

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED
FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

April 20th, 2025

Easter 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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Hail This Brightest Day of Days
Thine is the Glory

~ Bach
~ Payne

WELCOME¹

Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

Christ has led us from death to life.

O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

Christ has led us from earth to heaven.

Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

BoP 258

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: This Is the Day

MV122

This is the day that God has made; We will rejoice and be glad!

This is the day that God has made; We will rejoice and be Glad!

Singing hal-le-lu singing hal-le-lu

Singing hal-le-lu, We will rejoice and be glad! (x2)

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

First thing in the morning

We rose, and hurried here because we couldn't wait any longer

We came as soon as we could, not knowing exactly what we would find

Little did we know it was whole new world!

For the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty

Jesus has been brought back to life!

Christ is risen-

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

VU179

A Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R
We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. R
Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. R

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Loving and life-giving God,
you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death.
But we confess that we remain captive to fear,
resisting the hope that new life is possible for us.
We hide in tombs of indifference,
seeking comfort rather than justice in this world.
We cling to resentment and disappointment,
refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness.
Forgive us, O God,
and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION³

O God for whom there are no barriers, no stones too big to remove,
roll away our resistance to you.
Let your words fill us with new life and bring us out from the tomb of indifference, alive
again in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FOCAL SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12

CHOIR ANTHEM: Rejoice and Sing, the Heavens Ring

~ arr. Dick Bolks

MESSAGE

HYMN OF RESPONSE: I Danced In the Morning

BoP 250

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the sun,
And I came from Heaven and I dance on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I dance for the fisherman, for James and John;
They came with me, and the dance went on. R

I dance on the Sabbath and I cured the lame'
The holy people thought it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die. R

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. R

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he. R

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

VU 544

*In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison)⁴

Generous God, we come before you with grateful hearts, recognizing how much you have given us in Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts so that they may spread the hope and joy we feel this day to those who have not yet tasted your kindness. With our gifts, we offer ourselves to you in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Communal response): **Hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE⁵

The Resurrection has begun! The Day of Celebration is here!

Alleluia!

We gather at the table to share in the Banquet of Life!

Here we meet all who share with us the hope for a brighter future!

All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.

Let us eat together.

A PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy One,

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in heaven and on earth,

to celebrate your resurrecting power:

Holy, holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosannah in the highest.

Receive our praise and joy this day, O Christ....

we proclaim our faith and our hope:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Spirit of Life, rising in us and around us,...

And so together we call out

Amen, Amen and again we say Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Grant, O God, that all of us who have joined with Christ on this Day of Resurrection will
rise up as people of hope, people of life, people of the Kingdom.

May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul and energize us as we go
out to share the Good News.

Christ is Risen! He has risen indeed! Death is Defeated! Life Wins!

Alleluia and Amen!

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So god can Use Me

BoP 648 vs 1

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

POSTLUDE: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

~ Bach

¹ Presbyterian Church in Canada Worship Planner Easter Sunday Traditional 2025;

² Presbyterian church in Canada Worship Planner Easter 2025;

³ United Church of Canada, Celebrate God's Presence, pg. 197;

⁴ Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner Easter 2025;

⁵ Adapted from god Waldie Worship offerings March 29, 2012

***Please join us in the Hall following service
for Fellowship, Coffee, Tea and Treats!***

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE!

May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together weekly in person and by Zoom.

Can't make it in person? Join us via

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

View anytime on YouTube here:

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

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Narrator: Ron Naugler, Men: Murray McEachen

Greeters: Jean Boudreau & Mary Stickles

Audio/Visual: Beth & Shawn Meister & Glynis Martin

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.

FREE INCOME TAX CLINIC

Forest Hill United Church is hosting a free income tax clinic on Friday **April 25th** from **9:30am to 1pm**. You qualify for this service if you are 65 or older, housing insecure, a student, a person with disabilities, or have a modest income. To see if you qualify or for more information, please call 506-455-0988 or email foresth.office@bellaliant.com

RUMMAGE SALE AT WILMOT - **Wilmot United Church** is holding a Rummage Sale on **Friday, April 25th** from **11am-5pm** and **Saturday, April 26th** from **9am - 12 noon**. There is something for everyone!

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 loyal repeat 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 Tuesday AM 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 both church offices during regular hours, and after service starting on Easter Sunday. eTransfer available to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.



ST. ANDREW'S (FRIDAY BREAKFAST 2 GO) PANTRY

The Saint Andrew's pantry needs the following items: peanut butter, canned milk, coffee, Cheese Whiz, crackers and Boost or similar nutritional drinks. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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, sardines, canned peas, jam vinegar, mustard, tomatoes, tea, coffee, cookies, granola, cereal, white rice, tin foil, plastic wrap, Mr. Clean, hand soap, paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, 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, pudding cups, and small, sweet treats such as mini chocolate bars. Thank you for your continued generosity.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

Broadview magazine features award-winning coverage of spirituality, justice and ethical living stories and images, inspiring readers to live a purpose-filled life. If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription, St. Paul's group subscription rate is \$25 per year, for 8 issues, mailed directly to your home. You can pay for your subscription in the office via cheque (payable to St. Paul's), cash or by e-transfer. The deadline is **June 1st**. For more information on Broadview click [HERE](#). Reach out to Meghan with any questions or to register or renew at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com or 458-1183.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

April 21st ~ Easter Monday STAT Holiday - Offices Closed

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

May 2nd, 3-7pm and May 3rd, 9-Noon ~ Ladies Group Spring Yard Sale

May 4th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Cathy Davis and Patty Trail

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!*

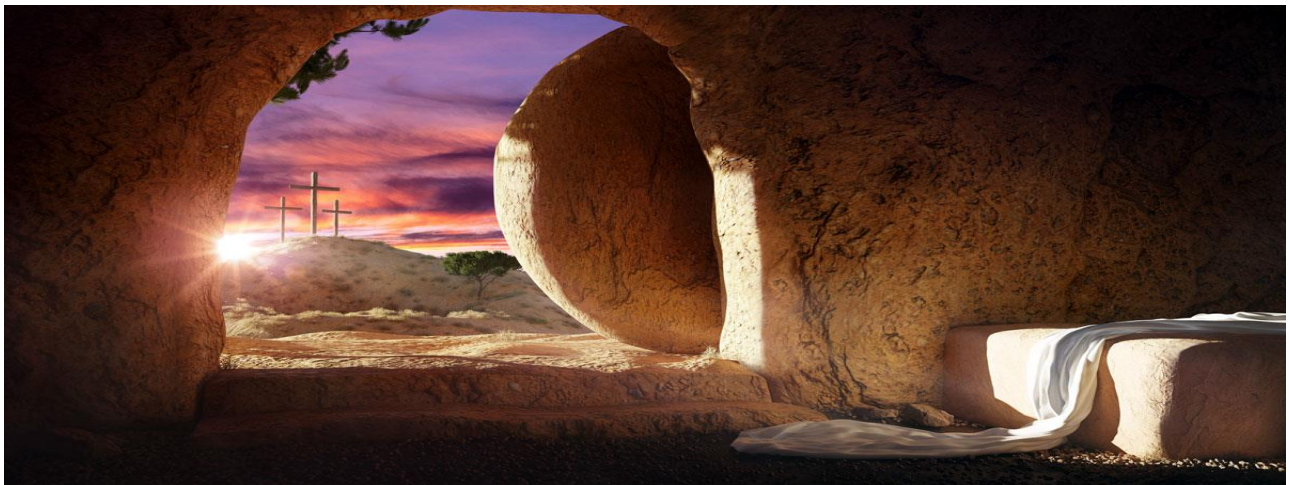
Thursdays ~ Choir Practice from 7-8pm ~ *All are welcome!*

Fridays ~ Community Outreach ~ Breakfast 2 Go from 8:30-10am

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 on Wednesday.



“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus.” —*Luke 24:2-3*

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