

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

November 21, 2021 10:30 AM Reign of Christ

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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 to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was and is to come

We come to worship the one who rules justly

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful, the first born of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!

Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Good shepherd, True Vine!

Eternal Word, Great I AM

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings, and Lord of lords!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *Crown Him With Many A Crown* **VU 211**

THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGE

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Sing A Song To The Lord*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 9:1-7*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: *A Light Is Gleaming* **VU 82**

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING: (in unison)

Grudgingly or joyfully, dutifully or impulsively, we offer to you, O God, the work of our hands and the plenty of our hearts. Bless us as we continue to walk in your light, so we become ever more your people of the Way of Jesus. Equip us in our self-giving for your reign here and now. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN: *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* **VU 213**

COMMISSIONING: (responsive)

As we prepare to leave this time of worship, we lift to God our hopes and dreams for a better world.

We lift to God ourselves, each of us apart of God's holy dream.

We leave this place lighter, for the light of Christ shines on our fear and our hurts releasing us from their power.

We leave with Christ, to bringing God's love and let him Reign in our lives as in heaven.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READERS

NARRATOR 1
NARRATOR 2

DEBORAH WEST
CHRIS GRANT

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.

- ❖ **Save the date: Saturday, January 15th, 2022:** In 2030, St. Paul's United Church in Fredericton is _____. How will you fill in the blank? Please mark your calendar now and save the morning of Saturday January 15th 2022 for a discussion with your church family about where we see our beloved church in the future. It's time to create a shared vision and set a course. Nothing is impossible, God being our helper! More details will follow as the plans are put in place - stay tuned!
- ❖ **The UCW** will be hosting a **Take-Out Dinner on Saturday, November 27th**. Pick up is between 11 AM and 1 PM from the Charlotte Street parking lot. Menu includes ham slice, potato scallop, coleslaw, roll, and carrot cake. Price \$15.00. Ann Raper will be taking orders in the Narthex and at coffee time today. Cut off date to order is Wednesday, November 24th.
- ❖ **FundScrip** offers cards from over 200 retailers in various denominations so you're sure to find the right card, at the right price and your purchase will result in a donation to St Paul's. Many retailers have increased the value of their donations leading up to the holidays – info sheets are available in the Narthex. **Deadline for the Christmas is Sunday, December 12th**. Remember, shopping is fundraising at St Paul's!
- ❖ **Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers are selling wreaths again.** Nancy MacGarvie is selling them from her porch at 83 Grey Street. Double sided balsam fir, decorated \$16; Undecorated \$13. **Deadline for orders is TODAY, November 21st**. Pickup Sunday November 28th. Call 455-3026 or email nancymacgarvie@rogers.com. Proceeds are in support of the African Grandmothers in conjunction with Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho.

St. Paul's Contact Information

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ORGANIST:
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:
CHURCH CUSTODIAN:**

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

HYMN WORDS

HYMN: Crown Him With Many A Crown

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

VU 211

HYMN: The Light Is Gleaming

VU 82

REFRAIN: A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. R

When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' R

And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: R

So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here as sparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. R

CLOSING HYMN: Rejoice, The Lord Is King

VU 213

REFRAIN: Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. R

God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. R

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!