

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

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 10, 2021 10:30 Twentieth after Pentecost

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." – John 6:51

THE PEOPLE GATHER

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AFFIRMATION THAT CHRIST IS WITH US

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

In the midst of the desert heat, God heard the cry of the people

Help us, Lord, please help us.

Manna was given and water gushed from a rock, and the cries rang out,

God's mercy is upon us.

In the midst of the desert of fear and frustration, God will provide for our need.

God was faithful then and will be faithful now.

And so we come to worship, to call on God's name

And give thanks for God's mercy and care.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN: Come, You Thankful People Come

VU 516

TIME FOR ALL AGE

THE WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM: Simple Gifts

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Exodus 16:1-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: Grateful

MV182

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING: (in unison)

God of Abundance, receive these gifts with thanks from your people, we pray. May they and we help your love and grace flow like rivers in deserts of need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN: Guide Me O Though Great Jehovah **VU651**

COMMISSIONING: (responsive)

Thankful for what God has done

Renewed in God's spirit

We go forth into the world with hearts filled

We go forth to trusting that God will continue to provide

So now we go, to share abundant life in Christ.

We go now, to live with grace and mercy.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READERS

NARRATOR

MOSES

LORD

ISRAELITES

DEBBIE WEST

CHRIS GRANT

GREG MORTON

REV. MICHELLE

GREETERS

FRONT DOOR

TOP STAIRS

CHRIS GRANT

TAMMY COUGHLAN & DEAN JONES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Sound System Volunteers: We still looking for more volunteers to help operate the sound system for Sunday Service. The schedule is flexible. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. If this interests you, please contact the church office at 458-1183 or stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Sanctuary Deep Clean: The date is set! We will be coming together **Saturday, October 16th from 10-12** to clean the sanctuary. We'd love your help! You can let us know ahead of time or just pop in next Saturday morning.

New Hire: St. Paul's is pleased to **Welcome Russell Blakely** as our new hire to fill the role of Church Custodian. His first day on the job was Monday, October 4th. Please join us in welcoming Rusty to St. Paul's. (M&P Committee)

FundScrip: The deadline for October is **NEXT Sunday October 17th**. This is such an easy way to increase your donations to St. Paul's by just shopping at your favorite store, getting gas or even groceries! You get the full-face value of each card and the retailer donates a percentage to St. Paul's – so it's a win-win! Forms are available in the narthex, at the office or on our website under "donate". Contact the office or Carole Peacock directly for more information!

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Our shelves are once again in need of drink boxes, canned meats (flip tops only), deserts (pudding/fruit cups), and granola bars. Drop off any time during office hours through the week or bring your donations to the church on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Vaccination Cards: Have you gotten your vaccination card laminated yet? Or maybe would like a second card, just in case! **We are offering this service for \$5 as a little fall fundraiser.** Just drop by the office M-F and we'll resize & laminate your card for you!

St. Paul's Contact Information

Office Hours: Monday - Friday; 8:00 – 1pm and 2 – 4 p.m.

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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:
CHURCH CUSTODIAN:**

**REV. MICHELLE ARMSTRONG
DR. SHARON POND
MELISSA HOWARD
RUSTY BLAKELY**

~ Happy Thanksgiving ~

HYMN WORDS

HYMN: Come, You Thankful People Come

VU 516

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

HYMN: Grateful

MV182

Grateful for the life you give us
Thankful for your holy son
Joyful in your spirit flowing
Over all O God of love!

Grateful for the bread of heaven
Thankful for your holy word
Joyful in your mercy flowing
We will praise you.

You are more than we imagined,
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.
Even when we doubt your presence
You are faithful to your word.

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Thankful for your holy son
Joyful in your spirit flowing
Over all O God of love!

Grateful for the bread of heaven
Thankful for your holy word
Joyful in your mercy flowing
We will praise you.

May our lives proclaim your justice,
May our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
To the glory of your name.

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Closing Hymn: Guide Me O Through Great Jehovah **VU651**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.