

**ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

**September 26, 2021 10:30 Eighteenth after Pentecost**

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Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." John 1:50-51

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you**

**AFFIRMATION THAT CHRIST IS WITH US**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)**

Look around, everyone!

**This is God's house,**

**And God is here among us!**

So get ready!

Open your eyes!

**God wants to meet us here.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**HYMN: God Is Here**

**VU 389**

**TIME FOR ALL AGE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: For Where Love Is, There Is God**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, 28:10-17**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.**

**MESSAGE: In this place**

**HYMN: Nearer, My God To Thee**

**VU497**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING: (in unison)**

**O Lord, you have blessed us, not just for our own gain but in service of you. Accept the gifts we present this day, our time, talent and treasures. May they in turn be a blessing to others and testify to your love and grace. This we pray in the name Jesus Christ, whose gifts have set us free. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN: God, make us servants of your peace VU676**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEFICIATION: (responsive)**

As we leave this place, we know

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

At work or play, at home or away, we know

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

Whether we're happy or sad,

On our own, or with our friends, we know

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

So let's go with joy,

**With the promise God made to Jacob ringing in our ears**

As true now as it was then...

"I am the Lord your God.

The God of Abraham and Isaac.

Know that I am with you,

And will keep you." Amen!

**POSTLUDE**

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## **CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE.** May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in-church or by Zoom.

**Covid-19 Update:** As mentioned in the enews this week, we are not required to ask for proof of vaccination for weekly church service but you may have been asked about your status entering the church this morning. Why?.. because we have been encouraged by our regional office & Minister Sheppard to establish if our congregation is at 90% vaccination rate. The letter from our regional office & more details can be found on our website under ‘Covid-19 Updates’.

**National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:** The Board has decided to close the office on September 30<sup>th</sup> in honour of this day, also referred to as “Orange Shirt” day. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was tasked with the work of bringing to light the truth of what happened in and during residential school system period. At the end of their work they presented 94 Calls To Action – this day was Action 80 – calling upon the federal government to establish a day that honours survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process. You can find more information on our website.

Rev. Michelle invites you to join her at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (512 Charlotte Street) for a **Service of Healing & Forgiveness on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**Pantry Sunday:** A reminder that we dedicate the first Sunday of every month, that’s next **Sunday October 2nd**, to our pantry program and collect donation in the Narthex. Our most popular items are laundry soap, dish soap, instant coffee/whitener, 1L juice (Apple or OJ), cheese whiz, pancake mix/syrup, and can soup (any except tomato!). Did you know that we are currently serving 83 clients/family and 61 children – this program is so vital to our community! You can also drop off donations any time during the week at the church.

**Lectionary Bible Study:** We had a lovely turn out this week to our new bible study group on Wednesday at 11:11am. No experience necessary just an open heart and mind! Contact the office with any questions.

**Readers:** Roger Miller is looking for 3-4 readers a week for Sunday Service. If you’d like to volunteer for any Sunday (October – December) please reach out to Roger at 461-8295.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Vote on appointment of new trustee

**TODAY AFTER SERVICE**

## HYMN WORDS

### HYMN: God is here

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

### VU 389

### HYMN: Nearer, my God to thee

### VU497

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

**Closing Hymn: God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace VU676**

God, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly.  
For in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
God, make us servants of your peace  
to wake at last in heaven's light.