

**Saint Andrew's Presbyterian  
and St. Paul's United  
Ecumenical Shared Ministry**  
April 12, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.



Welcome and thanks to  
Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery,  
leading us in worship today.

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**Wednesday by Noon**

*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.*

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## **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

***Prelude: 'Arioso in A'***

~ Bach

***Welcome & Announcements***

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

***Call to Worship : (Responsive)***

All things of God, all the heavens,

**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,  
all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

**Let us worship and praise our Maker together.**

***Hymn:***

**TBoP 260**

*"Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord."*

**(Refrain)**

***Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;***

***Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his Name.***

***Jesus is Lord of all the earth;***

***he is the King of creation: /R.***

***Spread the good news o'er all the earth;***

***Jesus has died and has risen: /R.***

***We have been crucified with Christ;***

***now we shall live forever: /R.***

***Come, let us praise the living God,***

***joyfully sing to our Saviour: /R.***

## ***Prayer of Adoration***

### ***Prayer of Confession: (unison)***

God our Redeemer, in raising Christ from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection.

Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us.  
Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised. 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'll pursue our way,  
watching for the dawning of the eternal day.***

## **Scripture Readings:**

### ***The First Lesson: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32***

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## ***Responsive Reading: Psalm 111***

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honour and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established for ever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures for ever.**

## ***The Gospel: John 20: 19-31***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our risen Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** *Carol of St. Thomas*

~ *Greening*

**The Message:** "Thomas"

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn:**

*"At the dawning of salvation"*

**TBoP 248**

***At the dawning of salvation; in the morning of the world,  
Christ is raised, a living banner by the love of God unfurled.  
Through the daylight, through the darkness, Christ leads on his great array:  
all the saints and all the sinners he has gathered on his way.***

***He is risen in the morning, he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness, he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered, he has triumphed, life is his alone to give:  
as he gave it once he gives it evermore, that we may live.***

***For the glory of salvation in the dawn of Easter day  
we will praise you, loving Father; we rejoice to sing and pray  
with the Son and with the Spirit Lead us on, your great array,  
saints and sinners celebrating your triumphant love today.***

***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)***

**Giver of every good and perfect gift, in Christ we see the power of sacrifice, and trust the hope of resurrection he offers. Receive our gifts given in gratitude for all we have received in him. Bless all that we give so that his healing work in the world may continue. Amen.**

***Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession / 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***Hymn:***

*"The strife is o'er; the battle done"*

**TBoP 257**

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun. Hallelujah!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed:  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Hallelujah!*

*The three sad days have quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head. Hallelujah!*

*Lord, from your wounds God's blessings spring:  
free us, we pray, from death's dread sting  
that we may live and sing Hallelujah!*

### **GOING FORTH WITH GOD**

### ***Commissioning & Benediction***

### ***Dismissal***

***Organ Postlude: Postlude on "Maccabeus"***

*~ Payne*

### ***GOOD MORNING ~ 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*** - Arlene MacDonald, Carole Peacock

***Scripture Readers*** - Ron Naugler and Rick Gremm

***Audio/Visual*** - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

***Counters*** - Jean and Al Boudreau / ***Tellers*** - Wendy & Ross Mathers, Bill Paterson

### **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 for inclusion in the directory. Those who requested we use previous directory photos, submitted photos or chose not to have one included may still 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 in Saint Andrew's church office ASAP to order yours!

#### **CURRENT NEEDS OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

##### **The Pantry:**

*Canned tomatoes, canned milk,  
chocolate pudding cups, Cheez  
Whiz,*

*Orange and Apple juice*

*(1 L size)*

*and liquid dish detergent.*

##### **Breakfast 2 Go:**

*Canned meat and fish;*

*Cheez Whiz; peanut butter;*

*instant coffee; nutritional drinks  
(Boost, etc.)*

*individual cereal boxes; TP.*

**All donations are appreciated!**

#### **Sunday Refreshment & Fellowship Hosts**

**April 19 - The Meisters; April 26 - Chris Grant**

The remaining Sundays are not yet covered.

Find a buddy, 'double up', and share the duties!

See sign up sheet on the Hall entry bulletin board.

Thank you for supporting our ministry of hospitality.

#### **From St. Paul's office:**

We are preparing St. Paul's 2025 Annual Report and would love your help! If you have photos from church events throughout the past year - services, gatherings, celebrations, or special moments - please consider sharing them with us.

Your pictures help tell the story of our church community and bring the report to life.

Please email your photos to St. Paul's church office within the next week or so.

Thank you for helping us capture and celebrate all that has happened in 2025!



### **MUSIC AND MORE MUSIC!**

**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 to 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 for a relaxing evening of music.

## **MEETINGS IN APRIL**

**Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.** - Session meets in the Sanctuary.  
**Wednesday, April 14 at 6 p.m.** – Council meets in Rev. Michelle’s office.  
**Wednesday, April 22 at 6 p.m.** - Ecumenical Assembly meets in the Hall.

### **WEEKLY ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

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

**Tuesdays and Thursdays** ~ *Quilting Group - Ladies’ Parlour, 1- 4 pm ~ All are welcome!*

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

**Thursdays** ~ *Bible Study, Rev. Michelle’s Study, 6 pm ~ All are welcome!*  
~ *Choir Practice, Hall, 7 pm ~ All are welcome!*

**Fridays** ~ *Breakfast 2 Go, 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.

### **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**