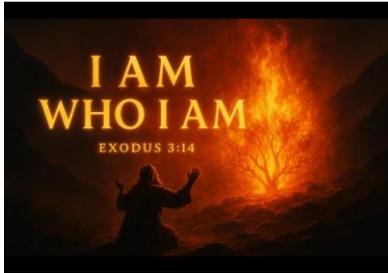


**SAINT ANDREW'S Presbyterian**  
and  
**ST. PAUL'S United**  
**Ecumenical Shared Ministry**

**Sept. 28, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.**  
**(16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**



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***Wednesdays by Noon***

*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.*

***Prelude: Chorale***

*~ Boellman*

***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  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker  
Come now and worship the Lord.***

***Welcome***

***Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>***

***Hymn God is here! As we your people meet BoP 799***

***God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.***

***Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.***

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Sovereign God of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

### *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*

**Exodus 2:23-3:15, 4:10-12**

*(Narrator, Moses, Lord)*

**Narrator:** After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them. Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian;

he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said,

**Moses:** "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up."

**Narrator:** When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush,

**Lord** "Moses, Moses!"     **Moses:** "Here I am."

**Lord:** "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

**Narrator:** And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said,

**Lord:** "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

**Moses:** "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

**Lord:** “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

**Moses:** “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

**Lord:** “I am who I am.” - “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ”  
“Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

**Narrator:** But Moses said to the Lord,

**Moses:** “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

**Lord:** “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.”

### **Psalm 99: 1-7 (NIV)** *(Responsive)*

The Lord reigns,

**let the nations tremble;**

he sits enthroned between the cherubim,

**let the earth shake.**

Great is the Lord in Zion;

**he is exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name—

**he is holy.**

The King is mighty, he loves justice—

**you have established equity;**

in Jacob you have done

**what is just and right.**

Exalt the Lord our God

**and worship at his footstool;**

**he is holy.**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

**Samuel was among those who called on his name;**

they called on the Lord

**and he answered them.**

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

**they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

### **John 8:53, 58**

“Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?”

Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Praise God for this Holy Word.**

**Anthem:** *Lord, I stretch out my hands to you*

~ *Althouse*

**Prayer of Confession:** *(Unison)* <sup>1</sup>

Holy One,

You call to us from the midst of everyday life —  
from creations beauty and broken systems,  
in quiet nudges and holy questions.

But too often, we do not take the time to recognize your presence.

**Forgive us, God,  
for the times we have walked past places of wonder,  
ignored suffering,  
and silenced Your voice in our hearts.**

You speak Your name—*"I Am"*—  
eternal, mysterious, faithful

And You invite us into your plan- calling us to take our place.

**Forgive us when we say, "Who am I?"  
as an excuse, not a prayer.**

**Forgive our fears, our delays,  
our desire for comfort more than calling.**

In Your mercy, O God,

draw us again to the realization we are on holy ground  
and set our hearts ablaze, with a fire that does not burn out.

**Let us hear Your call.**

**Let us speak Your name.**

**Let us become who You have created us to be. Amen.**

**Assurance** *(Responsive)* <sup>1</sup>

God does not wait for us to be perfect.

God calls us *as we are* — and walks with us toward who we are becoming.

In Christ, we are forgiven,

freed from fear, and called again to life.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Reflection Time: Naming our why?**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of Response**

*Let us build a house*

**MV 1**

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions;**

**Refrain**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

***Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: R.***

***Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: R.***

***Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger. R.***

***Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: R.***

### ***Prayers of the People***

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

### ***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 Dedication***

### ***The Church in Action***

**Closing Hymn**

*I the lord of sea and sky (Here I am, Lord)*

**TBoP 592**

***I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?***

**Refrain:**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

***I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? R.***

***I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R.***

**Commissioning**

Go now, with the flame of the burning bush glowing in your heart.

Listen for the voice that calls you by name — the voice that says:

**“I Am who I Am.”**

In the mystery of God’s being,

may we find the courage claim our identity:

**“We are who God calls us to be.”**

Claiming your identity in Christ and kindling God’s flame in your soul, Go now and be

**A people of compassion.**

**A community of justice.**

**A church with a vision.**

**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: Toccata**

*~ Boellman*

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<sup>1</sup> - Adapted from conversation with Chatgpt September 24, 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, Muriel Aiken

***Scripture Readers*** - Sandra Steeves, Jean Boudreau, Beth Meister

***Audio/Visual*** - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

***Coffee Hour/Hospitality*** - Mary Hossack

***Counters*** - Jean and Alan Boudreau / ***Tellers*** - Wendy & Ross Mathers

**Can't make it to Sunday service in person?**

**Join us via Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: 2023

**CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE**

Rev. Michelle can be reached at either of our church offices: (506) 455-8220 or (506) 458-1183, on her direct office line: ( 506) 455-0639, or by text or call to her cell # (506) 259-7602, or via email at [michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

***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 salt, vinegar, white sugar, cake mix, sardines and puddings. Thank you for supporting us!

## **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!**

Congratulations from the congregation are extended to Hannah Simpson and Kirsten Simpson who have just received St. Paul's Scholarships to support their university studies.

Hannah is now in her fourth year of the Honours Mechatronics Engineering Co-op Program at the University of Waterloo. Kirsten is studying at the University of Ottawa where she is enrolled in the Honours program, Bachelor of Science in Physics (French Immersion Stream). We send best wishes to both recipients.

Scholarships are available for members or adherents of St. Paul's pursuing post-secondary studies. Info. and application details can be found on the St. P's website under "Resources".

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

following service, our annual Fall Potluck in the Hall. All are welcome!

**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Policy Finance & Maintenance Committee meeting via Zoom at , 6 p.m.

Council meets at 6 p.m. in the Church.

## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

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

**Tuesdays** ~ *Tuesday Morning Ladies Group*, 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

**Nashwaaksis United Church** at 46 Main Street, will be hosting a Chili Take-out on Friday, October 17 from 4:00-5:30pm. The menu includes (mild) Chili, Caesar Salad, a roll, and an Autumn Spice cupcake for dessert, all for \$15.00. Please call the church office asap at 506-458-9452 to reserve yours take out dinner.

**Have you heard of Urban/Rural Rides?** We are a registered charity that utilizes volunteer drivers to help seniors and low-income families in the community access medical appointments and local food banks. We are reaching out to you to help us 'spread the word' and in seeking volunteers. If we can receive your support reach us by phone at 506-999-2102. We will really appreciate it, and the community of Fredericton will be really blessed Thanks in advance.