

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

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We are called to serve in the name of Jesus,
God's beloved Son.

God calls us by name because we are beloved.

God calls us to be a light to the nations.

We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.

We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims
and loves us.

God's name be praised.

Opening Hymn:

"To God Be The Glory"

TBoP 350

***To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world! - freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.***

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear God's voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

***Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give God the glory, who great things has done.***

***Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God,
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, full pardon receives! R***

***Great things God has taught us, great things God has done
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see! R***

Prayer of Adoration:

Creator God, you formed the heavens and stretched them over us; you spread out the earth and made it fruitful. From your glory, you came to us in Jesus, your Son, to touch the earth with healing and hope. We praise You for all the gifts you have given us in Christ and in creation. In the strength of the Spirit, we come to renew our commitment to you, to serve in the name of Christ Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and always.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life. We confess that we often prefer our old ways. We resist the new opportunities you set before us. We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges, failing to forgive one another. Have mercy upon us, O God, and guide us to live with more grace and generosity through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Preparation:

"Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"

TBoP 348

***Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.***

***First, let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me:
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.***

***Tell me about the disciples from far and near;
and I will listen among them eager to hear:
Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless,
showing the people God's tenderness?***

***Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee,
and how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.***

***Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm - #104 - *selected verses*

Praise God, O my soul.

Eternal God, you are great indeed.

You clothe yourself with light like a garment.

**You spread the heavens like a tent; you lay out
the beams of your dwelling on the waters above.**

You make the clouds your chariot, and ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers, and flames of fire your servants.

You fix the earth on its foundations, so that it can never tremble.

You cover the earth with the ocean as with a cloak.

When the waters covered the mountains, they fled at your rebuke;

At the sound of your thunder, they took flight.

They flowed over the mountains; ran down the valleys to the place you had anointed for them.

**There you set limits not to be passed,
that they might not again cover the earth.**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

May you rejoice, O God, in your works.

When you look at the earth it trembles,

When you touch the mountains they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live.

I will praise my God, while I have being.

Gospel - John 2: 1-11

Wedding at Cana:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the chief steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Anthem

Message: "Digging Deeper"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

"There Is A Redeemer"

TBoP 358

***There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.***

(Refrain)

***Thank You, O my Father For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til Your work on earth is done.***

***Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, o for sinners slain. R***

***When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve My King forever, in that holy place. R***

Prayers of the People

Loving God, you invite us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and our praise.

We thank you that you are with us in every circumstance, and that you walk with us through times of celebration and sorrow. This day, we open our hearts to you, knowing your Spirit prays in us with sighs too deep for words.

Where people are tired from work or weary with responsibility; where time and resources feel inadequate and costs overwhelming, send your Spirit with strength and renewal ...

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where people are facing danger or living under duress; where people are persecuted for who they are or what they believe, send your Spirit with courage and comfort ...

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where people have suffered the loss of love or purpose; and where love seems complicated and challenging, send your Spirit to bind up the brokenhearted ...

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where people are ill and worry for their future; where people suffer pain or disability and long for healing; and where people face the limits to life and options have run out, send your Spirit with healing and hope ...

God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Where people seek a reliable friend, a true comforter or wise adviser; where the lonely long for company to cheer them, and where isolation makes people doubt their value to others, send your Spirit of wisdom and companionship ...

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where new life is beginning and hope dawns; where there is laughter and joy, healing and positive change, where there is good news to celebrate and opportunities open up for the year ahead, send your Spirit with rejoicing and gratitude ...

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These things we pray in Jesus' name, gathering our prayers into one voice in the words he taught us:

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.**

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Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Our gracious and ever-living God, by your grace we have been set free; forgiven, redeemed and restored. As we present to you these our gifts, we ask that you continue to help us to reveal to others the greatness and the goodness of your love and mercy. Be with us and bless us as we move forward in the mission You lay before us. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn:

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

TBoP 352

***And can it be that I should gain
God's riches through the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me?
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that thou, my God, should'st die for me?***

***'Tis mystery all! the Immortal dies;
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
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let angel minds inquire no more.***

*He left his Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite his grace,
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.
My chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.*

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

¹ Gospel: www.biblegateway.com (NRSVA)

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.

Please join us in the Hall following service for coffee, tea and fellowship!

PASTORAL CARE - In Rev. Michelle's absence, **Rev. Richard Bowley** of Nashwaaksis United Church is available to you. He can be reached at his cell number **(506 262 2150)**.

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Greeters – Mary Stickles and Arlene MacDonald

Scripture Readers: Jean Boudreau and Cathy Davis

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters / Tellers - Jean and Al Boudreau / Bill Paterson and Carole Peacock

2026 Offering Envelopes

There are still boxes left for pick up at the back of the church. Have you taken yours? If you would like to have a numbered box of envelopes assigned to you or prefer to give via 'preauthorized remittance' (a designated amount deducted per month), please contact either church office so arrangements can be made for you.

ANNUAL REPORT

It's that time of year again when your office admin. goes into Ann. Rep. mode! Please complete and email your committee and other reports to the offices ASAP! Thank you.!

REMINDER OF MEETINGS THIS MONTH!

Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. - Session meets in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 130 p.m. – Mission & Outreach committee meets in the Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. - Council meets in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. - Ecumenical Assembly meets in the Hall.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Volunteer are needed for January and beyond.

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

Thank you for supporting this ministry of Hospitality!

ONGOING CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| Monday - Friday | ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program |
| Tuesdays | ~ Ladies Group, 9:30 a.m. in the Hall - All are welcome!! |
| Tuesdays & Thursdays | ~ Quilting Group, 1 - 4 p.m. in the Parlour - All are welcome! |
| Wednesdays | ~ Community Outreach ~ Pantry Program - |
| Thursdays | ~ Choir Practice, 7-8 p.m. in the Hall ~ All are welcome! |
| Fridays | ~ Community Outreach Breakfast 2 Go, 9-10:30 a.m. |

On behalf of her family, Rev. Michelle thanks you for the donation made to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of her sister, Leanne Candace Johnson, and for the flowers.