

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

*191 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, and serving others in Christ's name*

Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

10:30 AM

*Light, space, zest—that's GOD! So, with him on my side I'm fearless, afraid of no one and nothing. When vandal hordes ride down ready to eat me alive, those bullies and toughs fall flat on their faces. When besieged, I'm calm as a baby. When all hell breaks loose, I'm collected and cool. I'm asking GOD for one thing, only one thing: To live with him in his house my whole life long. I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet. ~ Psalm 27:1-4 (The Message)*

## GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

**PRELUDE:** Highland Cathedral ~ Callahan

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT:** *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

VU 79 vs 1

*Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Responsive)*<sup>1</sup>

Come into the Messiah's bright and dazzling light-

**the day of God's kingdom dawns.**

Come to learn from the Son of Man-

**the One who makes sense of this human life.**

Come to follow the Son of God who shines with love and power-

**who lights our way into a world in need of good news.**

**OPENING HYMN:** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

VU 104

*We have come at Christ's own bidding  
to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing  
for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples  
for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks in upon our darkness;  
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel  
as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder  
how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.*

*Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.*

## OPENING PRAYER

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

## STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

## THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

## SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Open Our Hearts

MV 21 x 2

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:27-9:8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## CHOIR ANTHEM: At the Name of Jesus ~ Kirkby

## MESSAGE

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

## HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Hope of the World*

VU 215

*Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion,  
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;  
save us, your people, from consuming passion,  
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.*

*Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,  
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
still let your Spirit unto us be given  
to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.*

*Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
showing to wandering souls the path of light;  
walk now beside us lest the tempting byways  
lure us away from you to endless night.*

*Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us  
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;  
we render back the love your mercy gave us;  
take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.*

*Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
who by this sign has conquered grief and pain,  
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious.  
You are our Lord! You shall forever reign.*

**A NEW CREED:**

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

    who has created and is creating,  
    who has come in Jesus,  
        the Word made flesh,  
        to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

    to celebrate God's presence,  
    to live with respect in Creation,  
    to love and serve others,  
    to seek justice and resist evil,  
    to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
    our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
    God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

**OFFERING AND TITHES RECEIVED**

Offerings are collected at the door to the sanctuary, or via e-transfer to [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com). To set up Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) monthly contributions, please contact Meghan in the office.

VU 918

*Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.*

*Because we love you and your work,  
our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own,  
we ask for Jesus' sake.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**GOING FORTH WITH GOD**

CLOSING HYMN: *Go Forth for God*

VU 418

*Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.*

*Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.*

*Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.*

*Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.*

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING: *(Responsive)*<sup>2</sup>

We are people blessed by God,

**Those who have seen the transfigured Christ are blessed in order to be a blessing.**

In Christ's transformation, we glimpse our transformation.

**As we leave this place, we will walk in the light of Christ, taking God's blessing and love into the world.**

*Behold, behold,  
I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold,  
I make all things new, my promises true, for I am Christ the way.*

**POSTLUDE:** Toccata on Amazing Grace ~ Pardini

<sup>1</sup> Rev. Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, February 11, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Fern Gibbard, *We Are People Blessed by God*. Gatheringworship.ca

**Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Alanna Palmer, Jesus – Brad Webb, Disciples – Ann Krause, Peter – Andrew Steeves,  
Voice - Chris Grant

**Greeter:** Mary Stickles **Audio Visual:** John Davis

## 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.

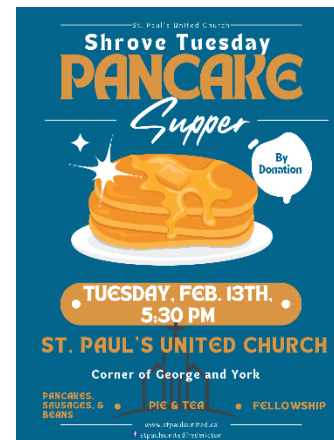
### ANNUAL REPORTS DUE



Sending a gentle reminder that all Committee, Board and Trustee reports are due. Thank you to those who have already made their submission. Please email reports to [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com)

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Paul's Frasier Memorial Hall on **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm. Menu: pancakes, sausage, baked beans, tea, coffee, and dessert. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please reach out to Cathy Davis for more information.



### FELLOWSHIP HOUR SERVERS NEEDED!

Thank you to everyone who has provided for our fellowship time. Currently we are seeking folks to sign up for **February 18<sup>th</sup>** and **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You can help our faith community by picking one day to serve in the coming months. Check the bulletin board across from the hall for available dates.

### BOOKING MEETING SPACE AT ST. PAUL'S

As the use of our space at St. Paul's gets busier, please remember to book your meetings space through the office. Drop by in person, call 458-1183 or email Meghan at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com).

### BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **proteins with flip top lids**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

### PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: laundry & dish detergent, Mr. Clean, tomato sauce, kernel corn, rice, cereal, cookies, puddings, cake mix, white sugar, flour, macaroni, vinegar, ketchup, tea, and large juice. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



### 2023 TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

2023 Tax Receipts are available for pick up at the office. Please feel free to deliver receipts to those you know!

## WARM MITTENS & WINTER BOOTS NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of warm mittens and winter boots for folks without. If you have any gently used items to donate, please drop them off at the office. Many thanks!



## PURDYS EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdys Easter chocolates from our fundraiser!

Our Easter Chocolate Fundraiser begins... NOW! Go get your Easter treats:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1719958-115485>

This year, our goal is to raise \$2000 so we need your help - but don't worry, all the work you're doing is choosing which chocolates to order.

Stock up on beautiful Easter gift boxes, fun chocolate bunnies, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. All profits will go directly to St. Paul's Outreach Programs. So, satisfy those cravings, get all your Easter basket-shopping done while supporting a great cause.

Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate. Just click this link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1719958-115485>, fill out your info you'll need an email address, click "Join Campaign", enter campaign number – 67403, and order to your heart's content!

**The deadline to order is March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Once orders close, we'll notify everyone when and where you can collect your treats. Pick up at St. Paul's will start around March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please share with anyone you know who might be interested. It would help us so much.

Thank you!



## Faith Formation

### GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY

Pick up this reflection guide in the narthex to use as a home devotional or with your friends. This devotional follows the pattern of pray, reflect and do, offering suggestions on how to put the biblical theme into action.

### BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY READING

**Tuesdays from 10:45am-11:45am** we explore the biblical passage for Sunday, seeking to create connections with our lives. Come explore deeper the passage we will be reading. As one participant noted, "it makes Sunday service richer". Join us in the boardroom. Can't make it in person, you can join the discussion via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736183320> Meeting ID: 817 3618 3320 Passcode: 750844

### EVENING SMALL GROUP FAITH EXPLORATION

**Thursdays from 6-7pm** in the Parlor we explore the questions you have, scripture and faith practices to deepen our connection with God and each other. We hope you will join us.

### LENTEN BOOK STUDY

**When Church Stops Working: by Andrew Root and Blair Bertrand.** If you are interested in joining the discussion, please sign up on the bulletin board across from Frasier Memorial Hall. Available in print, e-book, and audio formats order your copy today. If finances are a constraint or if you need help finding a copy of the book, please reach out to Rev. Michelle

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**ASAP** ~ Annual Report Submissions Due  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Lois Walker & Erin Webb  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at **5:30pm**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Downtown United ~ Ash Wednesday Service at Wilmot at 4pm  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Debbie West  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ **Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed!**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Lois & Bill Paterson & Carole Peacock  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Mel & Barb McGuigan & Debbie Allison  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ **Palm Sunday ~ Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed!**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>** ~ Downtown United ~ Maundy Thursday Service at Wilmot  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Downtown United ~ Good Friday Service at St. Paul's  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>** ~ **Easter Sunday Service with Communion ~ Fellowship Hosts Needed**

## KRUT CANDLELIGHT TOUR ~ FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE

Please join Maryna Krut, famous Ukrainian singer, songwriter, and bandura player who is known for her breathtaking performances for her first Canadian Tour. St. Paul's United Church on **February 15<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9pm. Tickets available through EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/krut-fredericton-feb-15-first-canadian-tour-tickets-780705209297?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>. Free for kids under 12.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

The World Day of Prayer Services, prepared by the Women of Palestine will be held at two locations in the Fredericton region:  
**Northside:** St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 1 William Street off the Royal Road on Friday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** at **2:00pm**. Refreshments to follow. Storm date will be Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2:00pm. Wheelchair Accessible. **Southside:** Brunswick Street Baptist Church, 161 York Street on Friday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** at **7:00pm**. Storm date will be March 3, 2024 at 2:00pm. Refreshments to follow. Wheelchair Accessible. You can also watch it on Computer, go to [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) click on World Day of Prayer 2024 Videos.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Wilmot United Church in downtown Fredericton is accepting applications for a **10-14 hr/wk** Church Office Administrator beginning **April 1, 2024** (flexibility re: start date & hours). This position is key to creating a welcoming environment as well as the smooth, efficient, and effective functioning of the church. Its focus will be on reception, communication (i.e. social media, website management, newsletter) and general office responsibilities. Skills required include good interpersonal communication; advanced computer proficiency & knowledge of Microsoft Office products; graphics & database software; ability to work independently in an environment subject to frequent interruptions. Please direct **inquiries** or **covering Letter & resume** to Chair of Ministry & Personnel Committee, Judy Coates, [wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca) cc [judycoates@rogers.com](mailto:judycoates@rogers.com)





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