

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

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Third Sunday after Epiphany



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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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: 'O Had I Jubal's Lure'

~ Handel

'Allegro Moderato'

~ Handel

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit:

'Open Our Hearts'

MV 21

***Open our heart, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God
open our hearts. (x2)***

Call to Worship: ¹ (Responsive)

Whoever you are, whatever life has been for you:

The One who knows us meets us here.

Whatever your questions, whatever your need:

The One who gives Living Water meets us here.

However you heard, whatever you've come from:

The One who is Saviour of the world meets us here.

Let us join together to worship the Holy One

Who is also three!

Opening Prayer

Hymn:

TBoP 412

*'Come, Let us sing to the Lord our Song'
Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.*

***O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.***

***Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.***

***You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.***

***Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low;
let your praises endlessly flow.***

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God who loves the world,
we confess that we draw lines and build walls
and treat them as law.
You cross those barriers
and we confess we don't know how to respond.
You invite us to look beyond our divisions,
to truly and deeply know one another,
and we confess we aren't sure we want to.
Forgive us for staying in our own entrenched camps.
Forgive us for keeping your good news for ourselves.
Forgive us for our assumptions that block our ability to relate.
Overcome our surprise and our resistance
with your grace that bubbles up like living water
and make us ready to listen and to share your word
that reaches across even heaven and earth to become flesh.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

The Story Before the Story

Prayer for Illumination: ² (Unison):

Holy God, your people turn to your Word for truth and guidance in every age. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire our understanding of your Scripture, read and interpreted today. Help us hear the truth for our lives and our times through Christ, your Living Word.
Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 4:7-42

Narrator: [While Jesus was alone at Jacob's Well,] a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her,

Jesus: "Give me a drink."

Woman: "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"

Jesus: "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

Woman: "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus: "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

Woman "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus: "Go, call your husband, and come back."

Woman: "I have no husband."

Jesus: "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

Woman: "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus: "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Woman: "I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

Jesus "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Narrator: Just then, his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." Jesus said

Jesus: "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

Narrative: So, the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"

Jesus: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Narrator: Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony,

Woman: "He told me everything I have ever done."

Narrator: So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Anthem: *'Brother James' Air'*

~ Pethel

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

'I heard the voice of Jesus say'

TBoP 671

***I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast!"***

***I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.***

***I heard the voice of Jesus say, Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live!"***

***I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.***

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.*

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology

*‘Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow’
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

VU 541

Prayer of Dedication: ² *(Unison)*

God of Life, from you all loving kindness, justice and mercy flow. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy flow from them, too. And bless our lives so the world may see in us signs of your kingdom at work in the church and community, in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Hymn:

*‘With the Lord as my Guide’
With the Lord as my guide
I will walk through the desert,
rest by the water, run in the wind.
With the Lord by my side
I will stand on the mountain,
drink from the fountain of love deep within.

With the Lord as my guide
I will see all the talents,
accept the balance of who I am.
With the Lord by my side
say yes to the calling,
fear not the falling, trust in God's plan.*

TBoP 574

*With the Lord as my guide
I will work with my sister,
care for my brother, bend with their pain.
With the Lord by my side
we will rise up together,
strengthen each other, courage regain.*

*With the Lord as my guide
I will rise in the morning,
praise for the dawning beauty of day.
With the Lord by my side
I will sing, sing forever,
always a lover, seeking God's way.*

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing:

'This Little Light of Mine'

MV 138

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Postlude: 'Psalm 19'

~ Marcello

¹Adapted from Bible Worm Liturgy February 1, 2026; ²PCC Worship Planner February 1, 2026

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.

[Parking for Sunday Service](#)

If our own lot is full, extra spaces are available at [Bright Minds Early Learning Centre](#), 486 Needham St. (behind us), a 2 min. walk out Carleton St. to the West door of our church.

[Thank you to our volunteers today:](#)

Greeters - Sandra and Ron Steeves

Scripture Readers -

Beth Morehouse (Woman); Rebecca Jonah (Narrator), Sandra Steeves (Jesus)

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters - Rose Carolyn Smith and assistant / ***Tellers*** - Marc Horncastle, Carole Peacock

Fellowship Host - Marg Leonard

TOMORROW - The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton will be hosting the *World Day of Prayer Bible Study* at 11:00 a.m. at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 1 William St. Our facilitator will be Rev. Michelle Armstrong. The Women of Nigeria have prepared the World Day of Prayer service for this year. The theme is "*I Will Give You Rest: Come.*" (Matthew 11:28-30). All men and women are welcome; refreshments and fellowship afterward.

THANK YOU
to those of you who have
submitted a report for inclusion
in the Annual Report.

There are still a number
outstanding.

Please email yours to the office

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Feb. 8 – Beth and Shawn Meister

Feb. 15 – ***Any volunteers?***

Feb. 22 – Sandra and Ron Steeves

The sign up sheet is available
on the bulletin board in the Hall entry.
Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Friday A.M. Breakfast 2 Go currently need the following items:
Cheese Whiz, peanut butter, instant coffee, individual cereal boxes and toilet paper.

The Pantry needs the following items for their clients:
White sugar, Syrup, Fruit cups, Chunky soup, Sardines.

The Brown Bag Lunch Program currently needs proteins
(pull tab top sandwich meats such as flakes of ham or turkey)

Donations to all our outreach programs are greatly appreciated.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - A Feast Before the Fast!

Join us at St. Paul's and St. Andrew's for a traditional Shrove Tuesday celebration!
Come enjoy a delicious, hearty meal and wonderful fellowship
before the Lenten season begins.

This is a perfect opportunity to gather with neighbors and friends.

On the Menu: Pancakes with syrup, sausages, homemade baked beans, and pie with tea.

***When:** Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30 PM ***Where:** in the Hall ***Cost:** Free will offering.

All are welcome - please bring a friend and your appetite!

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers

is a local charitable organization whose Fund Raising Projects support grass roots organizations in sub-Saharan Africa, through the Stephen Lewis Foundation & Help Lesotho.

New members are welcome; you don't have to be a grandmother.

Our rescheduled meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 02, at 1:30 pm in the basement hall of Holy Family Church on Hanwell Rd. Come to the meeting and learn more.

A Gentle Reminder:

The parking spots reserved for the Minister and Organist are not to be parked in at any time, as both Rev. Michelle and Dr. Sharon are here at various times during the week and need to have clear access to their reserved parking, especially in the evenings.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

Rev. Michelle can be reached at either office number:

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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?

Join us via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: **2023**

View anytime on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulsunitedchurch984/videos>

Fill My Cup

Like the woman at the well, I was seeking

For things that could not satisfy.

And then I heard my Savior speaking—

“Draw from y well that never shall run dry.”

Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord;

Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.

Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Music and Lyrics: Richard Blanchard (1925-2004)

Source: <https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/ns/340>