

# 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*

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Thanksgiving

10:30 AM

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."*

*Matthew 5:17*

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**PRELUDE:** Light Divine - 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 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) \*

You are the people of God, chosen, treasured and beloved!

**What does it mean to be God's people?**

You are the people of God, the conduit of blessing the world.

**What does it mean to be a blessing?**

You are the people of God, and example of right relationship in human and divine community.

**What does true community look like?**

Come, people of God, to hear God's word, to learning God's way, to choose each day to respond to God's faithfulness.

**We come to be re-oriented to a new way of life.**

**HYMN:** *This Is The Day*

VU 412

*This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.*

*Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.*

*You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name.*

*This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.*

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:**

**HYMN: *Grateful***

**MV 182**

*Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,  
O God of Love.*

*Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.*

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thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,  
O God of Love.*

*Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.*

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN:** *On Eagle's Wings*

VU 808 ~ Psalm 91

*You who dwell in the shelter of our God,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
my Rock in whom I trust.'*

*'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under God's wings your refuge,  
God's faithfulness your shield.*

*'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'*

*You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.*

*'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (In Unison)

On this thanksgiving Sunday, we remember all that you have done for us with gratitude and joy. The blessings we have received, your steadfast love in challenges, your vision for a future that gives us hope. In thanksgiving for your presence in our lives we make our offerings with gratitude. Take them and bless them that in their use your love will spread. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Amazing Grace- Clarke

**PRAYERS 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: *Come, You Thankful People, Come***

**VU 516**

*Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
safe before the storms begin;  
God, our maker, does provide  
for our needs to be supplied:  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!*

*All the world is God's own field,  
harvests for God's praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown,  
here for joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
Harvest-giver, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For our God, one day, shall come,  
and shall take this harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offences purge away;  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.*

*Even so, God, quickly come  
to your final harvest home!  
Gather all your people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there for ever purified,  
in your presence to abide:  
come, with all your angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.*

**COMMISSIONING & BLESSING: \***

You have been blessed and called God's people

**We will go from here with joy and thanksgiving**

The world will be blessed by love, demonstrated in your way of life

**We will seek to show God's love in all we do.**

May God's steadfast love re-orient your day, your week and your being  
May the embodied word of God in Christ reveal a still more excellent way for you to follow.  
May the spirit of God knit you together into true community.  
Amen

**CHORAL CLOSING: *Will You Bless Our Homes and Families***

**VU 556 vs 4**

*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:** Largo in G – Handel

*\*Adapted from Rev. Terry Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy – October 9, 2022*

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**Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Deborah West, Lord – Jane Banks  
**Greeters:** Donna Chauvin **Audio Visual:** John Davis

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WORSHIP SUNDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

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.

### **TOONIES FOR ST. PAUL'S!**

Thank you to everyone who saved their Toonies over the summer. Our total raised so far is \$1,036. It is not too late to contribute. Anniversary Sunday in November 6<sup>th</sup>!

### **DOWNTOWN UNITED YOUTH GROUP CANCELLED**

Downtown United Youth Group will be canceled over the Thanksgiving weekend (Oct. 9). We will resume the following week! Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

### **PANTRY PROGRAM**

The pantry needs the following items: white sugar, honey, salt, coffee whitener and vinegar. Thank you for your continued support!

### **BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM**

The Brown Bag Lunch program is running desperately low on supplies. Items in need are: proteins with flip top lids, juice boxes, and pudding cups. Thank you for your generosity!

### **UCW MEETING NOTICE**

The UCW will gather in the Lady's Parlour on Tuesday, October 11th at 10 AM. All women of the congregation are welcome to join us. Donna Chauvin 458-5885



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

St. Paul's Community Outreach programs are being utilized more and more every month, by return clients as well as many new faces. In September, 64 clients were served through the Pantry program and 84 Brown Bag Lunches were enjoyed by our vulnerable population. We extend a huge thank you to everyone for their continued generosity and support of these very important community outreach programs. We could not provide this service without you!

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE NOTICE

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidance of **The Manual** of The United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role and the supervisory role. We provide resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issues affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees. The committee works to build **positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith.**

If members of the community of faith have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, who will recommend action.

St. Paul's United Church is blessed with a staff that is committed to their work and we are thankful for this work in our community of faith.

**Presently serving on the committee:** Lois Walker, Blaine Irving and Ann Krause

## VALUES WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP

While we had a good turnout, however wider engagement with our congregation would be helpful so that we get the best base and best representation of the congregation. To this end, if you were not involved in the workshop, I am asking you to please fill out the church related – [Core Values Worksheet](#). If you have additional questions or wish to submit responses to the other questions asked above, they can be sent to me and I will ensure they get added to the responses we have from the workshop. I cannot stress enough how important your engagement is as we move forward. **Paper copies of the worksheet can be found in the narthex or on printed from our website at <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca/board-committee-resources/>. You can also complete the worksheet online via this link [Core Values Online Worksheet](#)**

## BIBLE STUDY

Diving into scripture is one of the spiritual practices of our faith. The small group setting of bible study helps us to go deeper and explore areas of the text that would not be addressed on Sunday morning. Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We meet in the board room. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is: Joshua 24:1-15. You can also join online. Log in using this link:

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



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALLING CHILDREN AND ADULTS!

School aged children are invited to attend Sunday school running for the 2022/23 year. Please contact Erin Hayes (Hayes.erin11@gmail.com) for any questions about Sunday school. If you are an adult and have talents you wish to share, please see Erin Hayes to sign up to be a guest speaker this year. Are you

an artist? Do you like to cook? Are you a good storyteller? Experience with drama or singing? Passionate about woodwork? The possibilities are endless of skills you could share. The model we are using this year means that your commitment could be as little as one day and that there would still be a regular teacher in the room while you are sharing your gifts and skills!

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** – Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Trustees

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** – Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by M&P

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Soup and Buns ~ Hosted by the Choir. **Congregational Workshop to follow** – Finding Focus

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** – Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Outreach

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### UKRAINIAN FAMILY IN NEED OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

A Ukrainian family who recently arrived in Canada is moving into their first apartment on **10 October** and is looking for help with furniture and household items. As you can imagine, they left most of their belongings behind when they came here. If you know of anyone who could donate something, please contact Olena by email at [pavlenko23041960@gmail.com](mailto:pavlenko23041960@gmail.com) or you can call their hosts Dona and John at 506-488-8112. Items required: queen bed, twin bed, kitchen table with chairs, sofa, dressers, 2 desk tables.



### ONLINE SESSION ON ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN CANADA

Please join Wilmot in the UC parlour for an online event on **October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30pm**. Desmond Cole is an award-winning writer and anti-racist activist. He is the author of "The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power." He speaks extensively about anti-Black racism in the Canadian context. On Oct 11, **he'll be speaking with us – the United Church & friends!** Desmond will start off this year's weekly sessions (Oct 11- Nov 22) of 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism as the first speaker in the 40 Days Live Event series. (*NO, you do NOT*

*have to commit for 40 days!*) For more info and/or to rsvp (but not necessary) contact Judy 454-5631 or [judycoates@rogers.com](mailto:judycoates@rogers.com) (call if need a ride). *Note – if you prefer, you can register & tune in from your own home.*

### SALMON SUPPER TAKE OUT

The New Maryland United Church Men's Club is holding a Salmon Supper Take Out on Sunday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>** at the New Maryland Rec Centre. Meal includes a generous portion of BBQ salmon, baked potato, mixed vegetables, roll, pickles and homemade apple crisp. Price is \$20. Take-Out times are 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, or 5:30 pm. For tickets, call the church at 459-3313 or Keith Ball at 455-1948.

### DEATH EXPO

The second annual Death Expo is being held in Fredericton on Thursday, **October 20<sup>th</sup>** at the New Maryland Centre from 10 am to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome! Admission is free thanks to a grant from the Horizon Health Network. Over 25 exhibitors will share information and resources for end-of-life care.

This year we have partnered with When You Die, Halifax, to bring a private screening of the film *In The Realm of Death & Dreaming* to Fredericton. Wednesday, **October 19**, 6:30 pm at the New Maryland Centre. Johanna Lunn, film Director, will be present for a Q&A following the movie. The seating is limited and the fee is \$10. Please register at Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/3dvo2SO>). Follow us on Facebook at D.I.E. Death Information and Education for updates. For more information contact Anne Marie Hartford at [hartfordam@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordam@gmail.com) or Karen Lake at [Hello@KarenLake.ca](mailto:Hello@KarenLake.ca)

## FLOOR CURLING AT FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH (FHUC)

Join us from **10 am to noon on Wednesdays** at FHUC for floor curling. Instead of ice, broom and flat stones, we use the floor and stones on 3 wheels. They can be thrown the regular way, or by using a stick which goes over the handle. You can be upright or seated to play.

Curling provides gentle exercise in a friendly surrounding. Try it out for two weeks free of charge. The annual cost is 10.00 plus 2.00 each time you come. For more information, please contact Mary or Margie

at [foresth.office@bellaliant.com](mailto:foresth.office@bellaliant.com) or leave your contact

information at 455-0988. Covid protocols require hand washing or sanitizing when entering the hall and masking when moving about in the building. FHUC is an accessible location. FHUC is at 45 Kimble Court, around the corner from St. Margaret's Anglican Church and beside the ball diamonds at Bliss Carmen Middle School.



## RUMMAGE SALE AT WILMOT UNITED

Our yearly rummage sale is approaching. The rummage sale will take place at Wilmot United Church (473 King Street) on: Friday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## CHILI TAKE-OUT SUPPER!

Delicious Mild Beef Chili Take-Out Supper, Friday, **October 21**, pick up from 4:00-5:30pm, Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Enjoy mild beef chili, homemade roll, Caesar salad and apple crumble tart for \$15. Reserve your take-out meals by Monday, October 17 with Rindy or Tom Austin, 450-7151.

## TURKEY DINNER AT GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a "Turkey Dinner", Wednesday, **October 26**, 4 - 6 p.m. Cost \$15/adult and \$5/child. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

A poster for a rummage sale at Wilmot United Church. The top section has the text "Wilmot United Church RUMMAGE SALE" in blue and red. Below this is an illustration of various clothing items hanging on a rack. The text "Fri, Oct 21: 9-5" and "Sat, Oct 22: 9-12" is placed below the clothing. A yellow banner at the bottom lists categories: "CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR | KITCHENWARE | BEDDING | DECOR & TOYS". At the very bottom, it says "King & Carleton, downtown Fredericton Please wear mask."/>

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