

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

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10:30

Advent 1

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*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27*

**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**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** (responsive)

We begin our journey the way that we should begin any journey:  
with hope.

**Hope that darkness is temporary, that pain is fleeting.  
Hope that the dawn is coming, hope that our help is  
close at hand**

Like Jeremiah, like the people of Israel, we trust that God walks with us no matter where we go. Whether we are lost or found, lonely or embraced, God is with us.

**And so we light this candle for Hope, a reminder that  
Christ lives in our hearts even as we prepare for his  
return.**

**Hope is a start that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be  
strong, and none shall be afraid.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

VU 2

**HEARING THE WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *Come Thou Redeemer Of The Earth*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

**Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.**

**MESSAGE:** Right Where We Are

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

VU703

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

**We bring before you our offerings of thankfulness, not  
because we always feel like it, but because you are  
faithful in all things and at all times. Restore to us the  
joy that comes with generosity, and from knowing that  
out of our plenty you provide for those who are in need.  
Amen**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**COMMUNION LITERAGY**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift our hearts in prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise**

Blessed are you, Breath of peace, giver of all life, (..) And, as we wait and wait and watch for your coming among us, we proclaim your goodness.

**All Sing : *Sanctus – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* VU1**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and random captive Israel  
that morns in lowly exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

At the time, we also remember, (...) Source of love, we pray for your Spirit.

**Make us, while many, one.  
Make us, though broken, whole  
Make us, despite death, alive**

And so we pray:

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

And so we join with our siblings around the world in the prayer of Jesus:

**Our Father who Art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come thy will be done  
on Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver Us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

Let us eat and drink together  
for our strengthening in the faith,

and for the sake of the world.

The body of Christ,

**The bread of Life**

The lifeblood of Christ,  
**the cup of blessing.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We thank you, God,  
for breaking into our world  
and pouring into our lives and our experiences.  
We thank you, God,  
for this meal of thanksgiving  
and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells.  
Amen.**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

**CLOSING HYMN: *‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* VU 71**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL CLOSING *The Hope Shines As A solidary Star* MV 220**

**Hope Shines as the solitary star,  
Faith is the inner light.  
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
And illumine the pathway home. Home.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**SCRIPTURE READERS**

NARRATOR  
THE LORD

ALANNA PALMER  
CAROLE PEACOCK

**GREETERS**

FRONT DOOR  
  
TOP OF STAIRS

CHRIS GRANT  
TAMMY COUGHLAN  
DEAN JONES

## Announcements

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

An **Advent Newsletter** was sent out in the mail, yes the mail!, this week so keep an eye out for that – we’ve included a list of upcoming events plus 2 advent calendars with activities for you to do throughout the season

**The UCW is selling trays of assorted sweets for \$20.** Pick up will be Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at the church. Please telephone Donna Chauvin at 458-5885 or 458-1898 to order a tray.

Next **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, the Sunday School will be selling handmade Christmas cards, ladies knit socks, and other crafts to raise money for the purchase of farm animals through World Vision. We invite you to come to Fraser Memorial Hall after church to join us for coffee/tea and shopping!

**Countdown for Christmas!** FundScrip offers gift cards from over 200 retailers in various denominations. The cards are welcome gifts for family and friends and so easy to shop for. Many retailers have increased the value of their donations to St. Paul’s during November and December; information sheets available in the Narthex. Deadline for the last order before Christmas will be **Sunday, December 12.** *Remember, shopping is fundraising for St. Paul’s*

**Christmas Angel Tree** – Thank you to Santa’s helpers for your generous support of this ministry outreach. Your gifts of toys, games, books and other items will bring much joy and happiness to 41 children and their families this Christmas. Thank you again for caring and sharing. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

**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!

**Lectionary Bible Study:** Join Rev. Michelle **Wednesday at 11:11am in the Lady’s Parlor** for bible study. No experience is necessary just an open heart and mind. Come and have your questions and insights inform Sunday worship. The reading for next week’s study will be Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Chili Take-Out Supper** at Nashwaaksis United Church. Enjoy beef chili, roll, Caesar salad and apple tart for \$15.00. Reserve your take-out meals by November 30<sup>th</sup> with Rindy or Tom Austin at 450-7151. Pick up is Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30pm through front door of Nashwaaksis United Church (46 Main Street)

**A little note from Melissa:** I would like to personally thank everyone for their warm welcome and kindness throughout my time here at St Paul’s. Unfortunately, I couldn’t find a proper life balance working full time. This week is my last “full time” week and starting next week, November 29<sup>th</sup>, **the office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9am – 1pm.** Your M&P Committee is working hard to find a suitable replacement. Thank you all for the past 3 months – it’s been lovely getting to know everyone

## Advent ~ A Season Of Hope

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**HYMN: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

**VU 2**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free:  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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

**VU703**

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: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**

**VU 71**

'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou  
sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark  
the tender babe was found,  
a ragged robe of rabbit skin  
enwrapped his beauty round;  
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
the angel song rang loud and high:  
Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime  
is not so round and fair  
as was the ring of glory on  
the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt  
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,  
the angel song is true,  
the holy child of earth and heaven  
is born today for you.  
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,  
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:  
Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.