

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

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

**Advent I  
Saint Andrew's Day**



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***Bulletin submissions:  
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***

***Piping in of the Fredericton Society of St. Andrew***

***Welcome & Announcements***

***Lighting of the Advent Candle***

In this first week of Advent we light a candle for Hope. Hope that comes not from everything going right, but from facing struggles and dangers while trusting in the presence of the Holy One who preserves life.

**We hope in the God who stands with us in every trial,  
who can preserve us when all seems lost.**

We light this candle of hope, trusting that God's promise holds firm.

May this light remind us that when the heat rises and fear grows,

**It is God's presence that preserves and strengthens us,  
It is in God whom we find our true hope.**

Come to worship and bow down before the One God —  
**the One who is faithful and just, loving and true.**

***Introit:***

*We light this candle*

**TLUS 55**

***We light this candle for Hope.***

***Await the New life within.***

***May our hearts now live each day,  
so Hope can find a way,  
so Hope can find a way.***

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

**Opening Hymn:**

**VU 18**

*There's A Voice in the Wilderness Calling*  
***There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places,  
where the God, our God, may go!***

***O Zion, that bringest good tidings,  
get thee up to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people  
the coming of their King.  
Like the flowers of the field they perish,  
like grass our works decay,  
the power and pomp of nations  
shall pass like a dream away.***

***But the word of our God endureth,  
the arm of the Lord is strong;  
God stands in the midst of nations,  
and soon will right the wrong.  
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
the lambs so gently hold;  
to pastures of peace will lead them,  
and bring them safe to fold.***

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a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
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the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places,  
where the God, our, God may go!***

***Prayer of Confession: 2***

You are the God who saves, and we are your people.  
We confess, O God, that many others claim they can save us,  
many others demand our allegiance, many others say theirs is the way,  
and we are tempted.  
it is so easy to give in.  
Just a little compromise here and there,  
just doing it for the show so we can fly under the radar,

just keeping our seat at the table...  
we have all the reasons why we can't  
stand up and witness to your kingdom that plays by different rules.  
Forgive us when we can't trust you until after we have seen a miracle.  
Forgive us when we value other things more than we love you.  
Forgive us when we demand certainty rather than faith.  
Give us the courage to be steadfast to you as you are to us.  
We ask in the name of the One who has come and is coming to deliver us all,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon* <sup>3</sup>

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

*Time for All Ages*

*Story before the Story:*

*Prayer of Illumination:* <sup>4</sup>

*Scripture Readings:*

Daniel 3:1,3, 8-14, 16-21, 24-30

John 18:36-37

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

*Anthem: A New Noel*

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*Sermon*

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

*Hymn of Response:*

*O Lord, How Shall I meet you  
O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, then, most holy,  
a lamp within my breast,  
to do in spirit lowly  
all that may please you best.*

**VU 31**

*Love caused thine incarnation,  
love brought you here to me;  
your thirst for my salvation  
procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling,  
that led you to embrace  
in love all loves excelling*

*our lost and fallen race.  
A glorious crown you give me,  
a treasure safe on high,  
that will not fail nor leave me  
as earthly riches fly.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
for you with praises new,  
and from your name shall never  
withhold the honour due.*

### ***Presentation of the Offerings***<sup>5</sup>

***Doxology:***

*What Child is This*

**VU 74 vs 3**

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.*

### ***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)***<sup>3</sup>

God, our hope and our help, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that hope will sprout in people who struggle with despair, challenges that seem too much, and devastating loss. With our gifts birth this hope, through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### ***Communion Liturgy***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### ***The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***<sup>1</sup>

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word, the earth was spun on its course among the planets.

You breathed life into humankind and set us among all your creatures,  
in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turned away from you, you did not forsake us.

You sent your prophets to call us back to you.

We give you thanks for your unending mercy to each and to all,  
as we join the song of creation to give you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.**

**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.**

Mighty and tender God,  
In Jesus of Nazareth, you revealed your light, your life, and your love  
in words that confront and comfort us,  
in compassion that heals and frees us,  
in hope that challenges and changes us.  
We gather at this table to give thanks for his gifts to us.  
As we take the bread and cup at the table he prepares for us,  
fill us with such longing for your kingdom  
that our worship leads us to witness to his love through our lives.

God of hope and healing,  
we gather at your table to remember Christ's life and death,  
to proclaim his resurrection, and to await his coming again.  
But we also remember those who do not feast in joy today:  
    We pray for all who are in sorrow, loneliness or pain . . .  
    all who live in fear or hunger or poverty . . .  
    for nations that struggle for peace and justice . . .  
    and for world leaders facing the challenges of this present time. . .  
Inspire in them the hope we know in Christ Jesus.  
Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,  
grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,  
we may so offer ourselves to you  
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Now send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine, O God,  
that all who share this loaf and cup  
may be united with Christ and in Christ.  
So let us shine the light of your hope into the world you love.  
We offer our gifts and ourselves in the prayer Jesus taught us:

***The Lord's Prayer*** (unison)

***Sharing of the Elements***

***Post Communion Prayer***

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

***Closing Hymn:***

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

**TBoP 651**

***Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore. Feed me now and evermore.***

***Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.***

***When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.***

### ***Commissioning & Benediction***

***Sung Response:***

***It Came Upon A Midnight Clear  
For lo! The days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth,  
God's promised splendours fling,  
and all the world take up the song,  
which now the angels sing.***

**BOP 148 vs 5**

### ***Piping Out of the Fredericton Society of St. Andrew***

***Postlude: Fanfare on "In Dulci Jubilo"***

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1 - PCC Worship Planner November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 2 - Adapted from BibleWorm Liturgy; 3 - Adapted PCC Worship planner November 30, 2025; 4 -PCC worship Planner; 5 -Adapted PCC Worship Planner

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### ***GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME EVERYONE!***

***A special welcome and thanks to the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew  
who join us today for our annual celebration of St. David's Feast Day.***

***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.***

### ***Thank you to our Volunteers today:***

***Greeters*** - Mary Stickles; St. Andrews Elders      ***Piper*** - Sandy Gordon

***Scripture Readers:*** Deborah West (Narrator); Helen MacKinnon-Bagnell (Nebuchadnezzar);  
Sandra Steeves (Chaldeans); Cynthia Wallace-Casey, President, FSSA (Gospel)

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

***Coffee Hour/Fellowship Hosts*** - Sandra & Ron Steeves

***Counters / Tellers*** - Carole Peacock and Gail Simmons

## **YOUR PHOTOS HAVE ARRIVED!**

**Today, following service, you may pick up your photos ordered from Universal Portrait Studios. See Carole Peacock at the table near the church doors.**

**GOOD NEWS!** We've received permission from the management of the Bright Minds Early Learning Center (corner of Needham and Carleton Streets) just behind us, to use their parking lot on Sundays as 'overflow' parking. If you can walk a few extra steps to service, please consider doing so, leaving a few more spaces in our lot for those who need to park closer to our buildings.

### **MORE ANGELS HAVE ARRIVED ON THE MISSION TREE!**

Once again, the **Mission & Outreach Committee is supporting a family at Liberty Lane for Christmas.** This charitable organization located in Fredericton offers Second Stage Housing to female identified individuals (and their children) who have left family violence, and Domestic Violence Outreach services to people of all gender identities. **This year our family is a mom with an 11 year old daughter and a baby girl.**

Items for the mom should be wrapped, but we will provide wrapping supplies so the mom can wrap the children's gifts.

**There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to record your chosen angels.** This will ensure that all angels are received before the delivery deadline, Sunday, Dec 14th. If you are unable to bring your angel to the church, during office hours or Sunday service, please contact **Carol Doucette at (506-447-0162).** Thank you in advance from the M & O Committee for your continuous generosity

### **NEEDS OF OUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**BREAKFAST 2 Go** needs the following supplies for our guests: canned milk, canned meat, canned soup, pasta and sauce, pudding, Cheeze Whiz, peanut butter, coffee, Boost/Ensure or other nutritional drinks, and also toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner (2 in 1); razors, laundry pods. We are grateful for your 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: icing, cereal, tuna, spaghetti, macaroni, and vinegar. Thank you for helping us take good care for our clients.

**Do you have** unused by still usable cell phones? The office sometimes gets requests from clients who drop in and have lost theirs. If your old one is no longer of use to you, please consider donating it to the office (with charging cord, if possible) so we can have some on hand. Thanks in advance!

### **Angel Tree Program – St. Paul's Outreach**

Thank you to Santa's helpers for your generous support of this community outreach program. Your gifts of toys, games, clothing and gift cards will bring much joy and happiness to 40 children (and their parents) whose families are being looked after by the Greener Village/Fredericton Food Bank this Christmas. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

**Thank you to all** who purchased wreaths to support Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers. You can pick your order today, after 10 a.m., at 83 Grey St. ~ Nancy MacGarvie

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Today**

*The Lintuhtine Singers present The Christmas Story at 3 p.m.*

**Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Memorial Service for Murray McEachen, 2 p.m. with reception to follow.*

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**COFFEE / FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 7** - Lita Llewellyn and Chris Grant

**Dec. 14** - The Simpsons

**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!*

**THIS WEEK!**

**Wednesday, (Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 7:30 p.m.**

**The 33<sup>rd</sup> Advent Carol Festival**, presented this year by (and at) Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St., features local church and community choirs - including ours – and also 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. It is Advent; let's sing and be joyful!

**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](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.

**A new round of scam emails**, this time from our Organist Sharon Pond, requesting help with the purchase of gift cards, should be ignored/deleted, as with any such request from Rev. Michelle.

#### **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>

#### ***Choose you own ADVENT-ure ~ Devotional Opportunities for Advent***

Our friend Kurt Schmidt, Director of Christian Formation at Christ Church Cathedral invites us to join the CCC community at any of these Advent themed gatherings.

Just follow this link on the CCC website for details and access:

<https://cccath.ca/2025/11/27/2025-advent-ures-devotional-programs-for-the-season/>

~ **Poetry Mondays** Dec. 1, 8 and 15, from 2- 3 pm in the Memorial Hall Lounge. Each session will be stand-alone - attend on or all. An RSVP is appreciated, so sufficient materials are available.

~ **Taizé Tuesday** gatherings continue. Sessions by Zoom will be held/hosted on Dec. 2 & 16 from 5:30-6pm. You can reach the meetings through the Christ Church Cathedral webpage calendar. Connect a few minutes at 5:15 pm to greet others - official start time at 5:30pm.

~ **Wednesday Spirituality Series** continues with a special 3-part series for Advent on Dec. 3, 10 & 17 in the Cathedral Hall Lounge from 3 - 4:30pm. We will contemplatively consider the Three Comings of Christ -- at the Incarnation, in/by way of Grace, and at the Parousia. Each week is stand alone, so you can attend any or all. An RSVP is appreciated if you do plan to participate, so sufficient materials can be made available.

~ **Art & Faith** will continue to take place weekly by Zoom on Dec. 4, 11 & 18 from 5:30-6pm. Each session comprises a simple sequence of prayer, conversation, and (guided, Ignatian-style) meditation, all based on a work of sacred art chosen for its relation to a seasonal scripture passage.

***You are invited to attend the  
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 ~*

***OUT AND ABOUT .....***

Lots happens 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***

Friday, Dec. 12, 2-4 p.m. ~ *Christmas Treasures Tea* ~ Nashwaaksis United

***Concerts***

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

