

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

Fredericton, N.B.

May 4th, 2025

Easter 3

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: Air

~ Handel

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)*

Come singing praises to the Lord,

We come this morning to give thanks.

Come laying your challenges at Christ's feet,

We come because God is faithful, standing with us through challenges and change,

Come hearing God's word for today.

We come in humility, with hearts open to God's call.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

TBoP 757

*Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend,
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!*

*For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now praise the Lord!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison) ¹

You, Lord have gifted us with all we need to serve you and one another.
Forgive us when we try to keep the power contained,
holding too tightly and discouraging others you are calling.
You have set us in community and taught us to love.
Forgive us when we overlook those neighbours, we think we have less in common with,
leaving them to fend for themselves.
You have given us the words to speak up about your life-giving power.
Forgive us when we withhold our testimony,
and allow others to distort your story.
Revive us with your word today, O God,
and renew us not only in faith but also in vision and courage
to live as your Body in this place.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE ²

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (In Unison) ²

God, source of all wisdom,
by your Word, you give light to the soul.
Pour out your spirit of understanding on us,
so that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way.
Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-34a, 46

FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Carol of St. Thomas

~ Greening

MESSAGE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Take My Life and Let It Be*

VU 506

*Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;*

*take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.*

*Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

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)* ³

Gracious God, you have given us life and furnished it with much beauty and blessing. In Christ you have given yourself to us. So, in turn, we offer to you what we count as our own. We give this portion of what we have received to share in the work of your kingdom. Use our energy and ability, our wealth and our voice, for your purposes, for the sake 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: *For All the Saints*

TBoP 611 vs 1-2, 5-8

*For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*The golden evening brightness in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

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!
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anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

POSTLUDE: Toccata

~ Dubois

¹ Adapted from Teri Peterson, Bibleworm Liturgy, May 4, 2025

² Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, May 4, 2025

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Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Reader & Freedman – Cathy Davis, Narrator – Rebecca Jonah, Disciples & Stephen – Jean Boudreau

Greeters: David Charters & 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>

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



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, brown sugar, tea, pancake mix, syrup, Corn Flakes, white sugar, white flour, 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

- 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!*

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY – WHY IT MATTERS NOW

John Philip Newell is the former warden of the Iona Abbey community in the Scottish isles, and a current Celtic teacher and author of spirituality who calls the modern world to reawaken to the sacredness of Earth and every human being. On Wednesday **May 7th**, 6-8:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, John Philip will give a talk on themes of Celtic Christian spirituality followed by a brief opportunity for spiritual practice in response, and a book-signing reception at the end. In person tickets are \$20; the event will be live streamed as well (no fee) but not recorded. Everyone **MUST** register in advance. For more info and access to the online registration site, see this page on the CCC website: <https://cccath.ca/2024/12/23/celtic-spirituality-with-john-philip-newell/>

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.

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.

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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