

SAINT ANDREW'S
Presbyterian
and
ST. PAUL'S
United
Ecumenical Shared Ministry

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14th Sunday after Pentecost



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***Bulletin submissions:
Noon Wednesday***

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: 'Three Gospel Songs for Worship' ~ G. Stafford

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: 'Come, All you People' **MV 2**

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

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Come now and worship the Lord.

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We come together, seeking to walk in faith.

**We worship the God who fulfills promises and
provides all we need.**

Just as God was faithful to Abraham and Sarah—bringing
life from barrenness—

**So God is faithful to us, calling us into his way,
with hope and purpose.**

Even when the path is costly, when the next step feels
risky—God goes before us.

On the mountain, the Lord provided.

On our journey, the Lord will provide again.

This is a season to trust, to step out, to believe that God will
do what God has said.

**So we lift our eyes, open our hearts,
and offer our lives in praise and prayer.**

Opening Hymn: 'Come to my Heart'

VU 661

***Come to my hear, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.***

***Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come to my heart today.***

Refrain:

**Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come To my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

**2. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today. R.**

**3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today. R.**

Prayer of Adoration: ¹

God revealed to us in story,
We gather in your presence this day,
drawn by the storytelling of your people over the centuries.
You are the source of wisdom we seek,
Your mercy eases our troubles and stirs our hearts,
Your promises are our delight.
Thank you for the faithful people who recorded their experiences of your presence,
For these stories have the power to challenge and change.
We praise you for your continued providence and guidance, mercy, and grace. Amen

Prayer of Confession: *(Unison)*

**Holy God,
You give yourself to us,
And call us to bring our full selves to you.
You invite us into a deep relationship,
Yet we confess we do not always accept that invitation.
At times we assume our causes and priorities are yours,
Other times we forget to reflect on messages we think are yours,
to test that they are in line with your great love and desire for relationship.
Forgive us when we live on autopilot, neglecting our relationship with you and each other.
Forgive us when we are fearful, withdrawing from you or running ahead on what we think will bring us security. Help us to remember that you are like a loving parent, offering your presence and supporting us so that we may succeed.
We are sorry when we have let misinterpretations and false truths propagated in your name,
When we wander from your loving purpose bring us back to you and show us the way.
Through Christ, we pray. 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 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Responsive Psalm: 34:1-10

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant,

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord

and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,

but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

New Testament: John 1:29

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Anthem: *'Holy Manna'*

~ J. Ranney

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response

'Great is thy faithfulness'

TBOP 324

1. ***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.***

Refrain:

***Great is thy faithfulness; great is thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.***

2. ***Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in eloquent witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. R***

3. ***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! R***

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offerings

Doxology

'Praise God from whom all Blessings flow'

VU 541

***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.***

Prayer of Dedication¹

Lord God, receive our gifts offered in a spirit of generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the work that you long to do in the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn:

'Blessed Assurance'

VU 337

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in his blood.***

Refrain:

***This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. R***

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Response

'Teach Me, God, to Wonder'

TBP 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: 'Rigaudon from 'Indomenee'

~ A. Campra/V. Fox

¹ Adapted from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, Sept. 14, 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 - Mary Stickles and Rose Johnston

Scripture Readers -

Magenta Watson, Khris Grant, Cathy Davis, Rev. Michelle

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Coffee Hour/Hospitality - Beth and Shawn Meister

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>

The Fall Issue of the *Presbyterian Connection* is available in the Narthex and at the Hall entry. The *UCC In Focus* is published in the Broadview Magazine; while subscriptions have been processed through St. Paul's office for this year, Rev Michelle has a copy that you can access.

- SUNDAY PARKING -

We are sorry to hear that some attendees received parking tickets while at service last weekend. This has happened on occasion in the past, and you are encouraged to contact the City Parking Services if you think you were not illegally parked. Their direct contact info: 506-460-2019 and parking@fredericton.ca. Also, just a reminder to be aware of the parking signage as posted on Charlotte and Carleton Streets.

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!

THE PANTRY PROGRAM needs white sugar, white rice, juice boxes (apple and orange), individual fruit cups, individual applesauce, macaroni noodles, pancake mix, ketchup, soda crackers, tea, vinegar, mayonnaise, 1 Liter Orange and Apple juices, canned chicken, canned green beans, Mr. Clean, Comet, plastic wrap and aluminum foil. Thanks for supporting us!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

Session - Monday, September 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Ecumenical Assembly - Wednesday, September 24th, 5:30 p.m., in the Hall

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

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

Quilting Group ~ **Tuesdays** 10 a. m. - Noon & **Thursdays** 1 - 4 p.m. ~ *All are welcome!*

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

Thursdays ~ Bible Study 6 - 7p.m. Rev. Michelle's Study ~ *All are Welcome!*

~ Like to sing? Join us for 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, gregfredericton@gmail.com.



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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