

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

January 9th, 2022

10:30 AM

Season After Epiphany 1

*Glorifying God through Worship, Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ
and Serving others in Christ's name*

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make
the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the Lord are
watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. – Psalm 104:14-16*

GATHERING TOGETHER

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:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

We come because when a baby was born to Mary and Joseph

God showed up

When ordinary fishers and trades men encountered the man that baby
grew to be

God was seen

When our forbearers worshiped and served in this place

God was there

This very morning as we worship

God is here

In God's presence, which spans all time and space, let us worship!

TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER: (Responsive)

Lord, we need a miracle today.

Like Jesus changing water into wine
at the wedding feast in Cana,

we need a miracle today.

We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.

We are discouraged

in the face of injustice, war, poverty, COVID and indifference.

We need a miracle today, Lord.

Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain,
will not be moved.

**Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds,
cannot be counted.**

Your glory, like a mighty torch,
will not be put out.

Lord, crown us with your love.

Show us your glory,

that in you, we may be moved

to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.

Lord, tune us in to your miracles for this day.

This we pray, Amen.

HYMN: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* - Jordan Pond

VU 559

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

PREPARING FOR SCRIPTURE:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: *John 2:1-11*

Here what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church

Let us respond in the Spirit.

MESSAGE:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A NEW CREED:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Together)

**Loving God by your generosity we have received
all that we have and all that we are.**

Give us wisdom

**that we may so use the things which you have gifted us with in ways
that shape us more and more into your children,
bearers of your spirit and truth;
So that the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, may shine in all we do.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: *Song of Thankfulness and Praise* – Jordan Pond **VU 101**

COMMISSIONING:

God was here in our worship,

God is here in our hearts.

In the people we serve in Christ's name

God will be found.

In the future we cannot yet see

We need not fear, for God is there too.

Go now embodying the miracle of grace poured out at a wedding so long ago.

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

SCRIPTURE READERS

Narrator – Ann Krause
Mary – Alanna Palmer
Jesus – Patty Trail
Stewart – Khris Grant

GREETERS

Front Door – Ann & Harold Raper
Top of Stairs - Tammy Coughlan

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.

Just a friendly reminder that the **office hours are from 8am – 3pm Monday through Friday.** Please note that Thursday is a big day in the office, if you could shift your business to another day, it would be appreciated. Thanks!

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Drink boxes are a priority in the New Year, as well as **Proteins including canned meats (with flip tops),** desserts (pudding, fruit cups), and granola bars for our brown bag lunch program. Drop off anytime during the week or on Sunday before worship. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

2022 Budget: We are starting to prepare our new budget! **We are looking to you for suggestions as to increasing our revenue!** This will be crucial so we can budget our expenses when we have estimated budget revenue! Please contact me at 454-4628 or by email at rnaugler@bellaliant.net so we may receive YOUR VALUABLE INPUT!

FundScrip: The next deadline will be February 6, 2022. Remember, shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.

Upper Room Daily Devotional for January-February 2022 can be purchased in the Church office Monday-Friday between 8am and 3pm

St. Paul's Contact Information

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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.

HYMN WORDS

HYMN: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* VU 559

Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

HYMN: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* VU 101

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus Christ, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy Word;
with your grace our lives endow,
grace to imitate you now,
that we like to you may be
at your great epiphany,
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.