

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

October 24, 2021 10:30 AM Twenty-Second after Pentecost

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement." John 7:24

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

AFFIRMATION THAT CHRIST IS WITH US

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

We gather together,

to offer praise and prayer to our God

to focus on what God is doing

to witness transformation

for through God's blessing

Shepherds become kings,

The smallest seeds grow into magnificent trees

Hardened hearts break open into love in action.

As we worship we are touched by the Holy Spirit

Marked as Christ's own and shaped for God's purposes that

we may live in joy

Come for now is the time to worship!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN: In Loving Partnership

VU 603

THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGE

CHOIR ANTHEM:

Love Is All Our Joy

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: Just As I Am

VU 508

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING: (in unison)

Our offering is a marker, O God. A marker of our love and commitment to you. As we decide each week, each day, each second what we will put in this plate, God is at work. May God bless all gifts given and the hands by which they are offered. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN: Take My Life and Let it Be

VU 506

COMMISSIONING: (responsive)

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

We go forth, offering all that we are in service of our God

We go forth asking God to go with us and so we pray:

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be in my end, and at my departing.

May this be so, Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READERS

NARRATOR

LORD

SAMUEL

ELDERS

JESSE

PATY TRAIL

BARBARA CULL-WILBY

CHRIS GRANT

REV. MICHELLE

REV. MICHELLE

GREETERS

FRONT DOOR

CHRIS GRANT & TAMMY COUGHLAN

TOP STAIRS

DEAN JONES

Land Acknowledgement :

We remember that St. Paul's sanctuary and our worship here is on the unceded territory of the Wolastoqey peoples. Long before this building was here, the land was considered sacred and tended to with respect and care. May our faith drive us to seek to be in right relationship with the first peoples of this land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The UCW is selling 500ml jars of mincemeat for 12\$/each. Nothing says Christmas like a mincemeat pie or tart! Contact Donna at 458-5885 or 458-1898 to arrange delivery.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! Although ministers love what they do, and often feel they could do nothing other than answer God's call to ministry, being a minister also has its challenges. The world is undergoing many changes and challenges and often ministers are expected to be a calming presence in the midst of uncertainty – that's a BIG job and one that can't simply be turned off at the end of the work day. This is our opportunity to let Rev. Michelle know that she is making a difference! Look for cards in the pews and take a minute to write a note!

Gifts with Vision We've received the Giving Catalogue for this year and copies will be available both in the Office & the Narthex. You can also browse online at www.giftswithvision.ca. These gifts would make lovely Christmas gifts for children as a way to introduce them to the idea of philanthropy and maybe even spark the joy of giving within themselves!

Memorial Service next Sunday October 31st This service will be dedicated to those who have died since the pandemic began. If you have lost someone or know of someone in the congregation who passed, please let the office know. We would also like a photo of every congregation member who passed since March 2020 if you can help with please email or drop by the office.

St. Paul's Contact Information

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CHURCH CUSTODIAN:	RUSTY BLAKELY

~ Wishing you a lovely week ahead ~

HYMN WORDS

HYMN: In Loving Partnership We Come

VU 603

In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

HYMN: Just As I AM

VU 508

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

CLOSING HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be

VU506

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.