

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

Fredericton, N.B.

April 27th, 2025

Easter 1

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: Arioso in A

~ Bach

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *This Is the Day*

MV 122

*This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice and be glad!
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We will rejoice and be Glad!
Singing hallelu singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
We will rejoice and be glad! R*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost,
and the place of resurrection.**

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!

**Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!*

MV 121

Refrain

*Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.*

*Jesus loved people and he made them friends,
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.*

*Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.*

Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He turned all the tables on everything.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Jesus had power and they took him away.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Jesus loves people and he lives again!

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison) ²

You are alive, Lord,

and we can hardly believe it!

We don't know what to think —

we have heard the testimony of the women

but can it be true?

We want to talk about it all

but we can barely find the words

and they don't make any sense anyway

so we just go round in circles.

If we can just get back on familiar ground,

back to the place where we feel at home,

back to the way things were,

back to normal.

Forgive us, God, for our desire to go back when you are going on.

Open your word to us today,

not to confirm what we thought we knew,

but to show us what has always been true but we never could see before.

Open us to your word today,

not to use it for our own ends

but to orient us in your life, that we too may live.

Teach us, Lord,

and when we still don't get it,

sit down at our table and become the host,

revealing yourself the way you always have,

in the breaking of bread.

Make our hearts burn and our eyes blaze with insight.

Make our minds open and our feet quick to follow.

Make our welcome true and our community an anchor for your presence to be made known.

We ask in the name of the One who died and yet lives to redeem us all,

Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)*³

O God of Resurrection, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us now,
so that as your Word is read and preached,
we might hear, understand, and believe. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

**You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

~ Bayley

MESSAGE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

TBoP 256

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat new springing green.*

*In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
sure that he would never, never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again, like wheat new springing green.*

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead my living Lord is seen;
love is come again, like wheat new springing green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again, like wheat new springing green.*

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, with our gifts we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love, our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these gifts and the ministry of our congregation; and bless the ways in which we share in fostering your love and resurrection through the mission work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada. May what we offer spread the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.)

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

VU 586

*We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

TBoP 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: Psalm 19

~ Marcello

¹ Carol Penner, Leading in Worship. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>

² Teri Peterson, Bibleworm Liturgy, April 27, 2025

³ Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, April 27, 2025

⁴ Adapted from Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, April 27, 2025

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Psalm Leader & Jesus – Barbara Cull-Wilby, Narrator & Disciples – Jean Boudreau, Cleopas – Debbie West

Greeters: Mary Hossack & Carole Peacock

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>

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 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.

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

St. Andrew's Presbyterian & St. Paul's United Churches

Mother's Day Tea

Saturday May 10

11:30 am- 1:30 pm

512 Charlotte St

\$15/ ticket

E-transfer:

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Tea, Sandwiches,
Dessert & Conversation



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.

SAINT ANDREW'S 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 May, the Pantry will focus on receiving donations of salt and 1L vinegar. Other items of need are jam, cookies, sardines, baking powder, coffee, tea, sugar, ketchup, tin foil, plastic wrap, and Mr. Clean. 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.

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

April 27th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Debbie West
May 4th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hour Hosted by Cathy Davis & Patty Trail
May 11th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister & Kim Keech
May 18th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*
May 25th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour Hosted by Debbie West
June 1st ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour Hosted by Cathy Davis & Patty Trail
June 8th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hour Hosted by Debbie West
June 15th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*
June 22nd ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*
June 29th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*
July 6th ~ DTU Service Here at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*
July 13th ~ DTU Service Here at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*
July 20th ~ DTU Service Here at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*
July 27th ~ DTU Service Here at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*



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 BLING JEWELRY SALE

In support of Fredericton Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers. Saturday, **May 10th**, from 9am to 4pm (cash or cheque) at Wilmot United Church, 473 King Street. Proceeds to Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho.

SPRING SONGS & SWEETS CONCERT

The Fredericton Choral Society invites you to its concert, Spring Songs & Sweets, on Saturday, **May 10th**, at 7pm. It promises an evening of wonderful choral music, followed by a reception with sweet treats to tempt your palate. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, available at the door. Come to Christ

Church (Parish) Church at the corner of Westmoreland and Charlotte Streets. Contact Jack Walsworth for more information at jlwals@nbnet.nb.ca or 506-478-1980.

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

BULLETIN & ENEWS SUBMISSIONS

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



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