

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

September 11th, 2022

14th Sunday After Pentecost & Fall Kick-Off

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Fantasie on "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" - Fey

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

INTROIT: *Will You Bless Our Homes and Families*

VU 556 vs 1

*Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) *

When everything is going exactly according to plan,

God is with us.

When nothing is going to plan and we no longer know how to adapt,

God is with us.

When we walk humbly and when we have lost sight of the truth about ourselves,

God is committed to the covenant with the earth and all its creatures.

When we hold too tightly to wrong things and when we learn to move where the Spirit leads,

God is committed to the covenant with the earth and all its creatures.

In success and failure, and all the messy in between,

we turn our attention to the One who will never let us go.

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

VU 315

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Blessing of the Backpacks & Bags **

**God of fresh starts and new beginnings,
We bring ourselves, our big feelings and our backpacks to you.**

**In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils and pointy crayons.
And in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions and hopeful expectations.
There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring-
Of what we might learn, who we might meet and who we might become.**

God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.

**Be with us as we ride the bus
Be with us as we walk be with us as we buckle seatbelts, sip-up jackets and tie shoes.
However we get there, bless this journey into something new.**

**For the grown-ups going back to school,
With-us, be with them too.
Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers and leaders
And for all they do to help us learn and grow.**

**God our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands.
Amen.**

HYMN: *One More Step Along the World I Go*

VU 639 VS 1+4

*One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

*Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12, 9:8-17

REFLECTION: Stepping off the boat and surveying the land

HYMN: *Spirit God, Be Our Breath*

MV 150

*Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, with-drawn.
Spirit God, be our song.*

*Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.*

*Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.*

*Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn.
Spirit God, be our song.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison) ***

Covenant-Keeping God, whose promise is rock solid, we offer our lives and these signs of our daily living. Through the work of your holy Spirit, may we be a blessing to the world, bringing healing, hope and new life as we reach out with your love. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Jubilate – Bedford

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:

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: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

VU 266

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: (Responsive) *

We go into this changed and ever-changing world,

Trusting in the God who creates and re-creates, we go into the world with courage to respond, change and even begin anew.

Following Christ whose love extends beyond our understanding,

We look for ways to deepen our commitment to community, creation and Christ.

Empowered by the Spirit, who is the very breath of life, we open our hearts following where the spirit winds blow.

Go now to walk with God, this day and every day.

Amen.

*Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.*

POSTLUDE: Praise The Lord with Drums and Cymbals – Karg Elert

Adapted from:

*Bible Worm Liturgy

** Illustrated Ministry Backpack Blessing 2022

*** Clergy Stuff 2022

Scripture Readers: Ron Naugler & Ann Krause

Greeter: Chris Grant

Audio Visual: John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

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.

FUNDSCRIP RETURNS!

Welcome back to our loyal shoppers who support this fundraising program by purchasing gift cards every month. We'd like to see this number grow. If you are not familiar with the program, details are available on the church website, www.stpaulsunited.ca under "Fundraising". Deadline for our first fall order is Sunday, October 2nd. Order forms are available at the church office, in the Narthex or [here](#). Please use a current order form as participating retailers and card values sometimes change. *Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!*



BIBLE STUDY

Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We are back in person, meeting in the board room. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is: Genesis 12:1-9. Due to interest, you can also join online. Log in using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and Passcode: 259190.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The pantry needs the following items: tooth brushes & tooth paste, hand soap, elbow macaroni, chunky soup, coffee whitener, creamy peanut butter, sugar (white & brown), flour, chocolate & butterscotch pudding, juice boxes, Cheese Whiz, ketchup, pancake mix, cookies, cereal (Corn Flakes & Rice Krispies), salmon, flaked turkey & ham, Stove Top stuffing, Large Apple juice, canned tomatoes, large canned fruit, Comet, Mr. Clean, and laundry soap. Thank you for your continued support!

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

The Brown Bag Lunch program is in need of flip top cans of proteins. Thank you for your generosity!



**Support Ukrainian Families -
Become a host today!**

Ukrainian newcomers are in need of volunteers to provide temporary, short-term housing.

Being a host is flexible and provides you an opportunity to:

- Feel rewarded
- Help those in need of a fresh start
- Invest in the future
- Enrich your cultural life
- Gain new experiences

Contact the Multicultural Association of Fredericton (MCAF) at support-ukraine@mcaf.nb.ca or 506-471-1868 for more info



Scan with your phone camera to register as a host through NBMC

HOST & SUPPORT UKRAINIAN FAMILIES

The Multicultural Association of Fredericton has volunteer opportunities available to support Ukrainian newcomer families.

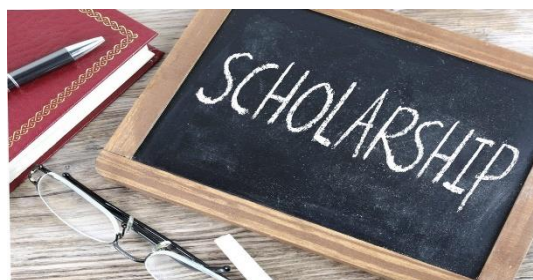
Interested in becoming a host? Ukrainian newcomers need volunteers to provide temporary, short-term housing. to both host and support Ukrainian newcomers. Please contact support-ukrain@mcaf.nb.ca or 471-1868

Want to volunteer with Frist Fredericton Friend? Tutor English? Or be a mentor? Volunteer with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton to make a difference! Please contact community-liaison@mcaf.nb.ca to get started.

They are currently looking for a booster car seat (for a 4 year old) for a family arriving in a few weeks. Please let Dan know if you have one to donate. Contact daniel.roberts@mcaf.nb.ca

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the summer the bursary and scholarship committee accepted and reviewed all applications for support. We are pleased to announce that Hannah, Kirsten and Rebecca Simpson have all been awarded a St Paul's Scholarship, Erin Hayes has been awarded the Wark Scholarship and Chris Walker has been awarded a St. Paul's Theological Bursary. We wish them all well in their studies this school year!



WELCOME TO UKULELE CHURCH!

Ukulele Church welcomes YOU to join on Sundays at 12:30pm Atlantic starting on September 11, 2022! Ukulele Church is a 75-minute ONLINE (Zoom) Sunday worship time for children and all ages. It brings together Music, Ukulele Teaching, Biblical Storytelling, Art, Play and Liturgy, following a rhythm of Celebration – Contemplation – Devotion with Linnea Good, Catherine Stuart and Nancy Callbeck. Absolutely no ukulele or church experience necessary! If you have questions, email cstuart@united-church.ca. To register, check out our website ukulelechurch.com. We cannot wait to see you! See our invitation [here](#).

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 18th – Fellowship Hour ~ hosted by the UCW

September 25th – Soup and Buns ~ Hosted by Worship. Congregational Workshop to follow – Our Values

October 23rd – Soup and Buns ~ Hosted by the Choir. Congregational Workshop to follow – Finding Focus

November 6th – 190th Anniversary Celebration

REV. MICHELLE'S WALK-IN OFFICE HOURS

Looking to connect with Rev. Michelle? The best way to do this is to connect via email to michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com or call 259-7602 to set up an appointment. Walk-in office hours are Mondays from 10am to 1pm and Wednesdays from 1-2:30pm.

FALL NEWSLETTER

Your newsletter should be in your mailbox in the next couple days. If you have not received it by the mid of next week, please contact the office. It may mean we have outdated contact information for you.



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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.