

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

October 31, 2021 10:30 AM Twenty-third after Pentecost

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*"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted" Matthew 5:4*

**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)

Come, you saints of God, let us praise and worship the God who has gathered us together this morning.

**We have come. Our hearts ready to give God praise.**

Come, you saints of God, who are "set apart" to carry out God's work in the world.

**We have come. We are ready to do God's will.**

Come, you saints of God, remember all those who have gone before us, the faithful who have carried the torch of faith and lit the way

**We have come. We remember those who have helped us on our journey and accompany us still.**

In the communion of saints, let us worship God.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**HYMN:** *God Of The Bible*

**MV 28**

**THE WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *You Are My Light*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** **John 11: 32-44**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

**MESSAGE:** He'll wipe every tear.

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**LIGHTS OF LOVE (Act of Remembering)**

**HYMN:** *In The Bulb There Is A Flower*

**VU 703**

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

**Lord God, thank you for upholding us in life, in death and life beyond death. As we think about the gifts we are giving you, we remember your greatest gift to us. We are humbled that Jesus laid down his life, so that death would be broken open into new life in you. May the gifts that we offer to your church, be used to demonstrate His love and grace. Bless we pray the offerings we present to you, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SENDING FORTH**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *For All The Saints*

**VU 705**

**COMMISSIONING:** (responsive)

We have remembered those who have passed

**We sing songs of praise for their presence with us**

We have been re-membered as part of God's communion of saints

**We are called out of darkness to life as part of God's own light**

We have been given a vision and direction

**Now is our time to live into the new vision that God has given us. To unbind the grave cloths and claim Christ's new life.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**SCRIPTURE READERS**

**GREETERS**

NARRATOR

ALANNA PALMER

FRONT DOOR

JESUS

DEBBIE WEST

CHRIS GRANT & LINDA BURTON

PEOPLE & MARTHA

ANDREW STEEVES

TOP STAIRS

TAMMY COUGHLAN & 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 our special Memorial Service to honour those who passed away since the pandemic began.** May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in-church or by Zoom.

1. The **UCW** will be having a meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in the Ladies Parlor – all are welcome!
2. **Security Update:** We've reset the keypad door lock at the Charlotte Street Entrance. If you use a code to access the church you will need to contact the office to be assigned a new one – your old code no longer works!
3. **FundScrip:** Time to start your Christmas shopping? Do it with FundScrip gift cards. Use the cards to purchase gifts or give the cards as gifts to family and friends. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers too! We will have two orders before the holiday season – **Sunday November 14** and **Sunday December 12.**
4. **Lectionary Bible Study:** Join Rev. Michelle **Wednesday at 11:11am** in the Ladies Parlor for bible study. Come have your questions and insight inform Sunday worship. The reading for next week's study will be 1 Kings 19:1-18
5. **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](http://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!

### **St. Paul's Contact Information**

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*~ Wishing you a lovely week ahead ~*

## HYMN WORDS

### HYMN: God Of The Bible

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain: (repeat 2 times)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Not by your finger, not by your anger  
will our world order change in a day,  
but by your people, fearless and faithful,  
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross.

### MV 28

### HYMN: In The Bulb There Is A Flower

### VU 703

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

## CLOSING HYMN: For All The Saints

VU 705

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
all who by faith before the world confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:  
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;  
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one within your great design.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
as God to glory calls them all away.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!