

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



January 18, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.

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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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: Idyll

~ King

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

This is the place and this is the time;

here and now, God waits to break into our experience:

to change our minds, to change our lives,

to change our ways;

To make us see the world

and the whole of life in a new light:

to fill us with hope and certainty for the future.

This is the place as are all places;

this is the time as are all times.

Here and now let us praise God.

Opening Hymns:

(See insert for words)

"Blessed Assurance"

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

"I'll Fly Away"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God, you are faithful and forgiving: help us grasp the greatness of your love. Help us to pray honestly as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

(Silent Reflection)

Where we have failed to love, and have loved to hurt:

Forgive us, and heal us.

Where we have scorned difference and have been indifferent to those in need:

Forgive us, and heal us.

Where we have spoken harsh words to others,
and have been quick to take offence ourselves:

Forgive us, and heal us.

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice,
and have ignored the injustice around us:

Forgive us, and heal us.

Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word.

**When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance,
you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.**

For your faithful love we praise you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Preparation: *"It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker"*

MV 30

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the grey whale sings in the sea.

Refrain:

*And by the Spirit You and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing To the Maker too.*

*It's a call of Life to the Giver, the waves and waterfalls roar
It's a call of Life to the Giver, when high tides break on the shore. R*

*It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees sing along
It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song. R*

*It's a chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings. R*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: # 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

**In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat –
for he grants sleep to those he loves.**

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Gospel: John 2: 13-25

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

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

Anthem: "Til The Storm Passes Over"

~ Mosie Lister

Message: "Things Are Gonna Fly"

Rev. Darryl Levy

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

"Come O Holy Spirit"

MV 23

***Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
strike it as a lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come in Jesus' name!***

Refrain:

***Come in Jesus name! Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!***

***Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm. R.***

***Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how.
All the world lies open, Pentecost is now! R.***

Prayers of the People

Gracious God rejoicing in your blessings, trusting in your loving care for all, we bring you our prayers for the world.

We pray for the created world: for those who rebuild when things have been destroyed; for those who fight hunger, poverty and disease; for those who have power to bring change for the better and renew hope. In the life of our world,

Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for our country: for those in leadership; who frame our laws and shape our common life; who keep the peace and administer justice; for those who teach and those who heal, for all who serve the community. In the life of our land,

Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for people in need: those for whom life is a bitter struggle; those whose lives are clouded by death or loss, by pain or disability, by discouragement or fear, by shame or rejection. In the lives of those in need,

Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for those in the circle of friendship and love around us: children and parents; sisters and brothers and loved ones; friends and neighbors; and for those especially in our thoughts today ... In the lives of those we love,

Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for the church in its stand with the poor, in its love for the outcast and the ashamed, in its service to the sick and the neglected, in its proclamation of the Gospel, in this land and in this place. In the life of your church,

Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

All: Eternal God: hear these our prayers, the spoken and the silent, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory for ever. Amen.

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 (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:

*"My Love Colours Outside The Lines"
My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.*

MV 138

(Chorus:)

*We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

*My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. (Ch.)*

*My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. (Ch.)*

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: Masque

~ Bedard

Sources: hymn lyrics on insert: *The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration* – Word Music, Waco, Texas (Copyright 1986 Word Music (a div. of WORD, INC.); Scripture Readings: 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 fellowship and refreshments.

Thank you to our Volunteers today:

Greeters - Carole Peacock, Jean and Alan Boudreau

Scripture Readers - Barbara Cull-Wilby, Rebecca Jonah

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters - Jean and Al Boudreau / ***Tellers*** - Carole Peacock and Marc Horncastle

Fellowship Hosts: The Ladies' Group

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service

will take place on **Wednesday, January 21st** at **2:00 p.m.** at **St. Margaret's Anglican**
775 Forest Hill Road. All are welcome. Refreshments and Fellowship after the service.

ANNUAL REPORT

All Committee Chairs and others who have reports to include, please complete and email your reports to the offices ASAP.

Thank you!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Volunteers needed for next Sunday, Jan. 25 and all but one Sunday in February.

On duty on Feb. 1 – Marg Leonard

*The sign-up sheet on the Hall entry bulletin board.
Thank you for supporting this ministry of Hospitality.*

Friday A.M. Breakfast 2 Go currently need the following items:

Cheese Whiz, peanut butter, instant coffee, individual cereal boxes and toilet papers.

The Pantry needs the following items for their clients:

hand soap bars, dish detergent, salt, cake mixes, 1L vinegar, 1L apple and orange juice.

The Brown Bag Lunch Program currently needs proteins

(pull tab top sandwich meats such as flakes of ham or turkey etc.)

Donations to all our outreach programs are greatly appreciated.

MEETING REMINDERS

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.

ONGOING CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

The Fredericton Choral Society, under the dynamic direction of Greg Geldart, began its new term on Monday, January 12. New members are welcome! We will be accepting registrations up to the end of January. Please join us!

Our rehearsals are on Monday evenings in Fredericton. We will be preparing for two exciting concerts this spring. On April 14, we will present Haydn's "*Missa in Tempore Belli*" with the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra at the Playhouse. Then on May 9, we will present our second annual "*Spring Songs and Sweets*" concert, which will feature popular show tunes.

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

Rev. Michelle can be reached at either office number: **(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

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>

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**R/ This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **R/**

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

**R/ Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. **R/**

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

**I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior!
I come to Thee.**

I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh. **R/**

I need Thee every hour,
Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill. **R/**

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

R/ I'll fly away, O, glory
I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away **R/**