

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

**May 10, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter**



*We welcome
the Rev. Stephen McAllister,
leading us in worship today.*

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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

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Let us see you this day, O God;

Come to us as light.

Let us hear you this day, O God;

Come to us as truth.

Let us sense your presence, O God;

Come to us as love.

Come and let us worship, God.

We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.

Hymn:

Teach me, God, to wonder

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Teach me, God, to wonder;

teach me, God, to see;

let your world of beauty capture me.

[Refrain]:

Praise to you be given; love for you be lived,

life be celebrated, joy you give.

Let me, God, be open;

let me loving be;

let your world of people speak to me. R

Let me, God, be ready;

let me be awake,

in your world of loving my place take. R

Teach me, God, to know you,

hear you when you speak,

see you in my neighbour when we meet. R

Prayer of Adoration

God of life, we praise you this day for the gift of your creation as new life rises around us in flower beds and farmers' fields, in the nests and burrows of your creatures. We praise you for the gift of our lives, and for all those people—from our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to our teachers and coaches and good friends—who have encouraged us along the way. In this time of worship, encourage us in the present moments of our lives, challenging as they may seem. Refresh us with the new life you promise us in Christ Jesus in whose name we praise you as the Spirit prays within us. Amen.

Prayer Confession: (Responsive)

**God of love,
we are grateful for the love you bless us with in our homes and families.
Yet you know family life is not always easy.
Our love for each other gets strained some days.
Forgive us if we have taken our family for granted.
Give us grace to repair relationships where strain is showing.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
and set free to love more fully by God's generous grace.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: (Unison)

Spirit of Truth and Love, move in us and among us as we listen to the Scriptures read and proclaimed. Open our minds and hearts to God's Living Word so that we may know it more fully and follow it more faithfully, day by day. Amen.

Scripture:

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself

gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 115: *(Responsive)*

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Why should the nations say, ‘Where is their God?’

Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;
they make no sound in their throats.

**Those who make them are like them;
so are all who trust in them.**

O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has been mindful of us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel;

he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.

May the LORD give you increase,

both you and your children.

May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The heavens are the LORD’s heavens,

but the earth he has given to human beings.

The dead do not praise the LORD,

nor do any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD

from this time on and for evermore.

Praise the LORD!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Anthem

Message: 'But, the pianist continued to play...'

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

*'Saviour, teach me day by day'
Saviour, teach me day by day
love's sweet lesson to obey;
sweeter lesson cannot be,
loving God who first loved me.*

*With a child's glad heart of love
at thy bidding may I move,
prompt to serve and follow thee,
loving God who first loved me.*

*Teach me thus thy steps to trace,
strong to follow in thy grace,
learning how to love from thee,
loving God who first loved me.*

*Love in loving finds employ,
in obedience all its joy;
ever new that joy will be,
loving God who first loved me.*

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Invitation to the Offering

The Apostle Paul declared that in God, we live and move and have our being. We offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving for all we enjoy in life, praying that our generosity will become a blessing throughout all God's precious creation.

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God our Creator and Redeemer, you made us in love to share that love with neighbour and stranger as Jesus commanded. Take our gifts and make them tokens of your love that we can share throughout our community and in the world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

God of homes and families, this Sunday we give you thanks for our families, especially remembering mothers and the many women who have mothered us in our days, grandmothers, great grandmothers.

We are grateful for their love and attention, their hard work and the deep hope they have cherished for each one of us.

We honour before you each one who has mothered us and now lives with you in your eternal care.

And we ask your blessing on each one in our family who continues to care for us, cook for us and worry about us.

God with a loving heart, **Hear our prayer.**

God of connections and compassion, today we thank you for our friends and relations, for the neighbours and fellow citizens who help to make our lives complete.

We thank you for glad times shared, helping hands offered, commitments honoured. And we pray for those around us facing particular challenges this day.

(silence)

God with a loving heart, **Hear our prayer.**

God of courage and new possibility, today we pray for all those who feel life or love slipping through their fingers, for those who face the loss of good health, and for those who face the loss of good times.

We pray for communities facing upheaval through natural disaster and human misjudgement, and for countries facing economic turbulence and environmental collapse.

(silence)

God with a loving heart, **Hear our prayer.**

God of forgiveness and renewal, today we pray for those caught up in relationships in need of repair and for all who seek peace and seek to make peace.

We pray for families, churches, communities, and countries caught up in division.

(silence)

Send your Spirit to bring peace to troubled lives.

God with a loving heart, **Hear our prayer.**

As those who seek peace in Jesus' name, we pray together the words he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer: (Unison)

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Hymn:

'Love Divine All Loves Excelling'

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***Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.***

***Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.***

***Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.***

***Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.***

Commissioning & Benediction:

Walk in the love of the Lord, as Jesus taught us, showing that love to all whom you meet. And may grace, mercy and peace from God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be with you, now and evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude

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 refreshments and fellowship.

Thank you to our Volunteers today:

Greeters – Carole Peacock, Arlene MacDonald

Scripture Readers – Ann Krause (Lesson); Rick Gremm (Psalm); Kelly Simpson (Gospel)

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

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

Refreshments / Fellowship Hour – Beth and Shawn Meister, Kimberly Keech

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, MAY 24 (Communion Sunday) following the service led by Rev. Susan McAllister, both the Saint Andrew's and St. Paul's annual meetings will take place. Please plan to stay and take part in our '2025 year in review' and participate in the decisions we make for 2026.

**Current Needs
of our Outreach Programs:**

The Pantry:

*Vinegar (1 Liter size); baking soda;
cake mix, canned tuna*

Breakfast 2 Go:

*Canned meat and fish;
Cheez Whiz; peanut butter;
instant coffee; nutritional drinks;
individual cereal boxes; TP.*

All donations are most appreciated!

A Reminder!

***The Ladies Group will hold a
Spring Rummage Sale here on
Friday, May 29 from 3-7 p.m. and
Saturday, May 30, from 9 am – Noon.***

***Details on when you can start to
drop off of saleable items to the Hall
will be forthcoming.***

Refreshment & Fellowship Hosts for the month of May:

17th - Mary Hossack and Margie Penney; **24th** - Annual Meetings (covered); **31st** - available.

Volunteers are also needed for the month of June and beyond.

The sign-up sheet for June is on the Hall entry bulletin board.

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Tuesdays ~ *Ladies Group - Hall, at 9:30 am ~ All are welcome!*
Tues. & Thurs. ~ *Quilting Group - Ladies' Parlour, from 1- 4 pm ~ All are welcome!*
Wednesdays ~ *Pantry Program - Basement, from 9 -11 am.*
Thursdays ~ *Bible Study - in the Study', 6-7 pm ~ All are welcome!*
~ *Choir Practice - Hall, at 7 pm ~ All are welcome!*
Fridays ~ *Breakfast 2 Go, Hall entrance, 8:30 - 10 am*

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 one spot in our lot for those displaying disability permits 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

View anytime on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulsunitedchurch984/videos>

Happy Mother's Day
to all who have given
a Mother's Love.
Thank You

