

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN
and
ST. PAUL'S UNITED
Ecumenical Shared Ministry

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Third Sunday after Pentecost



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*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional
unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples.
This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"
which Wəlastəkwiyyik (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 Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik)
title and established the rules for what was to be
an ongoing relationship between nations.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: Passacaglia

~ Fey

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle¹ (Responsive)

Light should be understood as more than simply a generic light. Light can be opened into the entire spectrum of colours.

Light can overcome fear and shadows and guide us on our way.

Light may reveal a particular vision, and insight, and inspiration that opens the door to understanding life and relationships in new ways.

This morning, we light this Christ candle, naming Jesus in our lives as life-giving in a full spectrum of dimensions.

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 hal-le-lu singing hal-le-lu

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

Call to Worship:² (Responsive)

We are shaken to the core by events around us and our faith fluctuates

And yet God is at the center of our being.

As you settle into this place of worship, be refreshed, renewed and ready to be born again.

This is why we gather, to be strengthened for our journey.

Sing God's praises, pray unceasingly, love abundantly.

With God's help, we can do these things and more.

Let us be convinced, and reflect, the inclusive, compassionate way of God's kingdom,

In this place and all places of our lives.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 'My Love Colours Outside the Lines'

MV 138

1. My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

2. My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

3. & 4. We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking
from time to time.
And we'll never move the grave-stones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

God made creation with abundance and variation.

Then gave us hearts to love all that God has created.

And so we remember that God's grace is new every morning forgiving our failures and opening our eyes to see anew.

Thanks be to God for grace everlasting.

Words of Assurance

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Story time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Prayer for Understanding: ³ (Unison)

God of wisdom, by our spirit, open our minds to your truth, our hearts to your gospel,
and our hands so that we can do your will, in the name of Jesus, your Living Word.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

(This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**)

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: 'Will You Come and follow me'

TBoP 634

**1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Invitation to the 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 Dedication³ *(Unison)*

O God, we know you to be kind and generous, so we bring our gifts in gratitude and joy.
Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and on our lives, so that we may bear the fruit of
your Spirit in every situation and relationship, through Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

Closing Hymn: *'We Are Pilgrims'*

VU 595

We are pilgrims on a journey. Fellow travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant. Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you; speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant. Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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: Coronation March

~ Rizzotto

¹ Bill Perry, *Gathering Pentecost 1 2025*, pg. 29; ² Adapted from Eric Hebert-Daly *Gathering Pentecost 1*, pg. 30; ³ Presbyterian Church in Canada *Worship planner June 29th, 2025*

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.

Please join us in Hall following the service for refreshments.

Thank you to our Volunteers:

Greeters - Rose Carolyn Smith and Mary Stickles

Scripture Reader - Deborah West

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin and Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters - Paul Lawson and Colleen Watson; Bill Patterson

Fellowship Host - Debbie Allison, Barb McGuigan and Lois Paterson

THIS MORNING at the back of the church there is a card for Murray McEachen who is in the hospital. Please take time to add your greeting so he will know we are thinking of him. Thanks!

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

for the **Sundays** of **July 6th, 20th, 27th**

July 13th - Shawn and Beth Meister and Kim Keetch

GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR? ALREADY IN UNIVERSITY?

Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's and plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the **Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds**. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available at <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca> under Resources". **Applications must be received on or before July 31st**

ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM - This week we are asking for donations of sardines, Jello, cookies, toothbrushes and hand soap. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

THE BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

needs canned proteins with pull tops (such as flakes of meat, Chef Boyardee, chili, sardines), chicken/tuna salad & crackers, pudding cups, fruit & apple sauce cups, and small, sweet treats such as mini chocolate bars. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SAINT ANDREW'S BREAKFAST 2 GO PROGRAM asks for donations of the following items: peanut butter, canned milk, coffee, Cheese Whiz, crackers and Boost or similar nutritional drinks. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

Rev. Michelle can be reached on the main office phone lines, her direct office line 506-455-0639, by text or call to her cell number: 506 259-7602 or via email at michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com. Her drop-in office hours are Sundays & Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

Volunteer Opportunity with CNIB – Make a Difference in just 1-2 Hours a week! We're looking for kind and compassionate volunteers to spend just one to two hours a week with individuals living with sight loss. Your time can make a big difference – whether it's reading, chatting, going for a walk, or simply offering companionship. If you think you could be that person, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to learn more. Denise Miller at denise.miller@cnib.ca or (506) 871-0657.

Ongoing Church Activities

Monday - Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program

Tuesday AM Ladies Group is on summer vacation - See you in September!

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!*

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

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person? Join via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: 2023

Summer Worship Schedule:

We give thanks that our worship continues through the summer with our neighbours at Wilmot United Church!

- **June 29 - July 27** Worship hosted by St Andrew's/St Paul's,
Start time 10:30AM

(No Sunday school; resuming in September.

Please feel free to use activities provided in the main entrance for your little ones!)

August Worship Hosted by Wilmot, start time 10:30AM

- **Aug 3** - Kurt Schmidt
Director Youth & Adult Formation, Christ Church Cathedral
- **Aug 10** - Kimberley Douglass (LLWL)
- **Aug 17-31** - Rev Russ

Summer Office Hours:

St. Paul's United Church Office Hours:

- **July** - Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10AM - 2PM

August - Office Closed (email and voicemail will be checked regularly)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Office Hours:

- **July** – To be announced.

August - Office Closed.