

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

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

June 12th, 2022

Trinity Sunday

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude # 2 – Willan

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.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE:

INTROIT: *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) *

Today God calls us, and we respond.

We respond with our prayers and our commitment. We respond with our hopes and our dreams. We respond with our hearts and our minds.

Today Christ welcomes us, and we enter.

We enter into this space of quiet and refuge. We enter into this time of reflection and vision. We enter into this space of inspiration and insight.

Today the Holy Spirit is alive in our midst and we are thankful.

We are thankful for opportunities to serve. We are thankful for moments of personal renewal. We are thankful for invitations to share the goodness of life with one another.

Come, be nourished by the community that we share and be thankful for all God has done for us.

We come, open to a future hope today.

We come, Seeking to be a part of God's Mission.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

HYMN: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

VU 375

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness,
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. R*

*You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. R*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. R*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. R*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

HYMN: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

VU 644

*I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.*

*If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (In Unison)

**Living God, Eternal Spirit,
Let your bright invigorating energy
which fired the first disciples fall on us.
In Christ Jesus, you turned this world around.
Speak to us today, as we hear from holy scripture
open the past, present and future,
that we may be set on fire with your vision and way. Amen.**

TODAYS SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:14-17

MESSAGE:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A STORY OF FAITH FROM THE LAST 190 YEARS:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison) **

Bless, O God, the gifts we offer in your name, shared with open palms rather than clinched fists. Gifts of time, talent and treasure, given out of gratitude rather than obligation. May they offer life and abundance to any in need and inspire further generosity through the giving and receiving. We are grateful for the opportunity to give in Christ's name. 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**

*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.*

SENDING FORTH

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: (Responsive)

The blessing of God

Who fashioned us to live with Joy,

The blessing of Jesus,

Whose footsteps lead us into the heart of life,

And the blessing of the spirit's arms

Wrapped around us on the journey,

The blessing of the Holy Three

Goes with us everywhere,

This day, this night and always.

CHORAL CLOSING: *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

VU 424 v1

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

POSTLUDE: Festive Intrada – Frey

**Bill Steadman, Gathering Pentecost 1 2022, pg 30*

*** Prayer adapted from prayers found in Gatherings Pentecost 1 2022, pg 47*

****Adapted from Rob Root, Gatherings Pentecost 1, pg 31*

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.

Thank You!! Many thanks to those who contributed to the Fellowship of the Least Coin last Sunday. Amount of \$27.70 was given. That is a lot of prayers for women at 5 cents a prayer! It will be forwarded to headquarters.

Congregational Meeting: Please join us on June 12th after worship. This is an opportunity to hear updates on projects and activities of the church. To join the meeting via Zoom please use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88925790450> Passcode 102689.

If joining by phone, call 1 647 558 0588. Meeting ID: 889 2579 0450 and Passcode: 102689

Congregational Meeting Agenda Sunday June 12th, 2022 @ 12pm Celebrating Our Successes!

1. God first – Prayer - Rev. Michelle
2. Center. Breath. Honour your posture.
3. The Lord's Prayer – Roger Miller
4. Covid Protocols
5. Downtown United Project – Ralph Simpson
6. M&P – Ann Krause
7. Finance – Alanna Palmer
8. Trustees – Andrew Steeves
9. Heritage & Resources – Ron Naugler
10. Prayer – Rev. Michelle

Youth Group: Youth drop-in program on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. Mark your calendar! If you are interested in attending or helping develop this program, please let us know!

"One Toonie at a Time": While you are away this summer, don't forget about St. Paul's 190th Birthday. Please pick up a vial to collect your TOONIES over the summer holidays. Bring them back in September. Each vial will hold over \$50.00. Wouldn't it be great to collect \$1900.00 for our special year. The donation will be tax deductible and go towards your yearly givings. There will be vials in the entry way at the main door and in the Hall. Make it a "Tooniful Summer". Contact Donna Chauvin 458-5885 for more information.

Office Closure: The office will be closed from Friday July 1st through Sunday July 10th. Rusty will be available on the premises between 8am – 12pm should you require assistance. Michelle will be away June 29-July 6 for pastoral emergencies during this time please contact Rev. Lori-Beth at 262-6752

Hospital Visitation by Clergy: Hospitals are still at the RED level of Covid protections. This means if you find yourself in hospital and would like Rev. Michelle to visit, you need to let us and the hospital know. There is no way for us to find out if you are there, except direct contact and visits are by requests only.

Regional Annual Meeting: Last weekend the region gathered. Along with the reporting of committees there were presentations of ministry opportunities. The theme speaker spoke about how the story we tell and listen to shape our reality and how the biblical story can open up new possibilities for our thinking. We also installed a new regional president Rev. JD Kennedy and formalized Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson as president-elect. More information about the Regional AGM can be found on the regional website: <https://ucceast.ca/fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-14/fslwdw-annual-meeting-2022>

TAKE-OUT Picnic Meal with Strawberry Shortcake: Wednesday, July 6, pick-up 4:00-5:30pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, please use front door. The take-out meal includes a deli meats sandwich, coleslaw, dill pickle, chips and homemade strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream for \$15. Advance orders only, reserve with Rindy & Tom Austin, 450-7151, by noon Friday, July 1

Part time Office Administrator, Wilmot United Church Position Available: Wilmot United Church in downtown Fredericton is accepting applications for a **15-20 hr/wk** Church Office Administrator beginning Aug 2, 2022 (flexible). This position is key to creating a welcoming environment as well as the smooth, efficient, and effective functioning of the church. It involves reception, communication, clerical and supervisory responsibilities; skills required include-good interpersonal communication; advance computer proficiency & knowledge of Microsoft Office products; graphics & database software; ability to work independently in an environment subject to frequent interruptions. For full Position Posting go to Wilmot United Church website <http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/> Facebook.

Please direct **inquiries** or **covering Letter & resume** to Chair of Ministry & Personnel Committee, Judy Coates, wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca cc judycoates@rogers.com Job Description can be emailed upon request. Review of Applications will begin June 27/22

Summer Downtown United + Worship Schedule:

At St. Paul's United Church

- June 26th – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot leading
- July 3rd – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Todd Nelson from St. Andrew's leading
- July 10th – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Michelle leading
- July 17th – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Michelle leading

Please join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551> **Passcode 165090** or view later on **YouTube at** <https://www.youtube.com/St.Paul's>

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

- July 24th – Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot leading
- July 31st – Service at St. Andrews's with St. Andrew's leading
- August 7th – Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Michelle leading

All services at St. Andrew's can be viewed via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287?pwd=RFhERHZiU0hHbVpYcjYxRFFNZWdlQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 7375 6287 Passcode: 839092

At Wilmot United Church

- August 14th – Service at Wilmot with Rev. Mary leading
- August 21st – Service at Wilmot with St. Andrew's leading
- August 28th – Service at Wilmot with Rev. Mary leading
- September 4th – Service at Wilmot with Rev. Michelle leading

All services at Wilmot can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/WilmotUnitedChurch>



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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.