



St. Paul's United Church

February 2, 2020 4th 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.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore. – Psalm 131

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:** I have called you by your Name MV 161

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

Come and hear the words of life!

Jesus speaks and we are healed.

Come and see God's power in action!

Jesus transforms with a touch.

Come and know the love of Christ.

Jesus is our living Lord!

Opening Prayer

St. Paul's Contact Information

stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com www.stpaulsunited.ca

Tel. 458-1183 Fax: 458-1944

<http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsunitedfredericton>

Ministers: Rev. Michelle Armstrong michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com

Rev. Richard Bowley rev.bowley@outlook.com

Church Manager Eric Hotte stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Music Director: Dr. Sharon Pond spond@bellaliant.net

Choir Director: Alexis Ervin aervin17@gmail.com

Office Hours

Rev. Michelle

Cell: (506)259-7602

Sun.: By Appointment

Mon.: 10:30-12 pm

Tues.: By Appointment

Wed: 10:30-12:30 pm

Thurs.: 12-2 pm

Friday: Day off

Responsive

office Hours

Eric Hotte

11:30-1:30

10-1

10-1

10-1

10-1

Day off

Rev. Richard

(506)262-2150

By Appointment

Phone office for

this weeks hours.

458-1183 thanks

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

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 6:7-13 Jesus Sends the Disciples: Jesus sent out his twelve chosen apostles who had to depend on the local people for places to stay and eat. They followed Jesus’ instructions and went out and proclaimed to the people to change their hearts and lives. They were also given the power to heal the sick.

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

HYMN SING – 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 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.

FMTA New Piano Celebration Concert - TODAY The Fredericton Music Teachers’ Association is delighted to announce a celebration concert in honour of its recently purchased Yamaha grand piano. The concert will include young pianists and other instrumentalists as well as singers. The featured performer is rising star Adèle Leblanc, now studying piano at Université de Moncton. The concert is at Christ Church Parish Church (245 Westmorland Street), 2 pm, Sunday, February 2 (snow date: one week later). Admission free

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 5:21-43

Ann Raper

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues**

VU 326

Message: Touching the Untouchable Rev. Michelle Armstrong

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)**
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 offered today and by PAR 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: We shall Go Out VU 586**

*** Commissioning**
 We reached out to touch even the fringe of Christ's gown,
and were greeted with arms wide open and joyful affirmation of our seeking faith.

Touched by Jesus' words and actions,
we find ourselves resurrected and restored.

From our encounter with Christ we go to the world,
to live as one who has been transformed, for we know Christ and the great love to which we are called.

*** 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

Announcements

Greeters: Susan and Graeme Spencer
Collectors Upstairs: Susan and Graeme Spencer
Downstairs: Left Side: Ann and Harold Raper
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Coffee Hour (Feb 9th): Ministry & Personnel

Services & Activities

Piano News, Unfortunately the owner sold the Kawai piano Wednesday to a higher bidder. Sharon would like to continue our fundraising so we will be able to move quickly on another piano. St. Paul's piano tuner has been looking and has leads on a couple of pianos. We'll be in touch with the donors who had already responded. Thank you so much for all the support.

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

ANNUAL REPORTS need to be submitted to the office within the next week to be included in the 2019 report. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 23 following worship.

God is good