

**Saint Andrew's (Presbyterian)  
and  
St. Paul's (United)  
Ecumenical Shared Ministry**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.**



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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.*

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**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

***Prelude: Humoresque***

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***Welcome & Announcements***

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

***Introit: Come, All you People*** **VU 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: <sup>1</sup> (Responsive)***

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them light has shined.

**We long for a light to guide us.**

God has multiplied the nation,  
and increased its joy.

**We long for God's joy in our lives.**

Their burden have been lightened,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
God had broken.

**We long to be relieved of all that we carry.**

A child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**He is the light of the world,**

**we come to see his light and follow his call.**

**Refrain:**

**I am the Light of the World  
You people come and follow me.  
If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

***When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone.  
When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home.  
The work of Christmas is begun! R***

***To find the lost and lonely one,  
To heal that broken soul with love,  
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
To feel the earth below the sky above! R***

***To free the prisoner from his chains,  
To make the powerful care,  
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,  
To call a man your brother everywhere. R***

***To bring hope to every task you do,  
To dance at a baby's new birth,  
To make music in an old man's heart,  
And sing to the colors of the earth! R***

***Prayer of Adoration*** <sup>2</sup>

***Prayer of Confession:*** <sup>3</sup> (*Unison*)

**Source of life and ground of being,  
You shine the light of peace and we confess we shield our eyes,  
uncertain we truly want to commit to your revelation.  
You shine the light of freedom, and we confess we turn away,  
for the freedom you offer is so different from what we have known,  
and we struggle to embrace your vision and way.  
You shine the light of joy, yet we flinch and retreat,  
unwilling to lay our burdens down, even to your care.  
Forgive us, loving God.  
Forgive us for not seeing your bright light as good news,  
Forgive us and teach us to trust you enough,  
to allow you to guide us through the shadowed valley,  
toward the life you promise,  
even when we cannot see fully.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon***

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### ***Time for All Ages***

#### ***Story before the Story***

***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:***

##### **Isaiah 9:1-7**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

##### **John 8:12**

[Again] Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

***Anthem:*** *Nearer, my God to Thee*

~ Toole

***Sermon***

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

### ***Hymn of Response:***

*Christ Be our Light*

Artist: [Bernadette Farrell](#)

*Longing for light, we wait in the darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.*

#### **Refrain:**

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.*

*Longing for hope, many despair.*

*Your word alone has power to save us.*

*Make us your living voice. R.*

*Longing for food, many are hunger.*

*Longing for water, many still thirst.*

*Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. R.*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless.*

*Longing for warmth, many are cold.*

*Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. R.*

*Many the gifts, many the people.*

*Many the hearts that yearn to belong.*

*Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. R.*

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

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

#### ***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*** <sup>4</sup> *(Unison)*

Steadfast God, we enjoy your loving kindness day by day. We offer our gifts in gratitude for what we have received from your love. Bless our gifts and our lives so that your goodness will touch many lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and saviour. Amen.

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

***Closing Hymn:***

*Lord, the light of your love is shining  
Lord, the light of your love is shining  
Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth you bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.*

TBoP 376

**Refrain:**

*Shine, Jesus shine;  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our heart on fire.  
Flow, river flow;  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!  
Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by your blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. R  
As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. R*

***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:*** Festival Alleluia

~ Miller

***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 fellowship and refreshments.***

***Copies of our November calendar are available today at the back of the Church.***

**Please help us advertise** our upcoming Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. by ‘spreading the word’ among your friends and/or taking a poster with you today to place on a bulletin board in your apt. building, workplace or any appropriate area. You will find the posters on the Hall entry table. As you will see on the bulletin board, there are lots of sales happening in December, so broader advertising is helpful. Thanks so very much!

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

**Monday - Friday** ~ Community Outreach ~ ***Brown Bag Lunch Program***

**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

**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.

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

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