

SAINT ANDREW'S
(Presbyterian)

and

ST. PAUL'S
(United)

Ecumenical Shared Ministry

October 5, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

World Wide

Communion Sunday



Minister

The Rev. Michelle Armstrong

Organist & Choir Director

Sharon Pond

Council Chair

Marc Horncastle

Clerk of Session

Jean Boudreau

Ministers Emeriti

Rev. Douglas E. Blaikie

Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery

Elder Emeritus

John Astle

Our Address

512 Charlotte Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1M2

Office Administrators

Erin Webb

(506) 458-1183

stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Tues./Wed./Thurs.
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Joanna Price

(506) 455-8220

sapcfred@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri., 2 - 6 p.m.

Bulletin submissions:

Noon Wednesday

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: *Adagio in G Minor*

~ Albinoni

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

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

Come now and worship the Lord.

Call to Worship: ¹ *(Responsive)*

In the big flashy moments and in the everyday little things,
God provides.

Whether we have done more than enough or next to nothing,

God provides, and God calls.

When we're looking back longingly, lamenting what we've lost, or looking around us now,

God provides, God calls, and God teaches us to trust.

We come to worship the One who shows us a new way.

Opening Hymn:

All who Hunger, Gather Gladly

VU 460

All who hunger, gather gladly;

holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

*All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

Prayer of Approach: ²

Prayer of Confession: ³ (Unison)

God of mercy and mystery,
When you invite us to your table,
you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts.
You ask us to come in peace,
seeking reconciliation with you and with each other.
We have not always trusted in your word and presence,
We have not always acted as you would have us,
and the things we have done and left undone weigh on our hearts.
So in faith, we hand over to you all our
the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments
that keep us from living in your peace.
As we do this,
Free us from the burdens we carry
so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world.

(time of silence)

Assurance of Pardon ³

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for All Ages

The story before the Story

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

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Exodus 16:1-18

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses,

Lord: "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses,

Lord: "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

New Testament: John 6:48-51

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Praise God for this Holy Word.

Anthem: *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

~ Price

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Presentation of the Offerings³

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 Dedication³ *(Unison)*

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect, but bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn:

One Bread, One Body
**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

TBoP 540

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. R*

*Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R*

*Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. R*

*Fruit of the vine, gathered and crushed,
Poured out and blest for all. R*

Invitation to Communion ⁴

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (Unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and presence,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation: (Unison)

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements (which will be consumed collectively)

The Body of Christ, **Bread for the Journey**

The Blood of Christ, **The Cup of Blessing**

Post Communion Prayer: (Responsive)

Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit
You have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal.
Having seen and tasted our goodness,
May we join with our siblings in Christ throughout the world
as your transformed and empowered body.

We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it.

We have seen your love, so send us out to show it.

We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it.

And let all things be done in your glory. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn:

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

VU 481

***Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.***

The supper ended. Oh, now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,

The tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

Give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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: Praise the Lord With the Drums and Cymbals

~ Karg Elert

¹ Teri Peterson BibleWorm Liturgy October 5, 2025; ² Adaptation of PCC Worship Planner Oct 2025 with Teri Peterson's BibleWorm Liturgy Oct 5, 2025; ³ Presbyterian Church in Canada Worship Planner, October 5, 2025; ⁴ Communion Liturgy from Presbyterian Worship Planner October 5, 2025, with slight adaptations.

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 our Harvest Potluck Luncheon.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Greeters - David Charters, Sandra and Ron Steeves

Scripture Readers - Rebecca Jonah and Ron Naugler

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counter - Jean Boudreau / ***Teller*** - Carole Peacock

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

Rev. Michelle can be reached at either office #: **(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

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 paper towel, Comet, white rice, cake mix, Cheez Whiz and canned tomatoes.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR & FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Oct. 12 - Volunteers needed.

Oct. 26 - Heather Labadie

Nov. 9 - Volunteers needed.

Nov. 23 - Kim Keetch, Beth & Shawn Meister

Oct. 19 - Tuesday AM Ladies Group

Nov. 2 - Tuesday AM Ladies Group

Nov. 16 - Volunteers needed.

Nov. 30 - Volunteers needed.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Hall entry, just outside the Kitchen door.

Thanks in advance – we truly appreciate the ministry of coffee, tea, and treats!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, October 8th

Policy Finance & Maintenance Committee meets at 6 p.m. via Zoom
Council meets at 6 p.m. in the Church.

Monday, October 13 ~ Drop off for the Rummage Sale

Wednesday, October 15

Happy 1st Anniversary to us! We have been together for an entire year as of this date!

Sunday, October 19 – Marking One Year of our Ecumenical Shared Ministry.

Friday, October 24 and **Saturday, October 25**

Tuesday A.M. Ladies Group Annual Fall Yardsale

Tuesday, October 28 (Noon until 7:40 p.m.) and **Saturday, Nov. 1 (10 a.m. – 5:40 p.m.)**
Universal Portrait Studios is here taking photos (by appointment) for our ESM Photo Directory.

Saturday, Nov. 1

Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour; we 'fall back' @ 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesdays ~ **Ladies Group**, 9:30 a.m. ~ *All are welcome!*

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

Wednesdays ~ Community Outreach ~ **Pantry Program**, 9 -11am

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

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

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

**Note the change in time back to afternoons.*

Nashwaaksis United Church, 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 at (506) 458-9452, to reserve yours today!

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person?

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

Passcode: 2023

