

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**Fredericton, N.B.**

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

**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**4th Sunday After Epiphany**

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As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears  
have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" -  
Psalm 42:1-3

**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.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

We come to the well of fear and doubt.

**We have drawn deeply of those waters.**

We come to the well of anger and hate.

**These waters flourish in all the land.**

But there is another well.

**At this well there is a man who knows all we have done.**

And still he talks to us and offers us a drink. Today we come to that well.

**We come to drink deeply of the water of peace and hope.**

We come once again to the well of salvation.

**TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER:**

**HYMN: *Come, Let Us Sing***

**VU 222**

*Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.*

*O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.*

*You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.*

*Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.*

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:**

**PREPARING FOR SCRIPTURE: *Open Our Hearts***

**MV 21**

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you, O loving God  
Open our hearts.*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: *John 4:1-42***

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church

**Let us respond in the Spirit.**

**MESSAGE:**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**A NEW CREED:**

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

**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 you have gifted us with in ways  
that shape us as your children. That we may be bearers of your spirit and truth. Grant that  
the love of Jesus Christ may shine in all we do. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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**

**HYMN: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**VU 626**

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.*

**COMMISSIONING:** (Responsive)

Jesus gives us living water.

**Water that flow into all parts of our lives**

Water that not only refreshes us but also shapes and molds us.

**So we may say - see, see here what God has done in my life.**

But that is not all – We are also invited to say - come and see, come and see what God can do in yours.

**May our lives be part of Christ's great harvest, nourished and sustained by His living water.**

**BENEDICTION:**

***Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Alanna Palmer, Jesus – Ann Krause, Women – Jane Blakely, Disciples – Alanna Palmer, Believers – Alanna Palmer*

**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 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!

**Virtual bible study:** Join Rev Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. This was previously held in person but due to restrictions we have temporarily moved online. Generally, sessions are 45min-1hour. This week's Scripture will be John 4:46-54.

**Zoom Link is** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551> **Passcode: 165090**

**Congregational Meeting:** In person and via Zoom on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. Further information to come.

**New Building Safety & Security Measures: Starting Thursday January 13,** each person entering and exiting the building will complete the new **Daily Building Security Record** in the binder at **both the York and Charlotte Street entrance**. This will allow for better safety and security of both the building and people in it should an emergency happen. Please remember to sign both in and out regardless of your nature in the building.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program: Drink boxes continue to be a priority,** 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Pantry: The pantry needs some vital items including:** cheez whiz, L size juice, dish & laundry detergent, instant coffee, sugar, pudding cups, fruit cups, pancake mix & syrup. Donations can be dropped off anytime during office hours or on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your amazing generosity

**Annual Committee Reports:** Thank you to UCW, Pantry and the Brown Bag Program for getting your reports in. If you are a committee chair, please forward your year-end reports to Meghan in the church office at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominations for Committees and Board:** Beginning at the Annual Meeting we will identify and affirm those who have been called to leadership at St Paul's. Help discern the path forward for the congregation by offering to serve on the board, be part of the hands and feet response to needs of our church through a committee. God called Abraham and Sarah in their 90's, God called the boy Samuel as a child – you are neither too old or too young to serve! The big question is what are you passionate about? Talk with Rev. Michelle or Member of the board today!

**2022 Offering Envelopes:** PLEASE PICK UP your envelopes in the office! Contact Meghan at your convenience at 458-1183 to discuss a pickup arrangement!

**2022 Budget:** We are preparing our new budget! The **first step involves receiving your suggestions** to Increase Revenue! This is crucial so we can estimate our expenses. Please contact Ron at 454-4628 or by email at [rnaugler@bellaliant.net](mailto:rnaugler@bellaliant.net) so we may receive YOUR VALUABLE INPUT!

**FundScrip: Deadline for next order is Sunday, February 6.** If COVID restrictions move back to Level 2 this weekend and we return to in-person church service on February 6, I'll be available in the Narthex to receive your order. If you prefer, you can take it to the office before the deadline and I will pick it up there. If Level 3 restrictions continue, please take your order to the church office during the week/before the deadline so I can order the gift cards on February 6. **If you are not venturing out these days, call me at 452-1016 and I will come and get your order.** Many thanks for your cooperation.

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

**Faith in Action: Emergency Warming Centre at Wilmot United Church starting Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>.** This warming centre access is a community endeavour to keep people safe who are most at risk in harsh and harmful weather. We are continuing to recruit people who

would be comfortable with this homeless population & also with COVID situation. (safety of volunteers will be priority as will the guests) We will provide N95 masks for volunteers & surgical for guests. Volunteers need to be fully vaccinated with at least 2 shots & if they have had booster that's better. Thank you for your interest & willingness to volunteer. Feel free to spread the word. Please contact Judy Coates at 454-5631 c- 429-6540 or email at [judycoates@rogers.com](mailto:judycoates@rogers.com)



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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.