

DOWNTOWN UNITED ⁺
A service of St. Paul's, Wilmot and St. Andrew's
Fredericton, N.B.

June 26th, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Choral von Himmel Hoch - Pachelbel

GATHERED FOR WORSHIP:

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: (Responsive)

In a time of change and confusion,

we need a source of unwavering light.

In a time of shifting and change all around us,

We need a light to show us the way.

May this light of Christ be this light for every one of us.

CENTERING PRAYER: (In Unison)

God of the unexpected, help us to remain open to your leading, even when we are unsure of the new directions to call us into. You turn us around and change lives. I choose you again today, source of my praise and love. Amen.

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT: (In Unison)

VU 916 'A' Paraphrase

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come to earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

*Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE: *The Church is Wherever God's People*

VU 579 v1

*The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.*

TIME FOR THE YOUNG, AND YOUNG AT HEART:

SUNG RESPONSE: *The Church is Wherever God's People*

VU 579 v2

*The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

MEDITATION:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: Sarabande – Handel – Played by Steven Peacock

OFFERING OUR GIFTS: (In Unison)

Out of chaos comes light. Out of death comes life. Out of nothing comes creation. From the generosity of those gathered here come the resources for the furtherance of God's kingdom here on earth.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Responsive)

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us offer God our thanks and praise.

It is right to do so.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation,

Shaped and moulded, stretched and compressed by divine hands.

So, if we are a new creation, what should we do?

We should ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

Yet, we know what he did.

He offered hospitality to those living in inhospitable places.

He offered healing; he offered affirmation.

These are not easy things for us to do,

because, in doing so, we confront the powers and principalities that live off the avails of greed and power.

Jesus was not about greed or power.

He went into the wilderness places of communities.

He brought light to the shadows cast by injustice.

He lived as a new creation,

a creation envisioned to be one of plenty,

plenty enough for you, and plenty for all of us.

So, if Jesus were here and now, what would he do?

He would say to those who grasp at power: SHARE!

He would say to those who hoard resources: GIVE!

He would say to those who exclude: INCLUDE!

So that is what a new creation looks like:

A new creation of community, a community of equity.

For the old has passed away,

and so we must be midwives to the new creation, bearing justice, birthing right relationship, nursing love.

What do we do, what we choose, must ring true to his life,

for we are ambassadors for Christ,
**changed, transformed, retooled, and recreated,
moulded gently as clay in the hands of the potter,
until we are alive, joyous, genuine, and full of affirmation.**

And so, in this meal, we celebrate this new creation.

In the same fashion that Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He raised a loaf, and breaking it, said,

“My body the new creation.”

He lifted the cup and said,

“My blood is the new creation.”

We are Christ’s ambassadors, living, loving affirming and celebrating.

We are the new creation called to care, to make peace, to birth justice.

Thanks be to be the Great Spirit.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS:

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS IN THE PEWS:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: (In Unison)

Loving God, we thank you
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the banquet of all eternity.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN: *In Christ There is No East or West*

VU 606

*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.*

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: Toccata in D minor - Bach

Worship Resources: Lighting the Christ Light: The Gathering Pentecost 1 Year C 2022, pg.34 Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. Communion Prayer: The Gathering Pentecost 1 Year C 2022, pg. 64 Don Uhryniw, George Street, U.C., Peterborough, ON

****Please join in following the service as Wilmot's radical hospitality will be offering ice cream to start off our summer worship rotation after worship that day. A 'cool' way to reconnect with faith friends.**

Scripture Readers: Narrator - Carole Peacock, Elijah – Chris Grant, Elisha – Donna Chauvin

Greeters: Donna Chauvin **Audio Visual** - John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP TODAY SUNDAY JUNE 26TH

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.

190TH ANNIVERSARY GIVING

In our Operating Budget for 2022 is an Income amount designated as: 190th Anniversary Special Givings of \$25,000! This amount is requested to balance our budget in this year of our anniversary! To date we have received in excess of \$2,000. Your special donations will help us quickly reach this goal!

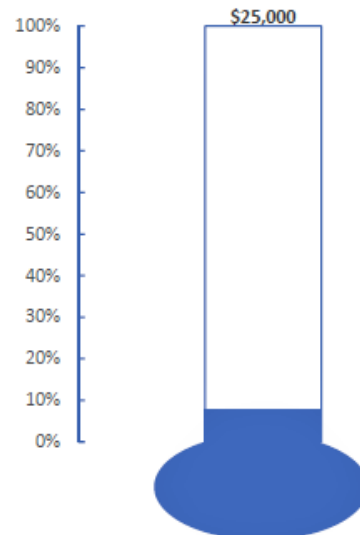
NEW OR GENTLY USED LAWNMOWER NEEDED!

We are aware that the grounds at St. Paul's are not up to par. We have discovered that the very old lawnmower St. Paul's owns is no longer viable. We are in search of a new or used lawnmower. Do you or someone you know have one to donate? If so, please contact Meghan at 458-1183 or via email at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

WARK/ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's United Church and who plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available on our website at <http://www.stpaulsunity.ca/annual-reports/scholarships-bursaries/>. Applications must be received on or before July 31.

St. Paul's 190th Anniversary Fundraising Goal



Updated 21 June 2022

FUNDSCRIP

It's time to stock up on gift cards you will need this summer! We'll have an order on **Sunday, July 3** but none in August, then returning in September. If you are planning a trip, why not buy a few gift cards for gas? Need groceries for the visitors you're expecting? Gift cards are available for Sobeys and Superstore. If you are looking for a break from grocery shopping, FundScrip has cards for Hello Fresh and Chef's Plate meal kits. Order forms are available at the church office, in the narthex or [click here](#). Our next order deadline, July 3, falls on Canada Day weekend. If you would like to place your order early, feel free to bring it to church on June 26 or take it to the church office before June 30. Have a great summer! Stay safe! Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!*



MESSY CHURCH AT WILMOT

Join Wilmot for Messy Church – interactive workshops, crafts, food, games and fun for all ages. Everyone Welcome! **June 24th, July 22nd and August 26th from 5pm-7pm**. For more information and to register, please contact the Wilmot office at 458-1066.

PANTRY

The pantry would appreciate donations of the following items: ketchup, relish, mustard, mayo, cheese whiz, sugar, chocolate pudding cups, frosting, cookies, Hamburger Helper, canned corn, soda crackers, coffee mate, Mr. Clean, and paper towel. Thank you for your donations to this important community outreach program.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

The Brown Bag Lunch program needs donations of proteins with flip top lids and pudding cups. Thank you for your continued generosity for this program.

“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. Michelle will be away June 29-July 6. For pastoral emergencies during this time please contact Rev. Lori-Beth at 262-6752

YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday is the last of the regular season for youth group gatherings. From now until school starts in September, youth group will gather on a week by week basis. Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. Activities may include, but are not limited to, dodgeball, hide n' seek, games, sports, snacks, stories, field trips and more. All are welcome - come as you are! For more information contact Simon at 440-0336 or visit <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca/youth-group/>



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.



NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH – PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOB OPPORTUNITY – Choir Director/Pianist/Organist position available September 1, Nashwaaksis United Church, average 8-10 hr/wk. Please direct inquiries or cover letter and resumes to Music Director Search, c/o Lori Perley, Church Council Chair, lorianneperley@gmail.com, 457-0484, or the Church Office, admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca, preferably by July 15.

WILMOT UNITED – PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Wilmot United Church is accepting applications for a 15-20 hour per week Church Office Administrator beginning Aug 2, 2022 (flexible). For full position posting, visit Wilmot United's website at <http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/>. Please direct inquires or covering letter & resume to Chair of Ministry & Personnel Committee, Judy Cotes at wilmotus@nb.sympatico.ca cc judycotes@rogers.com. Job description is available upon request.

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.

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 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

*All services at St. Paul's can be viewed via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551>
Passcode **165090** or view later on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/St. Paul's](https://www.youtube.com/St.Paul's)*

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

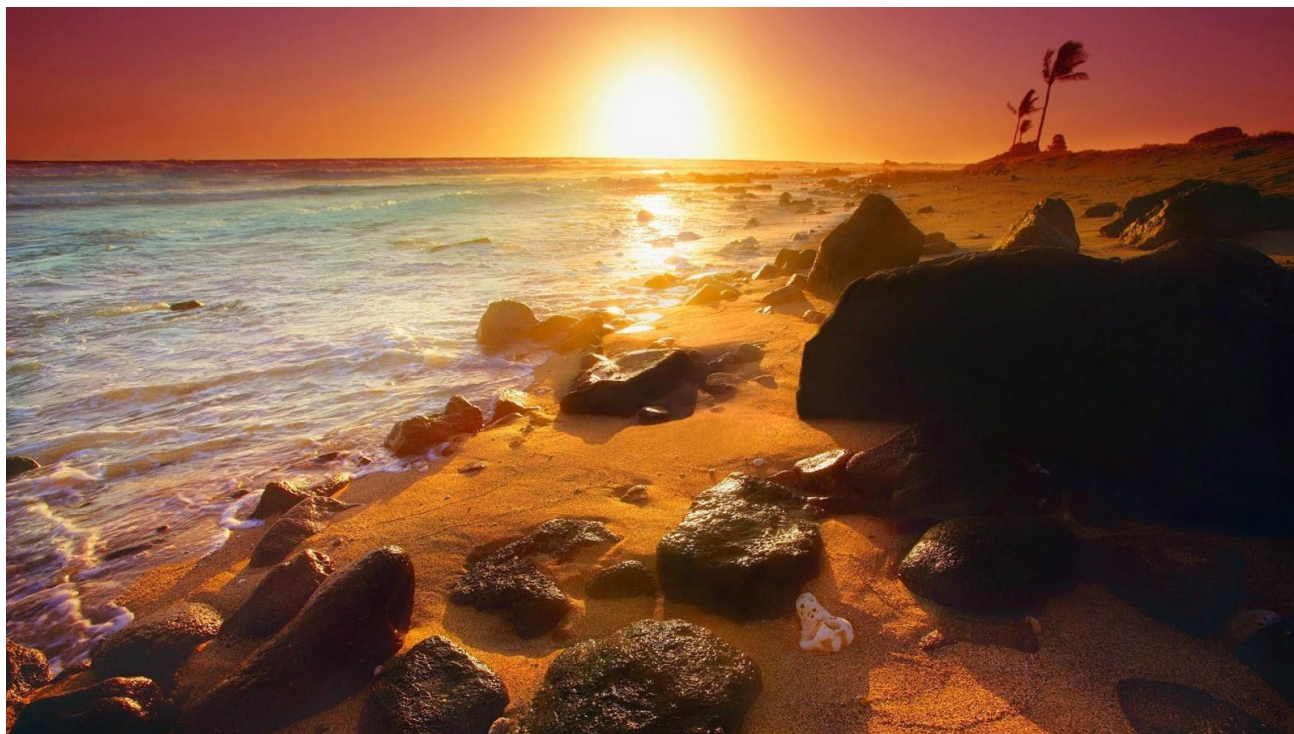
July 24th – Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot leading
July 31st – Service at St. Andrew's with St. Andrew's leading
August 7th – Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Michelle leading

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<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>*



St. Paul's United Church

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

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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.