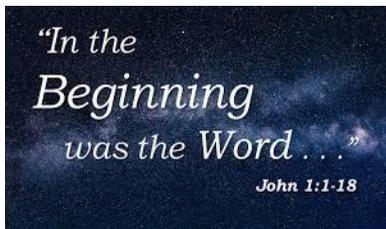


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN
and
ST. PAUL'S UNITED

Sept. 7, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
13th 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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: 'Blessed Assurance'

~ James

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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'Come, All you People'

MV 2

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

Come now and worship the Lord.

Call to Worship: ¹ *(Responsive)*

Minister: How manifold are the works of our God,
who brought all things into being

Left side: **Breath by Breath- it was so**

Right side: **Word by word – it was so**

Left side: **Piece by piece – it was so**

Right side: **Day by day – it was so**

Left side: **Blessing by blessing –**
by God's wisdom it was so

Minister: And God saw it was good.

All: **God saw it was very good!**

Opening Hymn 'Morning has broken'

TBoP 814

***1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
black bird has spoken like the first bird.***

***praise the singing! Praise for the morning!
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.***

**2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;
born of the one light Eden saw play;
praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

Prayer of Adoration²

God of all creation, you have formed the world in beauty
and filled it with creatures of your love and purpose.
Each one declares your praise- The mountains state your majesty;
The ripened fields, your generosity.
Birds fly aloft singing of your freedom;
The tiny ant works with your persistence.
And what do we declare about you with our lives, Creator?
We pray our relationships speak of your love and compassion,
So that we praise you not just in this hour, but in all our waking and working.
Challenge us to fulfill our role in creation through the guidance of the Spirit
and in the Grace of Christ, that we may take our place as part of your blessing,
creating and re-creating in the world from generation to generation.

Prayer of Confession¹ (*Unison*)

**We confess that we have mis-used the power you have given us,
misrepresenting your image in the world,
disrupting the cycle of your blessing.
We have tried to harness earths creativity for our own ends.
We have hoarded things meant to be shared,
We have acted like we are in charge,
And now all of creation suffers.
Forgive us for dominating instead of co-existing.
Forgive us for abusing instead of nurturing.
Forgive us for taking your place instead of living faithfully in the place you made for us.
Restore the order of your creation, O God,
And restore us within it, to live reflection your image as you intend.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, the Word through whom all is made. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for All Ages

Sung Prayer for Illumination *'Listen, God is Calling'*

MV 97

***Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.***

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Responsive Psalm: 104: 24-35

VU 827 Part 2

O God how manifold are your works!

With Wisdom at your side you made them all,

The earth is full of your creatures.

There lies the great and mighty Sea,

Teeming with living things both great and small.

Upon it sail the ships,

And there is Leviathan, the monster you have made to play in it.

All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

What you give them they gather up.

When you open your hand,

you fill them with good things.

But when you hide your face they despair.

When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

But when you send out your spirit, they live again,

And you renew the face of the earth.

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

May you rejoice, O God, in your works.

When you look at the earth it trembles,

When you touch the mountains they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live.

I will praise my God while I have being.

New Testament: John 1:1–5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Anthem

'Be Thou My Vision'

~ Shepherd

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response

VU 296

'This is God's Wonderful World'

**1. This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**2. This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair,
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**3. This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offerings

Doxology

'Praise God from whom all Blessings flow'
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

VU 541

Prayer of Dedication²

O God, we offer these gifts to you. Bless them and use them to heal and reshape the world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn

'Let All Things Now Living'

TBoP 338

**1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forever we travel from light into Light.**

**2. By law God enforces: the stars in their courses,
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving;
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Response

'Teach Me, God, to Wonder'

TBoP 704 Vs 3

**Let me, God, Be ready,
Let me be awake
In your world of loving my place take.
Praise to you be given,
Love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated Joy you give.**

Postlude: 'Postlude on Coronation'

~ Payne

¹ Adapted from Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy September 7, 2025; ² Adapted from the Presbyterian Church in Canada Worship Planner, Sept. 7, 2025.

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME EVERYONE!

May this service be a blessing to you as we continue to worship together each week, in person and online via Zoom.
Please join us in Hall following the service for refreshments.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Greeters - Arlene MacDonald and Mary Stickles

Scripture Readers - Rose Carolyn Smith; Deborah West

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Hospitality Hosts - Joanna Price, Glynis Martin and helpers

Counters - Saint Andrew's and St. Paul's tellers

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE - Rev. Michelle can be reached at either office number, on her direct office line (506-455-0639), by text or call to her cell # (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 adequate time to connect.

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person?

Join us via YouTube here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287>

Passcode: 2023

View anytime on YouTube:

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

SAINT ANDREW'S BREAKFAST 2 GO PROGRAM - The Friday morning pantry needs supplies for our breakfast guests. Donations of canned pasta, canned soup, pudding, Cheeze Whiz, peanut butter, coffee, boost/ensure or other nutritional drinks as well as toothbrushes and paste, shampoo, razors and laundry pods would be welcomed. Thank you for your 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 ongoing generosity.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

Mission & Outreach Committee - Wednesday Sept. 10th, 1:30 pm. in the Hall

St. Paul's Council – Wednesday, September 10th, 6 p.m., in the Church

Ecumenical Assembly – Thursday, September 24th, 5:30 p.m., in the Hall

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Monday - Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Tuesdays ~ Tuesday Morning Ladies Group at 9:30 a.m. *All are welcome!*

Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ Quilting from 1 - 4 p.m. ~ *All are welcome!*

Wednesdays ~ Community Outreach ~ Pantry Program from 9 -11am

Thursdays ~ Bible Study from 6 - 7 p.m. ~ *All are Welcome!*

~ Choir Practice at 7 pm. ~ *All are welcome!*

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

CHAIR YOGA - Consider joining us at Christ Church Cathedral, 150 Church Street (wheelchair accessible) on Fridays from 10:15 -11:00 am (starting on Sept. 12) with instructor Monique Smith. CY is a gentle way to stretch and strengthen, and is suitable for all ages and mobility levels. Only \$5.00 per session - drop-in for one or all classes - no need to register for the entire term.

Questions? Email office@christchurchcathedral.com

FREDERICTON CHORAL SOCIETY LAUNCH - Hello Fredericton singers! Fall is coming, and we hope you'll consider joining the Fredericton Choral Society for the singing of some choral classics. This fall our concert date is Dec. 16, 2025, and we will be performing highlights from Part 1 of Handel's "Messiah" as well as "Carols of the Nativity" by Stephen Chatman, accompanied by the East Coast Brass. The Fredericton Choral Society is a non-auditioned choir which rehearses each Monday, 7-9 p.m. at Christ Church (Parish) Church, corner of Westmorland and Charlotte Streets in downtown Fredericton. Our first rehearsal for fall 2025 will be Monday, September 8, 7-9 p.m. at "The Parish Church". . For more information, please contact: Greg Geldart at gregfredericton@gmail.com.

YARD SALE AND CAFÉ - Gibson Memorial United Church (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a Yard Sale and Cafe on Saturday, September 13th, 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. All are welcome!



NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

Smile . . . we want to see your happy face in the new Saint Andrew's/St. Paul's photo directory!

The directory will be produced by Universal Portraits, the company responsible for past directories at both churches. It will have two sections, one for each congregation. Work on the new directory started over the summer with volunteers reaching out by phone and e-mail with an invitation to participate. Although we weren't able to connect with everyone, the response has been very positive! If you were away, have a new phone number or changed your email address, we may have missed you. We'd love to hear from you. Please see details below.

Once we have your name and telephone number, we will forward your information to Universal. Someone from Universal will call you during September to book an appointment for your photo.

The photographer will be at the church from Tuesday, October 28 until Saturday, November 1. Appointments for photo sittings will be from noon to 7:40 p.m. most days and from 10 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. on Saturday. Photos can be for individuals, couples or family groups. There is no charge for the photo sitting and you will receive a free copy of the directory.

You'll be able to see your photo as soon as it has been taken. That's when you can decide if you want to order any prints. The photographer can provide information on photo sizes and prices. And yes, your pictures will be ready in time for Christmas gift-giving!

If you would like to have your picture in the directory or have any questions, please contact:

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