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February 23rd, 2020 7th Sunday after Epiphany
Scout-Guide 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.

One thing I ask of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my Life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. Psalm 27:4

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Scout and Guide Parade

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:** I Love to Tell the Story VU 343

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

The mountain top, the shining face, the glowing clothes,
the voice of God speaking from the cloud, the commandments etched in stone.

Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny in a place we can go, a light we can see, a voice we can hear, or a stone we can touch.

Sometimes it is harder.

Sometimes there is the veil, the overshadowing terrifying cloud, the questions, the appearing and disappearing, the excitement, the wondering, and the silence.

Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot quantify and yet we also can not deny.

Yet God shows up, always and so we come.

Adapted from prayer by Joanna Harader Spacious Faith

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**

Scout-Guiding promises

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 8:27-9:8

Ron Naugler

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Think of These Things

Patterson

Message: Witnessing God at Work

Rev. Richard B

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus**

VU 341

* Moment for Community

Where have you seen God at work in the world?

* 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 (in unison)**
God of great gifts, we are wonderfully blessed through your love in our lives. In gratitude we offer these gifts to you, the works of our hands and products of our living. Use them and us to shine forth your glory and spread your love. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn: We have come, at Christ's own bidding VU 104**

*** Commissioning (Responsive):**
It is tempting to remain at the top of the mountain, inside God's blessing and linger where everything is dazzling and clear.
We could create a home and stay in the warmth and joy of God's presence in this place.

Yet God is always on the move, and God's blessing calls us to move too.

So, we come down from the mountaintop caring our experience with us letting it shape our vision and guide our way.

*** 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:

Collectors Upstairs: Steeves Family
Downstairs: Left Side: Gail and Ralph Stephenson
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones

Coffee Hour (March 1st): Pantry

Services & Activities

Organ Recital Here Today 3PM Hosted by St. Paul's very own Dr. Sharon Pond, in Memory of David Drinkell. 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 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!

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: David (1 Samuel 16: 1-23) Samuel thought the new king would be tall and handsome like Saul but God told him not to look for height or outward appearance. What God was looking for in a king was a heart for God.

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

Other News

Enjoy a JIGGS DINNER at 5:30 pm Saturday, March 14th, at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, turnip, potatoes, pease pudding and dessert for \$14. Reservations only – phone Larry and Helen Forward, 457-1338 by March 11th.