

Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
and St. Paul's United
Ecumenical Shared Ministry
June 28, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
5th Sunday after Pentecost



We welcome
Rev. Dr. 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 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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: 'Sonata'

~ Selby

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

We offer our praise in songs of joy.

God's faithfulness is as vast as the heavens.

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

We will give God glory now and always!

Opening Hymn:

TBOP #462

'All My Hope on God is Founded'

All my hope on God is founded

who doth still my trust renew:

through all change and chance God guides me,

only good and only true.

Love unknown, God's alone

calls my heart to be God's own.

***Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray all trust;***

***what our care and toil establish,
tower and temple, fall to dust.***

***But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.***

God's great goodness reigns eternal,

deep in wisdom, passing thought:

***light and life are all God's splendor,
bringing beauty out of naught.***

***Evermore from God's store
new-born worlds rise and adore.***

*Daily does Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow,
God's desire our soul delighting,
pleasure leading where we go.
Love will stand at God's hand;
joy will wait on God's command.*

*Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
' for the gift of Christ, the Son.
Hear Christ call one and all;
you that follow shall not fall.*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Holy and Loving Creator, Christ and Spirit, how majestic is your name in all the earth. From north and south, from east and west, drawn by your majesty, we come to worship your beauty and holiness.

For the gift of this new day, fresh from your hand, we rejoice.

For the renewal we know through friendship with Christ, we praise you.

For your Spirit's energy, blessing us in each moment, we honour you.

Accept our praise offered in word and action, and guide us always in the truth of your ways as we worship you as One God here and everywhere, now and always.

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God of mercy; as we gather to celebrate your gift of love we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided one from the other. How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions, have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us.

Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and one another; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus Christ knows we have fallen short of his intentions for us, yet in his great mercy, he welcomes us back into his embrace. Thanks be to God that we are forgiven, refreshed and restored for ministry by God's grace.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: (Unison)

Prepare our hearts and minds, O God, to receive your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may obey your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm: 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed;"

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Anthem: 'Imagine'

~ Lennon

Message: "Welcome and Receive"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

'Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life'

***Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.***

***In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.***

***From tender childhood's helplessness,
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.***

TBoP #760

*The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.*

*O Saviour, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
oh tread the city's streets again;*

*Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.*

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus teaches that the gift of a simple cup of water is a gift worthy of his disciples. Friends, whatever we give to God this day can bless the world in Jesus' name. So, give with confidence that your gift matters.

Doxology: (Unison) '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, what we return to you today has first come to us from you. Bless what we offer so that those in need may taste your abundance which we know already in Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, followed by the Lord's Prayer:

Almighty God of heaven and earth, with joy and thanksgiving we praise you, for you create, sustain, and redeem all things. For making us in your image to love one another and to care for your creation, we give you thanks. For the gift of your Son whose life is the pattern for our lives and learning, we give you thanks. For the energy of your Spirit to inspire us in times of challenge and change, we give you thanks.

Strengthen us in these challenging times to show your love to others as we pray:

For the Church and those who lead it to find new ways of reaching out in a culture with changing values . . .

(Silence)

For creation, that we may learn to respect and care for it . . .

(Silence)

For those who lead the nations of the world, that they may work for the wellbeing of the most vulnerable and seek peace together. . .

(Silence)

For those who make decisions about health care, education and social services in these times when there are many demands in every area . . .

(Silence)

For the poor, the hungry and those struggling to find affordable housing when prices for everything seem to rise each day . . .

(Silence)

For those who struggle with illness, addiction, disability or despair,
and for those who mourn the loss of someone dear . . .

(Silence)

For the powerless and the oppressed, wherever they live,
and for those who work to defend them . . .

(Silence)

Hear us now as we pray in silence for situations on our hearts this day.

(Silence)

Eternal God, thank you for listening to us in every situation. Keep our eyes open for your Spirit at work among us. Equip us to respond to someone else's prayer as your servants,
for we offer ourselves to you in the words Jesus 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 and we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Closing Hymn:

'Morning Has Broken'

TBoP #814

***Morning has broken like the first morning,
black bird has spoken like the first bird.
praise the singing! Praise for the morning!
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.***

***Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;
born of the one light Eden saw play;
praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!***

Commissioning & Benediction:

Keep your eyes open as you walk in God's world, alert for occasions to share God's love. And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life walk with you each and every day. Amen.

Postlude: 'Voluntary'

~ Selby

Liturgy: PCC Worship Planner, June 28; Scriptures: <http://www.biblegateway.com> New Revised Standard Update English

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 Charters,

Scripture Readers – David Charters (Psalm), Cathy Davis (Gospel)

Audio/Visual - Beth and Shawn Meister, Glynis Martin

Counters - Colleen and Bill Waston / ***Tellers*** - Laura Steeves and Alan Thorne

Hospitality and Fellowship - Sandra and Ron Steeves

FOR THE NEXT FOUR SUNDAYS

July 5 through July 26
we will worship at 10:30 a.m. with
Wilmot United Church
at their location - 473 King Street.

You may deposit your numbered
offering envelopes or a plain envelope
with your name and 'for Saint Andrew's'
or 'for St. Paul's' in their Sunday
collection and these will be set aside.
We return to worship at 512 Charlotte
on Sunday, Aug. 2nd when we
will host Wilmot for the month.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note on the front of the bulletin
the hours that Joanna will be available
in Saint Andrew's office to receive calls.

Outside these times, email and
voicemail will be monitored and
messages returned.

St. Paul's office contact information
remains the same for the summer.

Contact information in case of a
pastoral emergency is available on the
office voicemail greeting message 24/7.

We are looking for volunteers for fellowship time for the Sundays in August
when we will host Wilmot United. We'll all enjoy a break from hosting in July when we
are at Wilmot, but hope to fill our roster asap so we will be ready when we return.

The sign-up sheet is in its usual place, on the bulletin board in the Hall entry. If you
aren't yet sure of your schedule in August and can't sign up today, you may contact the
church office this coming week to commit to a Sunday. Thank you to any who can help!

Note: we 'keep it simple' for the summer months with only iced tea or lemonade,
and watermelon slices, ice cream sandwiches or such for snacks.

Whoever is hosting can choose what to provide.

WORSHIP ONLINE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

While we are at Wilmot for Sunday worship, you can join their Sunday service online at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/pYMdDBE3Xb8> Just click on it and then click 'open hyperlink' and you will be directed to their YouTube site for live worship.

Current Needs of our Outreach Programs

The Pantry: Baking Soda, ready-made icing, table salt, tea bags

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

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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.



Saturday, July 11, 2026, Annual Fredericton Pride Parade - Roger Miller extends an invitation to join him in marching in this year's parade. Just meet him at the grandstand in Officers Square by 11 am when the parade lines up. It officially kicks off at 12:00 PM. in the Fredericton Public Library parking lot (behind Officer's Square), makes its way along Queen Street, and culminates at Officer's Square. Post parade, 2 - 9 p.m. a Pride Festival will be held in Officer's Square featuring live music, vendors, and community booths. All are welcome.

We need volunteers to read scripture at Sunday service. You don't have to be a professional orator, just willing and able; and remember, you are among friends when you read. And no worries, if necessary we will phonetically spell for you any unique Bible words like the obscure 'Mahershalalhashbaz' (Isaiah 8:1), pronounced 'may-her-shal-al-hash-baz'! 😊 If you would like to take part in this ministry of the Word, contact Roger Miller at roger_miller@rogers.com.

Continuing weekly activities here through the summer months

Tuesdays and Thursdays ~ Quilting Group, Ladies' Parlour, **9 a.m. - Noon**. All are welcome!

Wednesdays ~ Pantry from 9 - 11 am. ***Fridays*** ~ Breakfast 2 Go, 8:30 - 10 am.

In Rev. Michelle's absence, if you or your family require pastoral care support, you may reach out to the **Rev. Richard Bowley** (of Nas'is United) at his cell number: **(506) 262-2150** or to the **Rev. Ellen Beirsto** (of Wilmot United) by text to her cell number: **(506) 474-2324**.