the Fredericton Organists Association and St. Paul's. Donations to establish a scholarship in David's name.

The UCW will meet in the Lady's Parlour on Monday February 24th at 10 AM. Please answer Roll Call with fresh fruit or vegetables, yogurt or cheese, for Grace House. All women of the Congregation are invited to join us. Donna Chauvin 458-5885