

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

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: *'Sheep May Safely Graze'*

~ *Bach*

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)*

Close enough to touch our eyes, powerful enough to reveal
God's glory:

He is the Light of the world.

Setting us on the path to new life, seeking us out to reveal
himself:

He is the Light of the world.

Healer and prophet, teacher and Word made flesh:

He is the Light of the world.

Opening Prayer

Hymn:

TBoP 528 vs 1-3

'Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him'

***Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.***

*Jesus calls us to confess him Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness, saving all who fail or fall.*

*Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.*

*Jesus calls us to each other, found in him are no divides;
Race and class and sex and language: such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.*

Prayer of Confession: ¹ (Unison)

You are a God who refuses to stay in the box we have built for you,
a God who breaks the rules we create
and so opens to us a new world of abundant life.

We confess that we want you to stay within the confines of what we understand,
and we admit that when we can't figure it out
we are quick to get defensive and turn away in a huff.

Forgive us when we can't live with the discomfort of unknowing.

We confess that we like to think we've got you under control,
and we admit that we like this world that works for us.

Forgive us when we ignore or silence others who try to tell a different story.

Teach us to say we don't know,
and to listen when you speak in unexpected voices.

Teach us to see your light shining
and to follow into your kingdom life.

We ask in the name of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus the Christ. 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):

God of Word and Wisdom, your Spirit inspired the authors of scripture with faithfulness
in their day. Send us your Holy Spirit as we listen to the scriptures in our time. Give us
fresh understanding and a vision of how to live out your wisdom in the example of
Christ, your living Word. Amen.

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Narrator: As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered,

Jesus: “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Narrator: When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him,

Jesus: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.”

Narrator: (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered,

Man: “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”

Narrator: They said to him, “Where is he?” He said,

Man: “I do not know.”

Narrator: They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them,

Man: “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said,

Man: “He is a prophet.”

Narrator: The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered,

Parent: “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”

Narrator: His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered,

Man: “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

Narrator: They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them,

Man: “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

Narrator: Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.” We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered,

Man: “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

Narrator: They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said,

Jesus: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

Man: “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”

Jesus: “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”

Man: “Lord, I believe.”

Narrator: And he worshipped him. Jesus said,

Jesus: “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks Be to God.***

Anthem: ‘Precious Lord, Take My Hand’

~ Ringwald

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response:

‘Open my eyes, that I may see’

TBoP 500

***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.***

Refrain

***Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see,
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

***Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. R***

*Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share. R*

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 love that transforms lives, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we have received in Christ, your beloved Son. Take our gifts and transform them into acts of love that will bless the world in his 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:

'O Jesus, I Have Promised'

TBoP 569

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the struggle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
oh speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
oh speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be,
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
oh give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.*

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: 'Jig Fugue'

~ Bach

¹ - BibleWorm Liturgy Feb 15, 2026 ; ² - PCC Worship Planner February 15, 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.

Thank you to our Volunteers today:

Greeters - Rose Johnston, Mary Stickles

Scripture Readers: Puneh (Jesus); Brad Webb (Narrator);
Kim Keech (Man); Rev Michelle (Parent).

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters - Rose Carolyn Smith and assistant / ***Tellers*** - Carole Peacock and Bill Paterson

Fellowship Hosts: Cathy Davis and Patty Trail

REMINDER!

Property Finance & Maintenance Committee meets on Wednesday, February 18th, at 5:30 p.m.

REQUESTS FROM YOUR CHURCH OFFICES:

Tax Receipts will be available soon. If you have had a recent change of address, etc. please call or email the respective office and update your contact information asap. Thank you.

Committee reports for inclusion in the Annual Reports may be emailed to the offices.

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!
Enjoy a delicious, hearty meal and wonderful fellowship before Lent begins.

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!

THANK YOU to our friends The Goldmans at Sgoolai Israel Synagogue who generously donated three space heaters to us; these will be used and appreciated in our staff offices!

HELP WANTED! In recent months, many of us have voiced concern over the quality of the sound in the sanctuary and with the Zoom broadcasts of Sunday services. Last October we asked Doug Beairsto (who created and manages the sound system at Wilmot United) to study our current sound system (installed over 20 years ago), locate/identify problems and recommend updates, including a shopping list for new equipment. **This has all been done and now we need a volunteer to put the plan into action.** Maybe you are an engineer, or someone seriously interested in new technology. Perhaps you don't know much about sound systems but you're good at making things happen, getting things done. Are you the parent of a student pursuing studies in this field at college or university? The project could be a family affair. Time frame? Starting now, completed by September. Saint Andrew's/St. Paul's needs you! For further information, please contact Glynis Martin at glynism@gmail.com.

CURRENT NEEDS OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Pantry: white sugar, syrup, fruit cups, sardines, Chunky Soup.

Brown Bag Lunches: proteins with flip-top lids, such as flakes of ham or turkey.

Breakfast 2 Go: Cheese Whiz, peanut butter, instant coffee, mini cereal boxes, toilet paper.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Feb. 22 – Ron and Sandra Steeves; March 1 – ***Volunteers needed!***

March 8 – ***Volunteers needed!***; March 15 – The Simpsons

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Hall entry.

Thank you for supporting this ministry of Hospitality.

ONGOING CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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> ~ <i>Bible Study, 6-7 p.m., Rev. Michelle's Study – All welcome!</i>
Thursdays	~ <i>Choir Practice, 7-8 p.m. in the Hall ~ All welcome!</i>
Fridays	~ <i>Community Outreach Breakfast 2 Go, 9-10:30 a.m.</i>

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

Her drop-in office hours are Sundays & Mondays, 1 -2:30 p.m.
Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.