

**Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
and
St. Paul's United
Ecumenical Shared Ministry
Sunday, June 7 - 10:30 a.m.**



We welcome

*Rev. Darryl Levy (worship leader)
and Rev. Greg Geldart (organist)
joining us for today's service.*

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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 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: "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations ~ Edward Elgar

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Rejoice in God's goodness, people of God!

All: We will sing praises to our God.

One: God loves righteousness and justice;

All: We will serve God faithfully.

One: The earth is full of God's steadfast love.

All: We come to worship and offer our love and loyalty.

Opening Hymn:

VU #374

'Oh for a thousand tongues to sing'

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

*my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.*

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,

and bids our sorrows cease—

'tis music to the sinner's ears;

'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice

new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;

the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,

your tongues again employ;

you blind, behold your Saviour comes,

and leap, you lame, for joy.

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.*

Prayer of Adoration (worship leader) **and *Confession*** (all):

Creator, Christ and Spirit, you are overflowing with love, infinite in kindness, incomparable in glory and the source of all wisdom and knowledge.

In you, all things work together for good and are redeemed. Your presence breaks into our lives in transformative ways, and you touch us with wonder.

In response to your goodness and glory, we offer you thanks with our prayers, praise with our hearts, and honour with our lives, this day and every day, now and always.

In confidence of your grace and kindness, O God, and out of a desire to begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins:

God of mercy, whose loving kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to pardon and to accept pardon.

We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words said in anger; selfish purposes that caused pain and persistent pride that would not yield. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence, we make our confession to you.

Assurance of Pardon (worship leader)

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: (unison)

God of wisdom, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures:

Psalm: 33:1-12 (Responsive)

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

**The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Anthem: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

~ arranged by Georgiann H. Toole

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

'Will you come and follow me'

VU # 634

Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?

***Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?***

Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?

***Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r In you and you in me?***

*Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?*

*Will you love the you' you hide If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.
In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.*

Invitation to the Offering (worship leader)

God offers us a future in Christ Jesus, sometimes through comfort and sometimes through challenge. We present our gifts to God in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us in every situation.

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)

God of healing and hope, you offer us what we need in Christ Jesus, not always what we want. Bless our gifts and use them to meet needs in lives touched by the outreach of our church. Give each of us courage to reach out in Jesus' name whenever you call. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

God of our past and our future, we come with grateful hearts, trusting that you walk with us through all the seasons of our lives. You create a future for us, calling each of us to use our individual abilities and opportunities to make a difference.

Thank you that we all have a place and a purpose in your world.

Guide all who are graduating this year to use their knowledge, learning and lives in service to you and your world.

Let them hear your call and find their calling.

Hear us now as we pray for the world in its deep and diverse needs:

We pray today for those who face danger and despair in these times:

We remember before you those living with hunger,

and all those caught up in unrest and violence beyond their control.

(silence)

We pray for all those working to relieve suffering in these lives and bring justice and peace:
Jesus Christ, lover of all;

Bring healing, bring peace.

We pray for your church in this place, in this region/town/city and around the world.

Guide it so that it is clear in its proclamation, gracious in its service,
bold in its advocacy and humble in its discernment.

Especially, we pray for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which
begins its deliberations today. Give its moderator, commissioners and all who serve the
Assembly a strong sense of your guidance.

We pray for all those facing fear or frustration, wrestling with sorrow or discouragement in any
area of their lives:

For those who live with illness or pain....

For those bearing chronic conditions or disability....

For those who know the grief and change of bereavement....

(silence)

And we pray for all those who work to bring healing and comfort
and agencies that offer support and care to those who suffer:

Jesus Christ, lover of all;

Bring healing, bring peace.

We pray for all who feel helpless or hopeless in this present time:

For those around us facing unemployment, struggling to make ends meet...

For those caught up in the pain of misunderstanding or broken relationships...

And for those working through situations of conflict at home or at work...

(silence)

We pray for all who offer guidance and support in the midst of such difficulties
and for those who have skills in reconciliation or mediation:

Jesus Christ, lover of all;

Bring healing, bring peace.

God of healing and hope,

Guide our congregation to engage each day with faithfulness.

Where we need correction, show us a new way;

where we need love and encouragement, inspire us.

Unite us as we travel into the future you are creating for us as followers of Jesus,
as we pray 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

Closing Hymn:

MVU #23

'Come, O Holy Spirit'

***Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name!***

(Refrain)

***Come, come, come, in Jesus name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open Pentecost is now!
I said a Pentecost is now!***

***Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm. R.***

***Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, Come and show us how
all the world lies open: Pentecost is now! R.***

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go in faith into whatever the week ahead may hold, sure that Christ walks with you. And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life bring you joy and peace, now and always.

Postlude: "Postlude on 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'

~ arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

¹ Liturgy: PCC Worship Planner, June 7, 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 - Mary Stickles and

Scripture Reader – Rick Gremm

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counter - Jean Boudreau / ***Tellers*** - Wendy & Ross Mathers, Bill Paterson

Refreshment & Fellowship Hosts - The Ladies' Group

AVAILABLE at the back of the Sanctuary today:

The **Summer edition** of the PCC national newspaper, *Presbyterian Connection*. Take one!

A Greeting card for Rose Carolyn Smith to which you may add a note; it will cheer her to know that we are thinking of her and missing her while she is a patient at the DECH.

The **2026 Photo Directories** have arrived. If you haven't picked up your copy yet, there may be one with your name on it at the back of the sanctuary today. These are the free copies for those who had their photos taken last fall.

TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at the Oromocto United Church, *Lintuhtine Singers* present 'Songs of Sunshine and Renewal' with guest performers Ben Grey (keyboard), Sidney Murgatroyd (strings), and Sid & the McDonald Boys (strings). Also Conrad Levesque (bass and acoustic guitar) and Accompanist Lynn Mills under the direction of Helen McKinnon- Bagnell. A free will offering at the door will cover Choir expenses. Everyone is invited to join them for this concert.

It's Grad Season! If you know anyone who will be graduating from high school, community college, university or another educational institution in 2026 – your children, grandchildren - we would be happy to honour them. Please submit their name/s and the details of their achievement/s to Saint Andrew's office by this coming Wednesday, **June 10th**. Thanks.

Current Needs of our Outreach Programs:

The Pantry: Ritz Crackers, Canned (diced) Tomatoes, Cake Mix, Frosting, Salt.

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

All donations are greatly appreciated!

A BIG THANKS to all who signed up this past week to cover 'Sunday Snacks' in June.
June 14 - Lois and Barb; June 21 - Beth and Shawn Meister and Kim Keech; June 28 - open.

And speaking of Hospitality.... Fellowship time in August (formerly *Lemonade on the Lawn!*) A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Hall entry, and we are looking for Volunteers (individual or "Team") for each of the four Sundays in August when we are hosting Wilmot United Church for Sunday Worship. In the past, we have simplified by having iced tea or lemonade, watermelon slices, ice cream sandwiches, and the like, although the "menu" is entirely up to the volunteers! We would appreciate any who are willing to look after one Sunday during August when it is our turn to host.

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like you to know that due to your generosity, the recent PWS&D Special Appeal for the Middle East raised \$360.00, which will be forwarded to the Presbyterian World Service and Development, the national mission arm of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The amount raised will be matched with funds from the federal government, so **\$720.00** will now be available to help those in urgent needs, and ongoing. Well done, and thank you. Feel free to give each other a pat on the back or a 'high five' today following the service!

**Graduating from High School this year?
Already in University? Community College?**

Wark/St. Paul's Scholarships

Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's and who plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available at <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca> under "Resources".

Applications must be received on or before July 31.

On the bulletin board in the Hall entry:

You are invited to a

'Lunch & Learn for Seniors'

at St. James Presbyterian, 1991 Highway
640, Hanwell on

Wed. June 24 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

See details on the poster
and RSVP by June 22 to attend.

Worship Leaders in June:

14th - Rev. Dr. Philip Lee

21st - Rev. Darryl Levy

28th - Rev. Stephen McAllister

For the month of July, we will worship
with Wilmot United at their location.

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Tuesdays ~ Ladies Group, in the Hall, 9:30 am – 11 a.m. ~ All are welcome!

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

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

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

***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 for worship via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287>

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**If you would like to receive a copy of
the Sunday bulletin in advance of the service
to help you engage more fully in online worship,
contact Joanna at Saint Andrew's office.**

