

**SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025**



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Fredericton, N.B.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 AM

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.*

## **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

### **INTROIT: *Open our Hearts***

**MV 21**

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
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### **CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* <sup>1</sup>**

Come in – the power of God is in this place.

**With gratitude and praise, we come into the presence of the Holy.**

Come in – Jesus welcomes all who seek him.

**With trust and hope, we come as we are.**

Come in – the Spirit of love is here.

**With joy, we come to worship the One who calls us into life.**

## **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **HYMN: *We Praise You, O God***

**TBoP 425**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION <sup>2</sup>**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(Responsive)* <sup>3</sup>**

**In Christ, God looks on us with love.**

**In Christ, God meets our brokenness with wholeness.**

**In Christ, we are made new.**

The one who is forgiven much is best known by how much they love — live as God's forgiven people,

For in Christ, you are a new creation.

The old life is gone, and new life has begun.

Trusting that you are forgiven by God's generous love,

live a life overflowing with joy and gratitude. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

### **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

#### **THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY**

##### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)***

**God of wisdom, your Word brings life and hope.**

**By the power of your Spirit, open our minds to understanding,  
teach our hearts to love,**

**and strengthen our wills to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen**

##### **RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**

**and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit,**

**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good as long as you live

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works vindication**

**and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses,

his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,**

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
**as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**FOCAL READING:** Luke 7:36-50

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Sing a New Song to the Lord

~ Sweetheart

**MESSAGE**

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

VU 559

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** <sup>4</sup>

**DOXOLOGY:** *(In Unison)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:*

*Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** *(In Unison)* <sup>4</sup>

**God of generous love, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts,  
for we have received so much through your kindness.**

**Bless our gifts and use them to touch lives in situations  
we cannot even imagine with your love.**

**Make us a blessing in our community for the sake of Christ,  
our Friend and Saviour. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:** *(In Unison)*

*(We recognize a variety of ways to pray the Lord's Prayer. You are invited to pray  
using the words that speak to you and the language of your choice.)*

# **WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY**

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

**VU 333**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING MUSIC: When Jesus Came to be Baptized**

**VU 100 vs 4**

***O Spirit help us be like Christ:  
to live in love and charity,  
to walk in truth and justice now,  
and grow in Christian dignity.***

## **POSTLUDE**

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<sup>1</sup> Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, February 23, 2025

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, February 23, 2025

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<sup>4</sup> The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, February 23, 2025

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***Thank you to our Volunteers today!***

***Scripture Readers:*** Psalm Leader & Pharisee – Debbie West,  
Narrator – Rose Carolyn Smith, Jesus – Patty Trail

***Greeters:*** Mary Stickles & Rose Johnston

***Audio/Visual:*** Beth & Shawn Meister & Glynis Martin

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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.

*Can't make it in person, join via*

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: 2023

*View anytime on **YouTube** here:*

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulsunitedchurch984/videos>

***Please join us in the hall following the service for  
fellowship, tea, coffee, and treats!***

**ST. PAUL'S 2024 TAX RECEIPTS** – St. Paul's 2024 Tax Receipts are in the mail. Keep your eyes open for yours! Please contact Meghan at 506-458-1183 or [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) if you have any question regarding your annual contribution amount.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper by St. Paul's and Saint Andrew's in the hall at 512 Charlotte St on **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm. Menu: pancakes, sausage, baked beans, tea, coffee, and dessert. Spaces are limited. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please reach out to Beth or Shawn Meister for more information.

**ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM** – This month, the Pantry will focus on dish & laundry soap, ketchup and 2.5 kg of flour. Other needs are Mr. Clean, toilet paper, paper towel, Kleenex, tea, coffee, soda crackers, vinegar, molasses, mayo, salt, tomatoes, 1L apple & orange juice, plastic wrap, tin foil, white sugar, canned milk, apple sauce, white & brown rice, macaroni, and spaghetti. Thank you for your ongoing support!

**CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE** - Rev. Michelle can be reached on the main office phone lines, her office directly at 506-455-0639, by text or call to her cell at 506-259-7602 or via email at [michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com). Drop-in office hours are Sundays between 1-2:30pm and Mondays from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS** - Heather Labadie is coordinating Coffee/Fellowship Hour volunteers. Thanks to those who have already responded to her. If you would like to get involved too, please contact her at [heather.labadie@gmail.com](mailto:heather.labadie@gmail.com). You could offer to do a complete "hour" yourself, or you could volunteer to help someone else out. If you are new to this "task", Heather will pair you up with someone who is experienced. If you would like to volunteer to just look after the coffee and tea (and not the snacks), let Heather know. If you would like to provide snacks, but not make the coffee/tea, Heather will work with you to share with someone else who may not want to do the snacks.

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by  
Marg Leonard, Chris Grant & Alanna Palmer

March 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Beth & Shawn  
Meister & Kim Keetch

March 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30pm  
March 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Ash Wednesday Service

**MUSIC OF HER SOUL** - You are invited to Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 512 Charlotte Street on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm to hear beautiful music written by women composers; Fanny Mendelssohn, Helene Fleury Roy, Clara Schumann, and Louise Adolpha Le Neu. Presented by Natalia Delacroix on Viola and Nicolas Roy on Piano. Tickets are \$20 online at [delacroixclassix.com](http://delacroixclassix.com) or \$25 at the door. Tickets are also available at St. Paul's office Monday-Thursday between 8am and 3pm for \$20 each.

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** - Thursday Evening Bible study will be from 6-7pm in Rev. Michelle’s office. This is a Lectio Divina style engagement with the scripture reading for the coming Sunday.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES** - An invitation is extended to all to attend the World Day of Prayer Services in the Fredericton. The World Day of Prayer for 2025 was prepared by the Women of the Cook Island. The theme is “I Made You Wonderful” (Psalm 139: 1-18.)

**Northside:** St. Mary’s Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street, Fredericton on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2pm. Storm Date: Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**Southside:** St. Andrew’s Presbyterian and St. Paul’s United Church, 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2pm. Storm Date: March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**BULLETIN & ENEWS SUBMISSIONS**

Please send announcements to Meghan at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) by noon Wednesday.

**ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Monday – Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program  
Tuesdays ~ Tuesday Morning Ladies Group at 9:30am ~ *All are welcome!*  
Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ Quilting from 1-4pm ~ *All are welcome!*  
Wednesdays ~ Community Outreach ~ Pantry Program from 9-11am  
Thursdays ~ Bible Study from 6-7pm ~ *All are Welcome!*  
Thursdays ~ Choir Practice from 7-8pm ~ *All are welcome!*  
Fridays ~ Community Outreach ~ Breakfast 2 Go from 8:30-10am

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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