

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

May 5th, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Easter

10:30 AM

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

~ Mark 12:28-31

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Sheep May Safely Graze ~ Bach

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, beloved of God,

Laying aside the hard and harsh way of the world.

Come, beloved of God,

To practice the patient and kind ways of love.

Come, beloved of God,

To trust the love that holds fast in all things.

With hearts and minds open we seek the way of Jesus,

Here we grow in love as we worship.

OPENING HYMN: *God Is Here*

VU 389

*God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

*God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!*

CENTERING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: For Where Love Is There is God ~ Wagner

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Though I May Speak*

VU 372

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

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: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

VU 602

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.*

*Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

*This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.*

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: Dance of the Trumpets ~ Bish

¹ Adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, May 5, 2024, BibleWorm Liturgy.

Scripture Readers: Reader 1 – Brad Webb, Reader 2 – Jane Blakely, Reader 3 – Ann Krause
Greeter: Mary Stickles **Audio Visual:** John Davis

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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 ORDERS DUE SUNDAY!



The deadline for our next gift card order is **Sunday, May 5th**. Several retailers are offering increased donations for every card you buy during May. Please consider buying cards from American Eagle, Boston Pizza, Winners, Home Sense, Marshalls, Chefs Plate and Hello Fresh this month to increase donations to St. Paul's. Remember **Mother's Day is May 12th**... it's not too late to order Mum a gift card! *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!* [Click here to download the May 5th FundScrip order form](#)

INFORMATION SESSION

Following Worship on **May 5th** in the lady's parlor. The EMS team will be sharing the plan for developing the Ecumenical Shared Ministry agreement with St. Andrew's. Come and ask your questions about the work and ESM's in general. Provide feedback on the process. Everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ARE ONLINE

The minutes of the April 7th Annual General Meeting are now posted on our website. [Click here](#) for a direct link. If you would like a paper copy, please reach out to Meghan in the office.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **pudding cups, 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: mayo, salt, macaroni, sardines, tuna, ketchup, pudding cups, soda crackers, tomatoes, rice, salmon, dish & laundry detergent, Mr. Clean, and Kleenex. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



SPRING CONCERTS



FREDERICTON LADIES CHOIR CONCERT

Fredericton Ladies Choir, with special guest Olivia LaPoint, is presenting its Annual Spring Concert at 3pm on **May 5th** at St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church. Tickets are \$20, available at Westminster Books, from St. Paul's choir members (Carole Peacock and Patty Trail) and at the door.

FREDERICTON CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

The Fredericton Choral Society is presenting a Schubert Mass and a Vivaldi Mass, accompanied by the Sarabande String Quartet and noted soloists from N.B., followed by 4 Gospel pieces. 7:30pm on **May 11th** at Grace Memorial Baptist Church. Tickets at the door and from Jane and Debbie. \$25 general, \$10 Students, Free for children.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Are you newer to the congregation, but feel you have found your church home? Have you been attending St. Paul's for a while and want to become a member of this congregation and ensure you have a voice in the changes we are navigating? Contact Rev. Michelle for information on how to officially become a member of St. Paul's.

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.

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

May 5th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Lois Walker

May 12th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Chris Grant, Mary Stickle & Jane Banks

May 19th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosts needed!

May 26th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister

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.

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.

DOWNTOWN UNITED SUMMER SCHEDULE

<p>Please join us this summer for Downtown United + Everyone is welcome!</p>
<p>ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & Via Zoom 512 Charlotte St. Fredericton Tel.455-8220 Sunday Services at 11am June 30th July 7th July 14th https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287?pwd=RFhERHZiU0hHbVpYcjYxRFFNZWdlQT09 Meeting ID: 836 7375 6287 Passcode: 839092</p>
<p>ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH & Via Zoom 224 York St. Fredericton NB Tel. 458-1183 Sunday Services at 10:30am July 21st July 28th August 4th https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740 Password: 657067 View later: https://www.youtube.com/St. Paul's</p>
<p>WILMOT UNITED CHURCH & Via YouTube 473 King St. Fredericton 458-1066 Sunday Services at 11am August 11th August 18th August 25th https://www.youtube.com/c/WilmotUnitedChurch?app=desktop</p>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Forest Hill United Church is hiring a Special Assistant (8-weeks, 35 hr/wk, \$17/hr). The position will combine work in our forest with administrative tasks and work on our Pride participation/Affirm ministry. Applicants need to be between the ages of 15 and 30. Preference will be given to candidates who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. Start date flexible. Contact the church office at forest.office@bellaliant.com or 506-455-0988 for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Brunswick Street Baptist Church (BSBC) is looking for a part-time Administrative and Social Media Assistant. 20 hours per week. \$17.50 to \$19/hr. To apply, please email a cover letter explaining why you are interested in working at BSBC and how your education and experience ensures that you are the perfect candidate for the position, along with your resume, to Kellie Brown at receptionist@bsbc.nb.ca. The deadline for application is 4pm on Monday, May 13th, 2024. For more information see [Administrative and Social Media Assistant Posting.pdf](#)



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