

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

May 28th, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. ~ Matthew 28:16-20

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE:

GREETING/WELCOMING: ¹

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: ²

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

INTROIT: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

VU 382~ V1

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) ³

Take a breath. Feel the presence of God's Spirit fill your lungs! Feel the warmth of this place and the warmth of those around you in this community of faith.

We can feel God's fire burning inside of us, God's Spirit moving in this Place!

Open yourself to the wonders of God's creation, living and working in our Lives.

God brings us together to help those around us and to be open to help offered to us.

This is a sacred place, a wonderful space, a gathering space filled with hope, care and love.

By the wonder of the Spirit, we are God's presence. We have come to live into our call! Come Holy Spirit! Come!

OPENING PRAYER: ²

HYMN: *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

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

SHARING THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR SCRIPTURE: *Holy Spirit, Hear Us*

VU 377 ~ V2

*Holy Spirit, shine now
on the book we read;
light its holy pages
with the truth we need.*

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:14-39

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *God, We Praise You for the Morning*

VU 415

*God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.*

*God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.*

*God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.*

*God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.*

*God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!*

MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR THE DOWNTOWN UNITED PROJECT:

INVITATION TO GIVE FROM THE HEART: ⁴

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

VU 544

*In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.*

*O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison) ⁵

Holy God, thank you for sending your Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Christ. We wait for your guidance and power, fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope, and love. We make our offerings as witnesses to your grace and mercy. We dedicate ourselves and them to your good purposes in the world by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: ²

LORD'S PRAYER:

SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

HYMN: *I Feel the Winds of God*

VU 625

*I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.*

COMMISSIONING: (Responsive) ⁶

As we go now to our daily living, may the Spirit come to us in new and exciting ways:

As a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;

As a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;

As a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts of joy.

So let us go now, filled with the Spirit all our days!

BLESSING: ¹

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:

¹ Adapted from *Regional Worship for Congregations 2023*

² *Regional Worship for Congregations 2023*

³ Eric Hebert-Daly as found in *Regional Worship for Congregations 2023*

⁴ Elaine Bigwood Sweet as found in *Regional Worship for Congregations 2023*

⁵ Adapted from *United Methodist Discipleship Ministries*

⁶ *Whole people of God Intergenerational Worship*

Scripture Readers: Narrator 1 – Chris Grant, Narrator 2 – Jane Blakely, Narrator 3 – Cathy Davis

Greeter: Chris Grant **Audio Visual:** Murray Simpson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SUNDAY MAY 28TH, 2023

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.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Paul's is seeking to fill 2 summer student positions for July and August: Office Administration Clerk and Building Maintenance Worker. These positions fall under Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) funding and are 35 hours per week for 8 weeks. Eligibility criteria is: Between the ages of 16 and 30, Canadian Citizen, Have a valid SIN#.

More information can be found on our website at [employment-opportunities](#) Interested candidates can forward a resume and cover letter to stpauloffice224@gmail.com Attn: CSJ or drop-off to the church office at 224 York Street. Application deadline is **May 31st**.



PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items: canned beans, Hamburger Helper, pudding cups, Miracle Whip, Large Apple juice, Rice Krispies, pancake mix, syrup, flour, white sugar, jam, coffee, Coffee Mate, tin foil, cookies, crackers, frosting, ketchup, molasses, dish and laundry soap and Mr. Clean. Thank you for your continued support!

PAR (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)

As we approach a great summer, being a member of PAR is a great method of giving regularly towards the operation of our wonderful church. Contributions to PAR in April by 52 families is of major importance to St Paul's! The amount contributed to OPERATIONS in April was \$8,060.17 and to M&S \$460.00! We encourage you to sign up today for your first time or to increase your present PAR contributions. Every dollar is important! Please call Meghan today at 506-458-1183 or pick up a form at the church entrance Sunday!

DOWNTOWN UNITED CONVERSATION JUNE 4TH AT WILMOT AT 11AM

On **June 4th**, a shortened worship service will flow into a Facilitated Conversation time in the hall in which everyone will be invited to comment about insights gained, questions raised, or reflections pondered during the 4 weeks of Discernment. There will be minimal Credence presentation; the focus will be on listening to one another, listening for how God's Spirit has been stirring and prompting in relation to the 4 questions posed. The Listening time will include lunch (but not right away). Inspired by the picture of the church as a human body, where each part contributes to the whole, we value each voice. While everyone will have an opportunity to speak, no one is required to speak (so don't be shy). Worship in sanctuary: 11- 11:30; worship continues in the gym 11:30-2:15 (including lunch).

WARK/ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's 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 at [scholarships-bursaries](#) Applications must be received on or before **July 31st**.



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BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is cancelled next Wednesday.

DOWNTOWN UNITED PROJECT

The Downtown United Project team, working with our Consultants Cathy and Marijke last weekend, presented 4 questions for all people of St Paul's to reflect on this month to further our discernment on a way forward. Your participation is vital to shape the nature of the project which will be determined. We are asked to spend at least 5 minutes a day reflecting on one of the questions before us. Each week we will receive a reflection guide. Follow the link to access this week's guide. [downtown-unity-project](#)

FUNDSCRIP

Deadline for our next FundScrip order will be **Sunday, June 11th**. Gift cards will arrive in time for distribution on Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day).... don't forget Dad! Order forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex or [click here](#). **Please note:** This will be our final order until the fall when we return to regular church services here at St. Paul's. You may want to order a few extra cards for your grocery shopping, gas purchases and other needs to see you through the summer. *Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.* The church needs your support throughout the year.



NEW ZOOM LINK

As some of you are aware, we were victims of Zoom bombers last weekend. We deeply apologize for any distress you have experienced, please reach out to Rev. Michelle for support. Because of this incident, we will be changing not only our link but a few processes behind the scenes. You are encouraged to log in promptly so that the meeting may be locked, after which you will not be able to join. We will also be removing the ability to unmute your own microphone and have made changes to the chat settings. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740> Passcode 657067. You can still join by phone only, if you don't have a long distance plan charges will apply. All you need to do is call 1 647 558 0588 and follow the prompts to enter Meeting ID 81834519740 and Passcode 657067.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 4th will be a joint service at Wilmot at 11:00am. Our consultants will be joining us to lead a discussion and deepen our discernment. We have heard feedback about length of the morning, so plans are underway to shorten worship and structure meeting differently. Your attendance is very important to the outcomes. Please book the time now to ensure you can fully participate. This is the last large congregational meeting prior to the presentation of project recommendations, which will be released in the fall.



CREMATION URNS

Cremation urns are available at St. Paul's, hand crafted by Harold Raper. These beautiful urns are made from oak and birch and all proceeds go towards church operations. Suggested minimum donation of \$250. To make arrangements to view or for more information, please contact Meghan in the church office at 458-1183 or stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May 28th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Outreach

June 4th ~ Downtown United Service at Wilmot at 11am

June 11th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Board

June 18th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Christian Education

June 25th ~ Downtown United Summer Service @ Wilmot at 10:30am



YARD SALE AT GIBSON MEMORIAL

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a YARD SALE on **June 3rd**, 2023, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. All are welcome!

YARD SALE AT NASHWAAKSIS UNITED

Saturday, **June 10th**, from 8am-12noon at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. We'll have a little of "this" and a lot of "that" – something for everyone. Come and find a new treasure! If you are Spring Cleaning this year, we would be happy to help take your treasures off your hands for our yard sale. Please bring your items to the church on June 7, 8 and 9 between the

hours of 9am-12am. Please no large furniture or clothing items. If you need something picked up, please call Larry or Helen Forward at 506-457-1338.

FRAUD/SCAMMING INFORMATION SESSION

The Nashwaaksis United Church Pastoral Care Committee will be hosting this session, to be held in the auditorium on Tuesday, **June 13th**, 1-3pm. Guest speaker will be Const. Mike Bamford, of the Fredericton City Police. There will be light refreshments.



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