

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

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*I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Psalm 40:1-3a*

**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)

On this day we come.

**We come to meet God.**

On this day we come.

**Just as we are with our needs held out.**

On this day we come.

**We come seeking God's mercy and grace.**

On this day we come.

**Trusting that Jesus will be present and our needs will be met.**

In trust and hope we come this day to worship the one who offers healing and wholeness to the world.

**TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER:**

**HYMN: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre***

**VU 374**

*Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!*

### **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 4:46-5:18***

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: *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours***

**MV 171**

*Refrain – Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.*

*No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,  
No hands but yours to sooth all its suffering,  
No touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.*

*No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,  
To find the lost, to gaze with compassion;  
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.*

*No feet but yours to journey with the poor,  
to walk this world with mercy and justice.  
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.*

*Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:  
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,  
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.*

**COMMISSIONING:** (Responsive)

We go now to trust in the word that Jesus speaks

**Let us go boldly into the world to follow his commands**

As we go may we continue to look for where God is calling us to act

**That we may be part of God's healing and wholeness for the world. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:**

*Scripture Readers: Narrator – Alanna Palmer, Jesus – Jane Blakely, Official – Ron Naugler,  
Servant/Man/Jews – Ann Krause*

*Greeters: Front Door – Ann and 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 by Zoom.

**This Sunday Congregational Workshop:** You are invited and encouraged to attend a **February 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm.** Come and get information and participate in discussion on 3 important, exciting, interrelated initiatives that are ready to be talked about and engaged with. These initiatives will set direction for St Paul's in the future and require your input and support. The workshop will take place in the sanctuary and via Zoom for those to attend virtually.

**Zoom link for computer access:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551> **Passcode: 165090**

**Join by Phone** only call 1 647 558 0588 **Meeting ID: 86854718551** Passcode: 165090

**FundScrip:** Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday and receiving your FundScrip orders in the Narthex. If you don't have an order form, please click [HERE](#) or pick one up in the Narthex. I'll place the order on Sunday and have the gift cards to distribute next Sunday. If you have never ordered

gift cards through this program, let me know. I can guide you through the progress. I am investigating the option that allows supporters to order their cards online from FundScrip and have them mailed directly to your home. No forms to complete! Order whenever you like! If you are interested in learning more about this option, please let me know. Don't worry, we will still keep the bulk order option in place! Did you know retailer donations from your orders raised \$1003 for St. Paul's last year!! Thank you for your support.

**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 6: 35-59. Due to interest we will attempt a hybrid bible study to join online you can log on using: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551> **Passcode: 165090**

**Annual Committee Reports:** Are now past due, Meghan is working hard to get everything ready for the annual meeting. Get yours in before she has to call you! Submit to the church office at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) today.

**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!

**Annual Meeting:** Please mark your calendars for the **Annual Meeting** to be held on **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1pm.**

**Office Hours:** 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!

**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. Once year the end financial review is over we will be moving forward with re-issuing door and alarm codes for the new year.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program: Juice boxes continue to be a priority,** as well as **Proteins including canned meats (with flip tops) and pudding cups** for our brown bag lunch program. Drop off anytime during the week. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

**Pantry:** The pantry **needs some vital items including:** dish & laundry detergent, white flour and sugar. Donations can be dropped off anytime during office hours or on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**2022 Offering Envelopes:** Please pick up your envelopes in the office! Contact Meghan at your convenience at 458-1183 to discuss a pickup arrangement!

**General Council** is the triannual (delayed 1 year because of COVID) meeting of the highest governing body of the United Church of Canada. The work of the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council will begin this month – unlike other gatherings this council will be meeting only virtually due to the ongoing pandemic. The proceedings are available for all to experience, so if you are interested in church governance and the decisions being made at the national level of our church check out <https://generalcouncil44.ca/about/connect-gc44>



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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.*