

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

April 14th, 2024

Third Sunday after Easter

10:30 AM

When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. ~ Mark 6:54-56

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Pastorale ~ Vierne

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

VU 166 Refrain

*Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

Come, it is the time for worship -

The time we come together in praise and prayer.

Celebrating the resurrection, still singing our Hallelujahs,

we come together in praise and prayer.

With joy and with sadness, carrying all the experiences of life,

we come together in praise and prayer.

In the middle of everything going on in our lives and in our world,

This is the time we pause to look intently towards the living God,

Coming together in praise and prayer.

OPENING HYMN: *O God, Whose First Creative Word*

VU 322

*O God, whose first creative word
set universes into place,
who stretched across the whirling void
infinities of time and space;
O speak to our chaotic day
a word of ordered grace, we pray.*

*O Christ who came, the living word,
proclaiming love's redeeming power,
who drained the tempter's bitter cup
and triumphed in earth's darkest hour;
O speak to our despair and pain
a word that kindles hope again.*

*O Spirit, ever-present word,
God's agent of transforming grace,
who seeks to enter every heart
with light its darkness to replace;
O speak within the hearts we raise
a joyful word of faith and praise.*

CENTERING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 3:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: My Song Doth Bless the Lord ~ Martin

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

VU 333

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.*

*Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING:

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

SUNG OFFERING DEDICATION: *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands*

VU 537 vs 2

*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.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

PRACTICE OF THE WEEK

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

VU 344

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,
and drives away all fear.*

*It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.*

*Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.*

*Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.*

*The effort of my heart is weak,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you whom I seek,
I'll praise you as I ought.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New*

MV 115 x2

*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: Carillon deLongpont ~ Vierne

¹ Rev. Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Collective Liturgy, April 14, 2024

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Deborah West, Peter – Ron Naugler

Greeter: Mary Stickles Audio Visual: Murray Simpson

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.

INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW CHURCH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting, we voted in favor of shifting to a Council Model of Governance. This structure will allow greater participation at the decision-making table and improve communication, both are critical in this time of change. Thank you to those who have stepped forward and given of yourself to serve our congregation. There are still a few vacancies; 1-2 more Members at Large and Outreach representative. Please consider if you are being called to these positions.

So, who is on the Council? Let's give a big welcome and thank you to:

Chair – Jane Blakely, Treasurer – Brad Webb, Regional Representative – Ron Naugler, Member at Large – Lita Llewellyn, Property Chair – Patty Trail, Worship Chair – Debbie West, Christian Education Chair – Erin Webb, Ministry & Personnel Chair, Ann Krause, Trustees Representative – Carole Peacock, and Rev. Michelle. Please feel free to reach out to any of them regarding questions, concerns, or suggestions.

REMIT 1

Results of the Vote on Remit 1 - The votes have now been counted! **Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization has passed.** What happens now? As is the case with all Category 3 Remits, if a remit has been approved by a majority of all the regional councils, the General Council must decide to enact it. The decision on enacting the remit will take place at the Annual Meeting of General Council, on October 19, 2024. When the remit has been enacted, the change will be included in the next edition of *The Manual*. (The process for remits is outlined in the United Church Manual, in section F, on pages 108-111.) On the General Council 44 website, you can find more [detailed information about the remit result](#), as well as a [statement from the National Indigenous Council](#) in response to the vote results.

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.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **pudding cups, granola bars, and 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, soda crackers, brown sugar, ritz, flour, molasses, tin foil, paper towel, granola bars, pudding cups, Hamburger Helper, ketchup, and cookies. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



E-SSENTIALS E-NEWSLETTER



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Subscribe to the E-ssentials e-Newsletter and stay informed about the latest information and initiatives from The United Church of Canada. There are a variety of newsletters to choose from, each highlighting different areas of the church's ministries and work. <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

YOUTH @ REGION

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth @ Region is a place of community, a place of fun, and a place of faith for you to meet with others your age from across NB, PEI, and the Gaspé. During Y@R you will have the opportunity to explore faith, learn more about the United Church of Canada, share in music, worship, and a ton of fun. It takes place during the Annual Meeting of the Region May 31st-June 2nd at the University of Prince Edward Island. Registration is \$150 per participant and includes all activities, meals, accommodation, and an event t-shirt (if you need help covering costs speak to Rev. Michelle). Don't miss this opportunity.

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.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesdays from 10:45am-11:45am ~ Bible Study on Sunday Reading

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736183320> Passcode: 750844

Thursdays from 6-7pm ~ Evening Small Group Faith Exploration

April 14th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Sunday School

April 21st ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister

April 28th ~ Joint Service at 11am at St. Andrew's

ORGAN RECITAL AT CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CHURCH

Organ Recital - TODAY, April 14th, 2pm Christ Church Parish Church (245 Westmorland Street.) The Fredericton Organists' Association is presenting an organ recital entitled: *From Darkness into Light: Organ Music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter*. All are welcome to attend this recital of seasonal music performed by Fredericton area organists. Admission by freewill offering with proceeds going to the Fredericton Food Bank.

HAM TAKEOUT AT NASHWAAKSIS UNITED

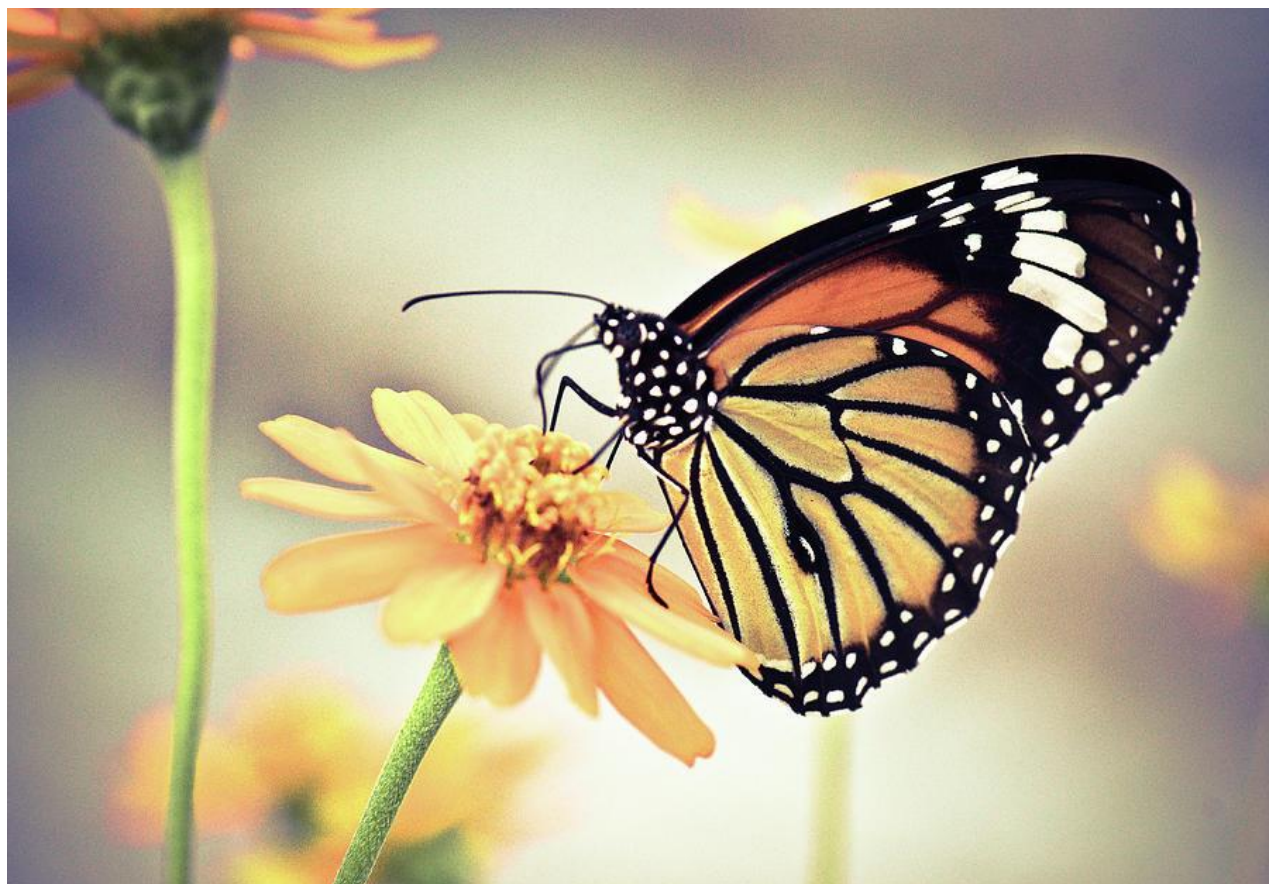
Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, will be hosting a Ham Takeout on Friday, **April 19th**, from 4:00-5:30pm. The menu includes delicious ham, potato and macaroni salads, roll and lemon tart for dessert. The cost is \$15.00. Cut off for reservations is Tuesday, April 16th @ 2pm. Please call the church office at 506-458-9452 or email admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca **please use front door for pickups**

SPRING RUMAGE SALE AT WILMOT

Mark your calendars for the UCW Spring Rummage Sale. Sorting will take place on Thursday, **April 25th**, with the sale happening on Friday and Saturday, **April 26th & 27th**. Donations of spring/summer clothing, housewares, toys, etc. can be left on the gym stage during office hours. To volunteer, contact Linda Gough or call the church office at 506-458-1066 and we can pass along your name.

GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME

A Conversation About Guaranteed Livable Income, sponsored by Wilmot Outreach Committee in partnership With Basic Income Atlantic. **Friday May 3rd from 1-3pm** in **Wilmot's sanctuary**. Refreshments and further discussion following the presentation with Wil Robertson and Dr. Herb Emery with discussion moderator Randy Hatfield. Free of charge.



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