

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED

Fredericton, N.B.

April 13th, 2025

Lent 6 ~ Palm Sunday

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.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: All Glory, Laud & Honor

~ Hayes

GREETING:

I greet you in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen.

...

Into this moment we pray:

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

VU 123

*Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.*

*'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.*

*O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(In Unison)*

(You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your heart, and the words that ring deep in your soul.)

CENTERING PRAYER

INVITATORY: Into the Woods My Master Went

~ Richard Shephard

MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE I: Isaiah 52:13-53:6

ANTHEM: What Wonderous Love

~ Dupree

RESPONSE:

Surely he has borne our grief
And carries our sorrows

PRAYER

MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE II: Isaiah 53:7-12

ANTHEM: Drop, Drop, Show Tears

~ McDonald

RESPONSE:

The lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all
For the transgression of my people he was stricken.

PRAYER

MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE III: John 12:31-36a

ANTHEM: The Lord's My Light

~ Fedak

RESPONSE:

And I, if I be lifted up
Will draw all things unto myself.

PRAYER

MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE IV: Luke 19:29-48

ANTHEM: The Simplest and the Best

~ Fedak

RESPONSE:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

PRAYER

MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE V: Luke 23:13-24

HYMN: *Ah! Holy Jesu, How Hast Thou Offended*

TBoP 234

*Ah! holy Jesu, how hast thou offended,
that cruel judgement hath on thee descended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.*

*What was the reason? Who hath thus displayed thee?
Ours is the treason, Saviour, has betrayed thee.
Our sin, Lord Jesus, sold thee and denied thee:
we crucified thee.*

*See, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered:
the slave hath sinned and the Son hath suffered
for our atonement; while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.*

*For us, kind Jesus, was thin incarnation:
thy mortal sorrow and your life's oblation,
thy death of anguish and your bitter passion,
for my salvation.*

*Therefore, kind Saviour, since we cannot pay thee,
we now adore thee and will ever pray thee,
think on your pity and thy love unswerving,
not our deserving.*

RESPONSE:

Be imitators of God, and walk in love:

As Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God

PRAYER

MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE VI: Luke 23:33-43

HYMN: *When I Survey the Wonderful Cross*

VU 149

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

RESPONSE:

For as in Adam all die:

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

PRAYER

MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE VII: Philippians 2:5-11

ANTHEM: It is A Thing Most Wonderful

~ George Bayley

RESPONSE:

Christ did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped;
But emptied himself, being born in the likeness of mortals.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: *Now Thank We All Our God*

TBoP 457 vs1

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: *O Sacred Head*

VU 145

*O sacred head, sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how art thou pale with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish,
which once was bright as morn!*

*Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the cruel pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour,
turn not from me thy face;
but look on me with favour,
and grant to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.*

*Be near when I am dying,
O show thy cross to me;
and for my succour flying,
come, Lord, to set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall not remove,
for all who die believing,
die safely through thy love.*

RESPONSE:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

Save us, and help us, we humbly pray, O Lord.

PRAYER

FINAL RESPONSE:

May the glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ bring us to the joys of Paradise.

Amen.

This service has been adapted from "A Service of Passions, Readings and Music", written by Robert Lehman

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Meditation 1 – Cathy Davis, Meditation 2 – Murray McEachen, Meditation 3 & 7 – Beth Meister, Meditation 4 – Kim Keetch, Meditation 5 – Rick Gremm, Meditation 6 – Tony Watson

Greeters: Mary Stickles & Arlene MacDonald

Audio/Visual: Beth & Shawn Meister & Glynis Martin

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.

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>

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

On behalf of Downtown Churches, Ellen Beairsto will be hosting an Easter Sunrise Service by the river at the end of Carleton Street at 7am, with breakfast to follow hosted by Wilmot. At this time there will be a ritual of remembering those who have passed since last Easter. You are invited to join this resurrected service and greet the Risen Son with the rising sun.

SPRING YARD SALE

The Tuesday AM Ladies' Group, their numbers now increased by their newest members (the St. Paul's ladies), announce their Spring Yard Sale to be held on Friday, **May 2nd** from 3-7pm and Saturday, **May 3rd** from 9-Noon. Donations of items are encouraged to make for an interesting and bountiful inventory for our dedicated regular shoppers and first-time visitors. Drop Off Times for your items are April 22nd through 25th during Office Hours, April 30th – Evening, May 1st - All Day. If these times do not work for you, please contact the Church Offices, or a member of the Ladies Groups to make other arrangements for drop-off.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

The Shawn & Beth Meister, along with the Tuesday Morning Ladies' Group is hosting a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday **May 10th** from 11:30am-1:30pm. Join us for sandwiches, your choice of dessert, tea, coffee, and conversation. Tickets are \$15 each and available for purchase in either church office during regular hours, or after service starting on Easter Sunday. eTransfer available to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.

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ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM

For the month of April, the Pantry will focus on receiving donations of 1L vinegar and ketchup. Other items of need are flour, puddings, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, granola bars, cookies, mayo, salt, tin foil, plastic wrap, and dish & laundry detergent. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support!

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

The Brown Bag Lunch program needs canned proteins with pull tops (such as flakes of meat, Chef Boyardee, chili, sardines), chicken salad & crackers, juice boxes, pudding cups, fruit cups, and small, sweet treats such as mini chocolate bars. Thank you for your generosity.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Ecclesial Assembly is working at strengthening our worship committee and seeking nominations for this important work. If you know of someone who would be a good member or you yourself would like to sit on this committee, please let either co-chair Mary Charters or Roger Millar or Rev. Michelle know. Thank you ~ Rev. Michelle

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

April 13th ~ Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister & Kim Keetch

April 17th ~ DTU Maundy Thursday Potluck at 5:30pm

April 17th ~ DTU Maundy Thursday Service here at 7pm

April 18th ~ DTU Good Friday Service at Wilmot at 11am

April 18th ~ Good Friday STAT Holiday – Offices Closed

April 20th ~ Easter Sunrise Service at 7am, follow by breakfast at Wilmot

April 20th ~ Easter Sunday Service with Communion at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by the Worship Committee

April 21st ~ Easter Monday STAT Holiday – Offices Closed

April 27th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hosted by Debbie West

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. Drop-in office hours are Sundays and Mondays from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

BULLETIN & ENEWS SUBMISSIONS

Please send announcements to Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.

ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday – Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program in St. Paul's Office

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



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Custodian: Doug Newman | **Ministers Emeriti:** Rev. Doug Blaikie & Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery