

**Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
and
St. Paul's United
Ecumenical Shared Ministry
May 31, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.**



Welcome to

Kurt Schmidt (worship leader)
and Rev. Greg Geldart (organist)
joining us for today's service.

Minister

The Rev. Michelle Armstrong

Organist & Choir Director

Dr. Sharon Pond

Clerk of Session

Jean Boudreau

Council Chair

Vacant

Ministers Emeriti

Rev. Douglas E. Blaikie

Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery

Office Administrators

Saint Andrew's

Joanna Price

M – F, 10 am – 1 pm

(506) 455-8220

sapcfred@gmail.com

St. Paul's

Melissa Howard

Hours vary.

Email is monitored.

Please reach out.

(506) 458-1183

stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Our Address

512 Charlotte Street

Fredericton, NB E3B 1M2

Bulletin submissions:

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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: "Offertory"

~ John Ness Beck

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Creator, Christ and Spirit, Almighty God of beauty and truth, we praise you for the glory and mystery of the eternal Trinity, and for the example to pray and work in and for unity in your world.

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

We praise you for your gift of life.

Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

We thank you for your gift of new life.

Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

We worship you in holiness, Ever Three and Ever One.

Opening Hymn:

VU # 265

'Creating God, Your Fingers Trace'

***Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.***

***Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let waters fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.***

***Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.***

***Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.***

Prayer of Adoration: (worship leader)

Holy God, you are Three in One and One in Three.

Praise to you, Source of life, maker of Heaven and Earth, who created us in your image and called us good.

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, born in our flesh to teach us how to love and offer us grace and mercy.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, for the energy you bring us to greet each day as a gift.

Holy God, Three in One and One in Three,

we praise you for your mystery and mercy. Reveal to us how to live as your people and witness to your wonder and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of mystery and mercy, you know the details of our lives. You see the sin and the sorrow we bear; you see the problems and the possibilities we face. You see how we fit into the world around us and how we rub each other the wrong way.

We confess we do not always see what you see. Open our eyes to the truth of our lives and touch us with your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (worship leader):

The Apostle Paul teaches us that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's gift of forgiveness and peace!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: (Unison)

Holy God, you have spoken through your Living Word, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit speaks through the Scriptures. Help us understand what you are saying to the church so that we may know your will and follow your way.

The Scriptures:

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:4

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

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

Psalm 8: *(Responsive)*

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your
foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Anthem: "Prayer to the Trinity"

~ Michael Bedford

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: 'Lord, You Give the Great Commission'

VU #512

Lord, you give the great commission: 'Heal the sick and preach the word.'

Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

***Lord, you call us to your service: 'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.***

***Lord, you make the common holy: 'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.***

***Lord, you show us love's true measure: 'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.***

***Lord, you bless with words assuring: 'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.***

Invitation to the Offering (worship leader)

Trinity Sunday proclaims the outpouring of love within God's own being, for God's very nature is love. May our gifts offer an outpouring of our love for God and our willingness to put that love into action in God's world.

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)

Trinity Sunday proclaims the outpouring of love within God's own being, for God's very nature is love. May our gifts offer an outpouring of our love for God and our willingness to put that love into action in God's world.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Holy God, whose glory is beyond compare; whose mercy is boundless, and love for us is endless; look upon us now in your compassion.

We pray for peace that calms our hearts, that quiets our minds and soothes our souls, and for peace in the whole world and throughout creation:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the stability of the church and the unity of this congregation, for the ministries of your church around the world in challenging and difficult times:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for this country, our leaders, and all those in public service (.....) and for all who offer themselves in service for the common good:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation in its beauty and bounty, for the wellbeing of every creature and their habitats, for a willingness to change our ways to protect places and people at risk, and for generations yet unborn that they too may thrive:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the safety of those who must travel by land, sea, and air, and for all those who are separated from those they love:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the suffering (...), and the isolated, for victims of violence in their homes and in their nations, for refugees and people held as captives:

Hear our prayer.

To you, Holy God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, belongs all glory, honour, and worship, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. And now, as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say:

Prayer of God's Reign (The Lord's Prayer): (*Unison*)

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver - Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by all the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread we need for today, please feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, please forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, please strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, please spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, please free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Closing Hymn:

'All Creatures of Our God and King'

VU #217

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:

hallelujah, hallelujah!

***Bright burning sun with golden beam, soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!***

***O rushing winds and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!***

***O rising morn, in praise rejoice; O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!***

*Earth, ever fertile, day by day brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!*
*The flowers and fruits that verdant grow, let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah! hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
*And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!*
*All who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah! hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!*
*Praise God eternal, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah! hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Commissioning & Benediction

Trinity celebrates the overflowing love within God's very nature, a dance of unity and diversity in the heart of God. So, join the dance and let God's love flow through you each day. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion in the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and lead you onward, now and evermore.

Postlude: "Rigaudon"

~ André Campra

¹ Adapted from a version by Jim Cotter in the Night Prayer (Compline) service of *A New Zealand Prayer Book (1988)*; Liturgy: PCC Worship Planner, May 31, 2026; Scripture text: <http://www.biblegateway.com> (NRSVUE)

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.

Thank you to our Volunteers today:

Greeters - Rose Johnston and Ron Naugler

Scripture Readers - Barbara Cull-Wilby (Old Testament) and Kim Keech (Epistle)

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counter - Jean Boudreau / ***Tellers*** - Laura Steeves and Alan Thorne

Refreshment & Fellowship Hosts:

The sign-up sheet is on the Hall entry bulletin board, and so far only week in June is taken.

Please have a look and see if you can help out. Thanks!

As Chair of the Ladies Group, I would like to thank everyone who supported our Spring Yard Sale with your donations, and also all those who helped out in any way. Once again, you have helped us carry out a successful fundraising event. We appreciate you all! ~ *Colleen Watson*

The **2026 Photo Directories** have arrived and can be picked up before or after Sunday services. If you had your photo taken last fall, you are entitled to a free copy. If you did not participate in the photo shoot, you can purchase a directory for \$20 + HST = \$23, while quantities last. If you are unable to come to church on Sundays, please consider asking a friend or family member to pick up your copy. The directory, with photos and contact information, is a great way to learn who's who at Saint Andrew's/St. Paul's. Special thanks to our resident photographers (Patty Trail, Erin Webb, Kelly Simpson, Kathie Berry, Rose Johnston and Rev. Michelle Armstrong) whose pictures of church activities capture the beauty and joy we find in our shared ministry. ~ *Carole Peacock*

It's Grad Season! If you know anyone who will be graduating from high school, community college, university or another educational institution in 2026, we would be happy to honour them! Just submit their name/s and the details of their achievement/s to Saint Andrew's office.

Current Needs of our Outreach Programs:

The Pantry: facial tissue, dish detergent, cookies, mustard, relish, canned fruit and white rice.

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

All donations are greatly appreciated!

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

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

Tuesday and Thursday ~ *Quilting Group, Ladies' Parlour, 1- 4 pm ~ All are welcome!*

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

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

Worship Leaders in June:

7th - Rev. Daryll Levy; 14th - Rev. Dr. Philip Lee;

21st - Daryll Levy; 28th - Stephen McAllister.

Then we are off to join Wilmot United at their location in July!

In Rev. Michelle's absence if you or anyone in your family needs emergency pastoral care, please call Rev. Richard Bowley at (506) 262-2150.

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person?

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