

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

Fredericton, N.B.

May 18th, 2025

Easter 5

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

Welcome Rev. Basil Lowery

PRELUDE: Prelude on Rhosymedre

~ R. Vaughan Williams

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!

All people together!

With one voice, let us praise the Lord!

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

TBoP 466

*Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.*

*Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison) ¹

Loving God,
Jesus commanded us to love one another
so the world would know we follow him.
Yet we confess we do not always love one another,
as Jesus loves us.
The world has seen our squabbling,
our history of hypocrisy,
and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain.
Loving God, forgive us.
Lord Jesus, continue to love us.
Holy Spirit, fill us with love,
so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE ¹

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 148
Acts 11:1-18
John 13:31-35

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: A Mighty Wind

~ arr. S. Andrews

MESSAGE: God's Bouncer or God's Ambassador?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *O for a World Where Everyone*

TBoP 730

*O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,*

*where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING ¹

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)* ¹

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love, and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts we bring and make them signs of hope and renewal in the world we serve in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *Let There Be Light*

VU 679

*Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;*

*open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;*

*perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;*

*hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name;*

*your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;*

*let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.*

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: St. Anthony Chorale

~ F. J. Haydn

¹ Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, May 18, 2025

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Greeters: Muriel Aiken & Mary Stickles

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>

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Michelle will be away for Continuing Education from May 12th through 19th. Emergency pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Brian Delong. He can be contacted via phone at 506-363-2360.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED THURSDAY

Rev. Michelle is away on training this week, so Thursday evening bible study is cancelled.

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.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of St. Paul's will take place on Sunday **May 25th** following service. Advance copies of the Annual Report and proposed budgets can be obtained through the office prior to the meeting, and on our website by [CLICKING HERE](#). Financials will be available on our website on May 23rd.

PLANT SALE

St. Paul's & Saint Andrew's Choir will be hosting a fundraising plant sale on **June 7th** at 512 Charlotte Street. Come and get your perennial & annual plants, gardening tools, pots, decorations and more. There is something for everyone! Donations of the mentioned items for the sale can be dropped off at the church starting Sunday June 1st and throughout the week during office hours.

UNITED CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2025, the United Church celebrates its 100th Anniversary. On Sunday, **June 8th** a special city-wide worship service of celebration will be happening at Fredericton High School theatre. You are invited to join this once-in-a-lifetime celebration, and we worship God and give thanks for the church we love. Roger Millar is the representative from St. Paul's on the organizing committee.

SAINT ANDREW'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saint Andrew's Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday **June 8th**, following worship service. A reminder that reports are due ASAP. ~ Doug Blaikie

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, brown & white & Icing sugar, tea, coffee, white rice, pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, flour, baking powder, Cheez Whiz, ketchup, mustard, soda crackers, Ritz, cookies, chocolate pudding, canned fruit, canned milk, canned corn & yellow beans, large apple & orange juice Mr. Clean, Comet, paper towel, toilet paper, hand soap, wax paper, dish soap, and Kleenex. 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.



PLANT SALE SATURDAY JUNE 7th

9AM TO 12PM

St. Paul's & Saint Andrew's Churches
512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton

Perennial & Annual Plants, Gardening Tools,
Pots, Garden Decorations & more.
Something for everyone!

Fundraiser for the Choir

Donations of plants & gardening items welcome!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May 18th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hosted by Heather Labadie

May 25th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*

June 1st ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour Hosted by Cathy Davis & Patty Trail

June 8th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*

June 15th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister

June 22nd ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*

June 29th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Brunswick Street Baptist Church is so excited to share something deliciously special with you! To support our youth as they prepare for this summer's Tidal Impact Mission Trip, we're selling a one-of-a-kind church cookbook—filled with over 140 treasured recipes from our congregation. From potluck favorites to family classics, get one today and enjoy the tasty treats, entrées, soups, salads, and so much more included in this book! *Cookbook Cost: \$20.*

Available: Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, in the church office at 161 York Street. Contact: 506-458-8348 or receptionist@bsbc.nb.ca Every purchase helps offset the cost of going on the Tidal Impact mission trip to PEI and brings our youth one step closer to loving others and living out the heart of Jesus on this mission trip. Let's help our youth make an eternal impact—one recipe at a time, while you enjoy some tasty food along the way.

SALAD PLATE TAKE OUT

Marysville UCW will be having a Salad Plate take out **May 30th**. Pick-up 4 to 6 pm. Menu: Potato salad, turkey salad, coleslaw, roll and squares for dessert. Cost \$15. Call (506) 450-3082 to order.

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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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