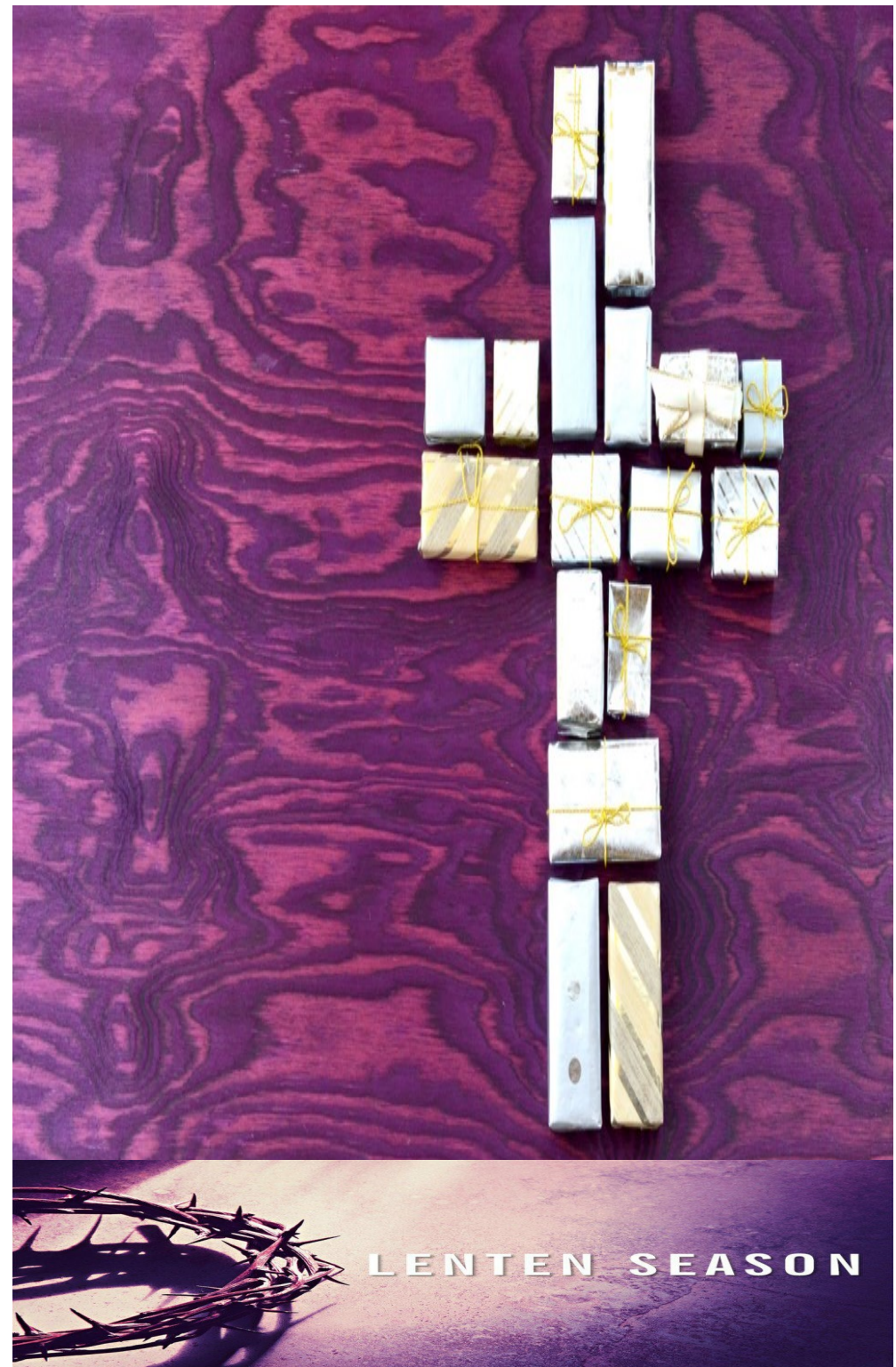


*Thank you for Worshipping with us
Today*



LENTEN SEASON

St. Paul's United Church

March 8th, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

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.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. -Psalm 34:11-14

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude It is well with my Soul **Berry**

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.

Lenten Liturgy (Responsive):

We stand in the light of Christ,
where we are revealed not only to God, but to ourselves.

We look at ourselves and know.

We know the ways we have made God second in our lives. We have sinned in foolish pride, by making ourselves and our self promotion our top goal. We strive for our own transient self interests above your intention for our lives that sustains all and offers true fulfilment. We seek worldly status and acknowledgment and power. We place our confidence in our own skills without seeing how your hand supports all that we do. Forgive the ways that we twist our self image and our actions away from you. In our brokenness we struggle to follow you...

(silent reflection)

The light that reveals who we are, also reveals a path at our feet.

We walk that path with the assurance that God finds us in our sin, embraces us, and loves us to wholeness in Christ.

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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

Today In Sunday School : *Observing Lent in Community. Bible verse for the month : If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet you too must wash each other's feet."* (John 13:14) *Mary Anoints Jesus (John 12:1-8) Just a few days before Jesus died, his friend Mary found a way to honour Jesus during a meal at her home. She washed his feet with perfume and dried them with her hair. She chose to use the perfume to anoint Jesus in a way that showed he was her Lord.*

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

Other News

The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council will be presenting the following three services to mark World Day of Prayer:
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

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.

God is good

Sung liturgy response: Take O Take me As I am (X2) MV 85
Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Welcome & Announcements

*** Gathering Hymn: Open My Eyes VU 371**

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

We come before God, calling and seeking and yearning.
We come because we are confident that we will find Gods word for us.

We come with our histories, our desires, our needs longing for Answers.

The answers we find are not always easy, sometimes they lead us to more questions. But we come, because in this community we are touched by God's presence.

We come, together in praise and thanksgiving to the One who comforts and challenges us.

The who calls us to see with true vision and know we are never alone!

Opening Prayer

Story Time Verse: I love to tell the Story (vs 1, no refrain) VU 343
I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

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

Story Time Verse: I love to tell the Story (vs 3, with refrain) VU 343
I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Today's Scripture: Mark 10:32-52 Jane Blakely
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: For Where Love is, There is God Wagner

Message: Power in the Kingdom-the disciples way. Rev Michelle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn: Come Touch our Hearts MV 12

* Moment for Community: What ways do you seek to make a positive impact on this community of faith?

* Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Piano/organ duet

* Dedication Verse: God of all Good (vs 1) VU 539

God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

These gifts brought before you today are a symbol of our willingness to look to you before ourselves, O God. In them we acknowledge that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from you, and so we give back of our time, talents, and treasures for the work of your church. Bless what is given here today and through PAR. Bless all the work that we do with our hands and hearts in your name for building of your kingdom of love. This we ask in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* Closing Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age VU 601

* Commissioning (Responsive):

The one who is to be betrayed, mocked and condemned is the one who we follow out into the world.

May we return to the world, knowing that his way was not the way of control, privilege or power.

In following him into the world we are invited to drink from his cup and be baptized by his baptism.

So we go into the world, with eyes and hearts open to the needs before us, seeking to serve instead of being served, to offer ourselves without fear or calculation and to be the risen Ones hands and feet that our world still needs today.

* Benediction

* Choral Closing: Walk with me VU 649

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build land that God has planned
where love shines through.

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Announcements

Greeters: Chris Grant and Isabelle Green

Collectors Upstairs: Larry Buick

Downstairs: Left Side: Gail and Ralph Stephenson

Middle: Isabel Green

Right Side: Tammy Coughlin and Dean Jones

Coffee Hour (March 15th): Positive Engagement

Services & Activities

Liturgy Through Lent. Some say that Lent is a time to give something up. Another practice of Lent is letting something go. Each Sunday through Lent there will be a time of reflection as we take open up to God and to ourselves. During that time, each of us will be asked to write something in response to a question, and place that paper in a jar. No names, just experiences and truths we share with the one who calls us to follow him.

Becoming a Member. Has St. Paul's United Church become a home for you? Consider becoming a member! Through the season of Lent we will have membership classes, welcoming new members on Easter Sunday. Get your names to the office, and we can start this journey together. Phone: 458-1183. or Email: stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.

Lenten Prayer Service. Starting on March 1st and continuing through until April 5th Rev. Richard will be leading a prayer service online each week. All are invited to take in this time of prayer and reflection. When?: Weekly on Sunday @ 7 pm starting on March 1st How to Connect?: Log in through Zoom by following this link: <https://zoom.us/j/863317863>, or call in through the following number: 1(647)558-0588, and use this meeting ID: 863 317 863.

Retirement Home Services. We want to remind everyone that we have regular worship services at a few Retirement Homes in the area. These services help keep us connected to one another, especially for those who find getting to Sunday worship difficult or impossible. Come and join in the singing and the praying as we widen our community to include as many as possible. Next Service Thursday, March 19th: Windsor Court @ 10 am (5th floor common area)