

**Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
and
St. Paul's United
Ecumenical Shared Ministry**
April 5, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday



Welcome and thanks to
Rev. Douglas Blaikie,
leading us in worship today.

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Bulletin submissions:

Wednesday by Noon

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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'
'Thine is the Glory'

- Willan

- Hayes

Welcome & Announcements
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship ¹: (Responsive)

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death.

Hallelujah!

Hear the Good News – the grave is empty - Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

Let us worship God with Easter joy!

Hymn:

'Thine be the glory'

TBoP 258

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.***

[Refrain:]

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

***Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb:
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. R.***

***No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R.***

Prayer of Adoration: (worship Leader)

As we recall who you are and what you have done, we recall who we are and what we have done. Hear us now as we confess to you our sins:

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips are afraid to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change, and give us grace to grow in your likeness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: (Sung)

TBoP 452

***Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.***

***Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.***

***Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning of eternal day.***

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he¹ lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: 'Crown Him'

~ Forrest

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

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: (Unison)

Generous God, this day we recognize how much you have given us in Christ Jesus, and what that gift has cost. Bless these gifts so they may offer hope and joy to the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn:

*'The Son of God Proclaim'
The Son of God proclaim,
who reigns o'er time and space;
the God who bade the light break forth
now shines in Jesus' face.*

*Behold his outstretched hands!
Though all was in his power
he took the towel and basin then,
and serves us in this hour.*

*He, God's creative word,
the church's only head,
here bids us gather as his friends,
and share his wine and bread.*

*The Lord of life and death
with wondering praise we sing;
we break the bread at his command,
and name him God and King.*

*We take this cup in hope:
for he, who gladly bore
the shameful cross, is risen again,
and reigns for evermore.*

TBoP 558

The Invitation / Institution / Consecration

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we offer thanks and praise. Through the words of prophets, you gave people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we rejoice that in your son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour has come and will come again in power and glory making all things new. How wonderful are your ways almighty God. How marvelous is your name. You alone are God. Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live beyond all time and space, we join with all creation in joyful praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you for sending Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he was a friend to all. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him. Therefore, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup and give you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Fill us with the joy of eternal life, that we may be faithful people until we feast with you in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

Hymn:

'The Day of Resurrection'

TBoP 249

*The day of resurrection - earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
let the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our joy that has no end.*

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: *'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'*

~ Payne

¹ Order of Service/Prayers: Book of Common Order, Presbyterian Church; ² – Scripture: NVSVA: www.biblegateway.com

GOOD MORNING ~ HAPPY EASTER ~ 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 refreshments and fellowship.

Thank you to our Volunteers today

Greeters - Mary Hossack and Khris Grant

Scripture Reader – Helen MacKinnon-Bagnell

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters - / **Tellers** – Laura Steeves and Alan Thorne

Refreshments & Fellowship Hosts – The Worship Committee

Sunday Refreshment & Fellowship Hosts

April 12 – Volunteer/s needed; April 19 – The Meisters

The remaining Sundays in April are not yet covered. Find a buddy, 'double up', and share the duties! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Hall entry. Thank you.

The New Photo Directory - Copies should be available the end of the month; there is no cost for one if you had photo taken last fall by Universal Portrait Studios. Those who requested we use previous directory photos, submitted photos or chose not to have one included may purchase a copy (\$23.00-HST incl.), payable by cheque made out to '**Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church**', who will receive an invoice for the total cost of these copies. Contact Joanna at Saint Andrew's office to order yours.

CURRENT NEEDS OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Pantry: Canned evaporated milk; all-purpose flour (2.5 kg. size); orange and apple juice (1 L size); liquid dish detergent.

Brown Bag Lunches: fruit cups, pudding cups.

Breakfast 2 Go: Canned meat and fish; Cheez Whiz; peanut butter; instant coffee; individual cereal boxes; TP.

All donations are appreciated!

MUSIC, MUSIC AND MORE MUSIC!

The Windham Chamber Singers perform here, free of cost, on Friday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. This group gained international attention in 1996 when they won the *Prize of Vienna*, the highest award given at the International Youth Music Festival, Vienna, Austria. All welcome!

Fredericton Symphony Orchestra - A Musical Celebration (Brahms * Faure * Haydn), Richard Hornsby, Conductor will take place at the Playhouse on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

'**Great Hymns of Faith**': We are holding a **Hymn Sing** here on **Sunday, April 26, 2026**, at **6:30 p.m.**, with a fellowship time will follow. A free will offering will go to support our outreach programs. What a wonderful opportunity to continue the celebration of Easter and all things Spring by lifting our voices in praise. Please consider inviting family, friends and neighbors.

MEETINGS IN APRIL

Wednesday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee meets in the Hall.

Wednesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. Policy Finance and Maintenance meets via Zoom

Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Session meets in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, April 22 at 6 p.m., Ecumenical Assembly meets in the Hall.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays ~ *Ladies Group, in the Hall, 9:30 am ~ All are welcome!*

Tues. & Thurs. ~ *Quilting Group, in the Ladies' Parlour, 1- 4 pm ~ All are welcome!*

Wednesdays ~ *Pantry Program, in the Basement, 9 -11 am.*

~ *Brown Bag Lunch Program, in St. Paul's Office, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm*

Thursdays ~ *Bible Study, in Rev. Michelle's Study, 6 pm ~ All are welcome!*

~ *Choir Practice, in the Hall, 7 pm ~ All are welcome!*

Fridays ~ *Breakfast 2 Go, in the Hall entrance, 8:30 – 10 am*

Sacred Ground: Breathing Through the Fear - We all carry it. The quiet fears we don't name out loud. The questions we're not sure we're allowed to ask. The moments where we feel a little locked away. On **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 PM**, you're invited to a Sacred Ground gathering, a space to slow down, breathe deeply, and be reminded: You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to leave your doubt at the door. You don't have to pretend you're not afraid. Because even behind closed doors, even in the middle of uncertainty, Christ comes anyway. Together, we'll breathe in peace, breathe out fear, and make space for a faith that is honest, searching, and alive. Nashwaaksis United Church Sanctuary- 46 Main St.-There's room for you.

Your ATTENTION please!

Have you received an email, allegedly from Rev. Doug Blaikie with this email address: officemailinbox168@gmail.com? If so, it is not legitimate. Similar 'solicitation email' has popped up in the past from 'Rev. Michelle' or 'Dr. Sharon Pond', also scams. Please be aware that you will never receive an email request like this from Saint Andrew's or St. Paul's.

Parking Reminder

There are two parking spots in our lot designated 24/7 for the Shared Ministry, clearly identified as Minister and Organist only.

There is also designated parking for those displaying disability permits (one in our lot and several along Charlotte Street directly in front of the church).

As parking in our lot and along Charlotte Street is somewhat limited, **extra parking is available for Sunday service only** at Bright Minds Early Learning Centre, 486 Needham Street, a 2 minute walk out Carleton Street, just West of the Church.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person?

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

