

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

November 23rd - 10:30 a.m.
Reign Of Christ Sunday



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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: Pastoral from "First Sonata"

~ Guilmant

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: *(Responsive)*

In a world where Kings dominate

Jesus comes into the world

In a world where those in power say I will have my way/will do what I want

Jesus comes with an invitation

In a world where power is defined by status and strength

Jesus comes showing that mercy and compassion are much more valuable

On this last Sunday of the church year,

we seek to align our lives with God’s way

Let us worship, celebrating Christ as our king, proclaiming His kingdom in work and deeds.

Opening Hymn: *Crown Him with many crowns* **BOP 274**

Crown him with many crowns,

the Lamb upon his throne;

hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns

all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be your savior and your matchless King through all eternity

*Crown him the Son of God, before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod, crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high.
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease, and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high; Christ's glory it displays,
And there the nations "Holy" cry in joyful hymns of praise.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer; hail, for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail through all eternity!*

Prayer of Adoration ¹

Prayer of Confession: ¹ (*Unison*)

God of wisdom and warning,
we confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes.
We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding.
Forgive us when our commitment wavers
and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face.
Inspire us with the example of Jesus,
and energize us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd,
wherever he leads. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for All Ages

Story before the Story:

Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Listen, God is Calling*

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

MV 97

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

John 14:25-27

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

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

Be still, my soul

VU 652

*Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your Saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.*

*Be still, my soul, for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury strayed.*

*Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings shall cease.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of the Offerings²

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 (*Unison*)

in our offerings of time and treasure, we seek to follow Jesus model. In doing so we pray that lives are transformed, through your presence made known and through everyday acts of care. May these offerings be used in tangible ways to support your kingdom, that it may be experienced here and now. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn:

Christ has no body now but yours

MV 171

Refrain

***Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
To serve with the joy of compassion.***

***No hands but yours to heal a wounded world,
No hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
No touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God. R.***

***No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
To find the lost, to gaze with compassion,
No eyes but yours to glimpse the holy place of the city of God. R.***

***No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
To walk this world with mercy and justice,
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God. R.***

***Through every gift, give back to those in need,
As Christ was blessed, so now be a blessing,
With every gift a benediction be to the people of God. 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: *Echo Noel*

~ Daquin

1 - PCC Worship Planner November 23rd, 2025; 2 - Adapted PCC Worship Planner Nov 23, 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 service today for fellowship and refreshments.

TODAY at Fellowship time in addition to coffee, tea and treats, our 'Soup for the Sign' fundraiser is being held. Homemade soup and rolls will be available; a basket for free-will offerings will be present and donations will be used to offset the cost of our new sign for the front lawn, which will proudly declare us as the Ecumenical Shared Ministry of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's. An unveiling of our new sign will take place today as well.

The Great ADVENTure takes place this coming **Friday, Nov. 28 at 5 pm.** Pizza will be served around 5:30. After our meal we will divide into groups for the various decorating activities. Rose Carolyn and Leanna will have their famous cookies for decorating in the Kitchen, and there will be a tree in the Hall for our younger folk to decorate. Most of the adults will be in the Sanctuary to decorate it for the Advent/Christmas season. There will be a basket for donations to help offset the cost of the pizza. You are welcome to bring some juice or soft drinks to share.

In order for us know how much pizza to order, please contact either Joanna or Erin at either church office this week by **Wednesday at 6 p.m.** to let us know the number of family and friends who will be attending this fun Advent event with you.

Thank you to our Volunteers today:

Greeters - Ron Naugler, Heather and Kendall Wright

Scripture Readers - Brad Webb (Jeremiah 29), Rick Gremm (John 14)

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Coffee Hour/Fellowship Hosts - Kim Keetch, Beth & Shawn Meister

Counters - Kendall and Heather Wright / ***Tellers*** - Bill Paterson, Wendy & Ross Mathers

Angels return today! If you chose an angel from the Mission tree (to benefit a child sponsored by the Fredericton Food Bank this Christmas) your gift or gift card is due back today. If your angel has not flown back to us yet, please call Carole Peacock (506-452-1016) immediately, so she can round up any strays.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers: Today is the final day to order wreaths (the proceeds of which support African grandmothers in conjunction with the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho.) Contact Nancy Macgarvie at (506) 455-3026 or at Nancymacgarvie@rogers.com to order either a double-sided balsam fir wreath, decorated with a bow (\$18.00) or a plain undecorated one (\$15.00). **Pickup is Sunday Nov. 30, after 10:00 am.** from Nancy's porch, at 83 Grey St. Thanks!

PINK or PURPLE? What color will crown Rev Michelle's locks next Sunday (Advent 1)? You'll have the chance to determine the color by casting a vote (in the form of dollars) at the church entry Communion table today, and voting will conclude as of the Great ADVENTure on Friday evening. Join us next Sunday for the 'reveal' of Rev Michelle's new color. The proceeds of this activity will be divided equally between local and national mission funds of both St. A's and St. P's.

Next Sunday, Nov. 30, at 3 p.m. *The Lintuhtine Singers* join us in the Sanctuary to present *The Christmas Story* concert. Proceeds from the freewill offering at the door go to the Fredericton Food Bank. This is a wonderful way to spend a few hours on the first Sunday afternoon in Advent. Mark the date on your calendar and be sure to invite your friends!

The 33rd Advent Carol Festival, presented this year by Grace Memorial Baptist Church, will take place **Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** at 536 Northumberland St. It features local Church and Community Choirs, with Congregational singing. In lieu of tickets, there will be a free will offering for the *Make the Season Kind Campaign* in support of local food banks Don't miss this joyful night of music and holiday cheer, sponsored by the Fredericton Organist's Association.

NEEDS OF OUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONTINUE....

BREAKFAST 2 Go needs the following supplies for our guests: canned meat, canned pasta, canned soup, pudding, Cheeze Whiz, peanut butter, coffee, Boost/Ensure or other nutritional drinks, and also toilet paper, toothbrushes ad paste, shampoo, razors, laundry pods. We are grateful for you faithful support.

BROWN BAG LUNCH needs canned proteins with pull tops (such as flakes of meat, Chef Boyardee, chili, sardines), chicken/tuna salad & crackers, pudding cups, fruit & applesauce cups, and small, sweet treats such as mini chocolate bars. Thanks! for your ongoing generosity to our visitors.

THE PANTRY needs these items this week: spaghetti, macaroni, icing, cereal, tuna and vinegar. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our clients.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, Nov. 28

The Great ADVENTure! - 5:00 p.m. in the Hall. All are welcome!

Sunday, Nov. 30 (Advent I)

Linthutine Singers prsent The Christmas Story - 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Saturday, December 6th

Our Christmas Bazaar & St. Nick's Coffee House - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Hall.

COFFEE / FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Nov. 30 - Sandra & Ron Steeves

Dec. 7 - Lita Llewellyn

Dec. 14 - Volunteers needed.

Dec. 21 - Beth & Shawn Meister

Dec. 28 - Volunteers needed.

You will find the sing-up sheet on the Hall entry bulletin board.

Thank you for supporting this ministry of hospitality!

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**

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

~ **Choir Practice**, 7 - 8 p.m. ~ *All are Welcome!*

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

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 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.

NOTE: An email containing a request from Rev. Michelle (to purchase gift cards for her) is popping up again, under the false email address of presbyterianminister01@gmail.com. If you receive one, be assured, it is **not** from Rev. Michelle. She will never solicit funds in this way. Just delete it!

' OUT AND ABOUT '.....

There is lots happening in our larger community during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Listed below are just a few of them. See the bulletin board inside the Hall for more details.

Sales and Teas

Fri. Nov. 28, 9 – 1 p.m.	~ <i>New to You and Bake Sale</i> ~	Wilmot
Sat. Nov. 29, 8 - 11 a.m.	~ <i>Breakfast & Christmas Market</i> ~	Gibson Memorial
Friday. Dec. 12, 2-4 p.m.	~ <i>Christmas Treasures Tea</i> ~	Nashwaaksis United

Concerts

Fri. Nov. 27, 7:00 p.m.	~ <i>Christmas Concert</i> ~	St. James Presbyterian
Wed. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.	~ <i>33rd Advent Carol Festival</i> ~	Grace Memorial
Tue. Dec. 9, 7 p.m.	~ <i>Fredericton Ladies Choir Annual Christmas Concert</i> ~	St. Dunstan's
Tue. Dec 16, 7 p.m.	~ <i>Handel's Messiah Part 1 & Carols of the Nativity</i> ~	CC Parish Church
Wed. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.	~ <i>33rd Annual Advent Carol Festival</i> ~	Grace Memorial

2025 Advent Series of Music and Message

Finding the Light of Christmas – In the Darkness of December

Christ Church Parish Church - Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Dec. 3 ~ *Music: 'La Serena' (concert harp and cello) - Messenger: Rev. Greg Geldart* ~

Dec. 10 ~ *Music: The Elm City String Quartet - Messenger: Canon Albert Snelgrove* ~

Dec. 17 ~ *Trio Carols of the Season (piano, voice, clarinet) - Messenger: Bishop Bill Hockin* ~