

SAINT ANDREW'S Presbyterian
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Ecumenical Shared Ministry

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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: *Flute solo*
Ave Verum

~ Arne
~ Mozart

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Come, All you People **VU 2**

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

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Come now and worship the Lord.

Call to Worship: ¹ (Responsive)

In this holy space, God speaks.

To young and old together, God's word comes alive.

In this holy space, we listen.

Wondering together what God will do.

In this holy space, we worship.

For God has called and claimed us as God's own.

Opening Hymn

Come, O fount of every blessing **VU 559**

Come, O Fount of every blessing,

tune my heart to sing your grace,

Streams of mercy, never ceasing

call for songs of endless praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,

mount of God's unfailing love.

*Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: ¹ *(Unison)*

You are always near, O God,
telling us the story of your love,
asking us to join in your work.

We are not always listening though.

Sometimes we just go through the motions,
turning up and saying the right things,

yet not expecting you to actually be here, say anything, or do anything.

We claim that you are not speaking, when in truth,
it is us who are not paying attention.

Forgive us when we get so comfortable that we can't hear your voice calling.

Forgive us, when we get so wrapped up in our own tasks that we can't imagine you
might want us to do something else.

Forgive us, God, and help us to listen, (~ *silence* ~)

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon ¹

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for all ages

The story before the Story

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called,

Lord: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Narrator and he said,

Samuel: "Here I am!"

Narrator: and ran to Eli and said,

Samuel: "Here I am, for you called me."

Eli: "I did not call; lie down again."

Narrator: So he went and lay down. The Lord called again,

Lord: "Samuel!"

Narrator: Samuel got up and went to Eli and said,

Samuel: "Here I am, for you called me."

Eli: "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Narrator: Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said,

Samuel: "Here I am, for you called me."

Narrator: Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel,

Narrator: "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

Narrator: So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before,

Lord: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel: “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Narrator: Then the Lord said to Samuel,

Lord: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

Narrator: Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said,

Eli: “Samuel, my son.”

Samuel: “Here I am.”

Eli: “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.”

Narrator: So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said,

Eli “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

Narrator: As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Praise God for this Holy Word.

Anthem: *Song of Joyful Thanks*

~ Schram and Williams

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response:

Take my life, and let it be consecrated

TBoP 637 vs 1-2, 5-6

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moment and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever only, all for thee.*

Prayers of the People²

Prayer Response: God of all goodness, **receive our prayers.**

Presentation of the Offerings

It is with gratitude and thanks that we make our offering today....

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 *(Unison)*

Gracious and generous God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from your hand. Take what we return to you, and through Christ multiply the impact and blessing that they can offer. Let grateful thanksgiving for your life and love ring out in our community and in your world. This we pray, in the name and grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn:

*For the fruits of all creation
For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

VU 227

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Response

*'Teach Me, God, to Wonder'
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.*

TBP 704 Vs 3

Postlude: Largo

~ Handel

¹Adapted Teri Peterson BibleWorm Liturgy October 12, 2025; ²Adapted PCC Worship Planner October 12, 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 our Harvest Potluck Luncheon.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Greeters - Arlene MacDonald and Mary Stickles

Scripture Readers - Rose Carolyn Smith (Lord); Deborah West (Narrator)
Carole Peacock (Samuel); Eli (Rev. Michelle)

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counter - Jean Boudreau / ***Tellers*** - Mel & Barb McGuigan and Debbie Allison

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person?

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

Passcode: 2023

View anytime on YouTube:

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

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

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Her drop-in office hours are Sundays & Mondays, 1 -2:30 p.m.
Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 14

Drop off of Items for the Fall Rummage Sale begins!

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 (3 -7 p.m.) and Saturday, October 25 (9:00 a.m. - Noon)

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 will be here for sittings (by appointment)
for our Ecumenical Shared Ministry Photo Directory.*

Saturday, Nov. 1

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

Monday, Nov. 2

Session meets at 7 p.m. in the Church.



In case you are wondering why you have not (yet) received a call from Universal Portrait Studios to book your photo sitting, they plan to start making calls next week (following Thanksgiving Monday) and will continue for the next two weeks. Do not despair- we guarantee you will get your smile in the new Photo Directory!

Tuesday A.M. Ladies Group announces the dates of the Annual Fall Rummage Sale. All the wonderful stuff we gather will be available for sale on Friday, October 24 from 3-7 p.m. and on Saturday, October 25 from 9 - Noon. You can bring any saleable items to us as of next week on Tuesday mornings, during office hours, before or after service on Sundays, or if necessary; at another time convenient to you. All items are to be left at the lower end of the Hall. Thanks!

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. Thanks 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. 19 - Tuesday AM Ladies Group

Oct. 26 - Heather Labadie

Nov. 2 - Tuesday AM Ladies Group

Nov. 9 - Mary Hossack.

Nov. 16 - Volunteers needed.

Nov. 23 - Kim Keetch, Beth & Shawn Meister

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 minstry of coffee, tea, and treats!

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 -10 am

