

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

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

**February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

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*The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? – Psalm 27:1*

**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)

God is revealing glory to any who will look;  
**From a new perspective,  
Through strange eyes,  
In Different bodies and variety of voices**  
Right here, right now.  
**Let us open our hearts to see.**

**TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER:**

**HYMN: *Open My Eyes, That I May See***

**VU 371**

*Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free. R*

*Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear. R*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share. R*

**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 9:1-41***

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church

**Let us respond in the Spirit.**

**MESSAGE:**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: *Jubilate***

**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 Am the Light of the World***

**VU 87**

*'I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!'  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun: R*

*To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above! R*

*To free the prisoner from all chains,  
to make the powerful care,  
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,  
to see God's children everywhere! R*

*To bring hope to every task you do,  
to dance at a baby's new birth,  
to make music in an old person's heart,  
and sing to the colours of the earth! R*

**COMMISSIONING:** (Responsive)

Life with Jesus was never meant to be stagnant

**God created the world but is still creating and calls us to join in**

Through Christ the destination of this world was transformed.

**Though letting His love radiate in our lives we become part of that ongoing transformation.**

Let us be open to the ways in which God is calling us working in and through all of creation.

**We go into this week with all our senses open to the transformation God is revealing around us.**

As you go, may you know the blessing of the Holy Spirit's courage, may you know the blessing of Christ's extravagant welcome, and may you know the blessing of the God who is Love.

Amen.

**BENEDICTION:**

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***Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Ann Krause, Disciples – Jane Banks, Jesus – Alanna Palmer, Man – Ron Naugler, Parents – Deborah West, Neighbour 1,2,3 – Patty trail, Pharisees 1,2 – Carole Peacock  
**Greeters:** Front Door – Ann and Harold Raper, Top of Stairs – Tammy Coughlan*

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**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 person and by Zoom.

**Upper Room Daily Devotional:** The Upper Room Daily Devotional for **March-April** has arrived! Available for purchase in the office for \$2.

**Bible Study:** Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We are back in person, meeting in the parlor. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is John 11:1-44. Due to interest we will attempt a hybrid bible study to join online you can log on using this **new link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and **Passcode: 259190**

**FundScrip** – Deadline for next order is **Sunday, March 6**. Click [HERE](#) for current order form or pick one up in the Narthex. **New supporters always welcome!** Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.*

**Nominations for Committees and Board:** The Annual Meeting is this SUNDAY! Are you or someone you know interested in sitting on the board or a committee? We are specifically seeking individuals interested in

forming a **Finance Committee** and filling the position of **Treasurer** and **Board Chair**. Talk with Rev. Michelle or Member of the board today!

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting is this Sunday **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1pm in the sanctuary and via Zoom**. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89337802929> Passcode: 094593

You can **also join by phone only** if you would prefer, if you don't have a long-distance plan charge would apply. All you need to do is **call 1 647 558 0588 and follow the prompts Meeting ID: 89337802929 and Passcode: 094593**

**Space rental:** As businesses take steps towards opening and more regular activities resuming, we wanted to remind everyone that St. Paul's has space to rent. If you know of people needing office space or short-term rentals for meetings, receptions or other groups let them know we are an option. All enquires are encouraged to call the church office for more details.

**After Hours Locked Mailbox:** We have a new **locked mailbox** for after-hours drop off located at the York Street entrance. Please feel free to also use this box if you wish not to come in to the church or navigate the stairs. It is checked multiple times daily.

**Pantry:** Next week is pantry Sunday. A few of the major needs currently are salt, flour, laundry soap, sugar, baking soda, and mustard.



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**Minster: Rev. Michelle Armstrong; Organist: Dr. Sharon Pond**  
**Church Administrator: Meghan Roebuck; Custodian: Rusty Blakely**

**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.*