

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

Sept. 6, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.

15th Sunday after Pentecost



**Today we welcome
the Rev. Darry Levy
leading us in worship.**

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Wednesday by Noon

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.

The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: 'It is Well with My Soul'

~ Berry

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

One: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

All: Tell of his salvation from day to day

One: Declare his glory among the nations,

All: His Marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

(Psalm 96: 1,4)

Opening Hymn: 'Holy, Holy, Holy!'

VU # 315

1/ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2/ Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;

casting down their golden crowns

around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3/ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye made blind by sin

thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

**4/ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God of mercy, grace, and power, pour forth Your Spirit upon us in such a way that our hearts might be cleansed, our minds enlightened, our affections for you rekindled, and our ability to worship you enhanced in such a way that this hour of worship might be profitable for eternity and a means of bringing glory unto Your name.

And now as your people, your children, we come to you to ask that you would forgive our trespasses as we say together:

God of love, God of Holiness, and God of Mercy, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You, in the things we have thought, in the things we have said, and in the things we have done. We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; nor have we loved our neighbors as much as ourselves. We ask that You would not withhold Your love from us, and that though Jesus Christ You would be merciful unto us and forgive us our sins. By the power of Your Holy Spirit help us to love more fully, so that love for You and others may be foremost in our hearts and that we may lovingly follow You, in the steps of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's embracing grace.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: (Unison)

God of wisdom, you teach us with love, you touch us with mercy, and you challenge us with truth. Send your Holy Spirit to help us grasp your love, mercy and truth in the Scriptures as we encounter your living Word today. Amen.

The Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm: # 149

Praise to the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgement decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

Old Testament: Exodus 12: 1-14

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. **(Response:)** The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

(Response:) The Gospel for the People, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Hymn of Preparation:

'I Feel The Winds of God'

VU # 625

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way, you wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.*

Message: 'O The Trouble We Can Get Into'

Hymn of Response:

'Just As I Am'

VU #508

*Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Invitation to the Offering:

The Apostle Paul encourages us to let our love be genuine as we contribute to those in need in the world around us. Know that God will use our gifts for good things, both those we undertake in Jesus' name and in ways we cannot yet imagine.

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)

O God, we offer these gifts to you in hope and thanksgiving. Use them to transform the world you love with the mercy and compassion we celebrate in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

God of love, Creator of heaven and earth,
we are filled with gratitude for the blessings of this life:
for making us in your image to love and care for one another;
for the gift of Christ, who redeems and guides us,
and gives us a pattern for everyday living;
and for the work of the Spirit, who works in us, through us and beyond us.
In your loving kindness, hear us now as we pray for situations
where your love and grace are needed:

We pray for the church in this place and around the world,
facing so many new challenges to respond to so many enduring needs...

(Silence)

We pray for this beautiful planet, the fragile home we share with all living things...

(Silence)

For children and youth who worry about the future of the planet and their place in that future...

(Silence)

For those who govern in this city/town/area and the nations of the world,
that they may find the wisdom and courage to do justice for all in the decisions they make...

(Silence)

For the homeless and the hungry, for the unemployed and the uncertain,
and for all who struggle with daily decisions for their families and their future...

(Silence)

For those who mourn, for those who face illness or isolation,
and for all whose situations we carry in our hearts this day...

(Silence)

God with us, we thank you for your all-embracing love that touches all life and each life, and keeps us in communion with those dear to us who now live with you.
We join our voices to theirs in gratitude, praying 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
as 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:

'When We All Get To Heaven'

***1/ Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.***

***Chorus: When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.***

***2/ While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over,
Not a shadow not a sigh. R/***

***3/ Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving, every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
When the toils of life repay. R/***

***4/ Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open,
We shall tread the streets of gold. R/***

² Eliza E. Hewitt

Commissioning & Benediction:

Moses met God unexpectedly, as a bush burst into flame. Consider that you may meet God in unexpected places, for God can make any place holy ground.
So may the God of mystery embrace you; the Christ of mercy renew you;
and the Spirit of life move with you through each new day.

Postlude: 'Chanty'

~ Whitcomb

Good Morning Everyone!

***May this service be a blessing to you
as we continue to worship together each week, in person and online.
Please join us following service for hospitality and fellowship in the Hall!***

Thank you to today's Volunteers

Greeters – Mary Stickles, David Charters

Scripture Readers - Kathie Berry (Psalm), Ron Naugler (Old Testament)

Audio/Visual - Beth and Shawn Meister, Glynis Martin

SA's Counters - Treasurer & Assistant / ***SP's Tellers*** - Carole Peacock

Refreshments - The Choir

Please Note: Melissa will be away from St. Paul's office until Sept. 13th If you have an urgent matter (non-financial) to address during her absence, please contact Joanna.

The latest edition of the Presbyterian Connection (Fall 2026) is available in the Hall entry, on the side table for you to pick up and enjoy. Help yourself.

A Reminder: A Celebration of Life for the late Rev. Robert (Bob) Jones will be held at Wilmot United Church this coming **Friday, Sept. 11 at 1:00 pm.** The service will also be available to view on the Wilmot United Church's YouTube Channel at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@WilmotUnitedChurch/streams>.

TODAY is your last opportunity to browse the collection of books we have removed from our church library in an effort to 'downsize'. They are displayed on the table in the Hall, and are available for purchase (basket provided for donations). Funds will be used to purchase new titles for you to borrow and enjoy!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Group resumes this week, at **9:30 a.m.in the Hall.**

We are always happy to welcome new members!

Choir Practice resumed the past week. Anyone who may be interested in becoming part of the choir is welcome to join us at practice **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall.**

Current Needs of our Outreach Programs

The Pantry: Salt, spaghetti noodles, soda crackers, canned diced tomatoes, individual ready to eat puddings (any flavour).

Breakfast 2 Go: Cheez Whiz, cans of ham, chicken, turkey, fish; peanut butter; instant coffee; nutritional drinks; mini cereal boxes; TP.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity in supporting these outreach programs.

Gibson Memorial United Church invites you to their Annual Community Yard Sale, on **Saturday September 12, 8 a.m. – Noon at 183 Gibson Street**, Northside. Everyone is welcome!

The Fredericton Choral Society (FCS) begins its fall 2026 season with a rehearsal/reception on **Monday, September 14, from 7 - 9 pm** at Christ Church Parish Church, corner of Westmorland and Charlotte Streets. Rehearsals are held at the church each Monday from 7-9 pm. The FCS is a non-auditioned choir, welcoming singers of all levels. The major works for the December 19th performance are Mendelssohn's cantata, "Von Himmel hoch" accompanied by orchestral ensemble and Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" accompanied by the East Coast Brass. For more information, please contact fcs-exec@googlegroups.com. Membership fees available upon request. ~ Greg Geldart, FCS Music Director

If you or your family need pastoral care, please contact Rev. Ellen Beairsto (Wilmot) by text at her Cell # (506) 474-2324. Her contact info. is also on the church office greeting message, 24/7.

Parking Reminder – There are 2 dedicated parking spaces in our lot: Minister & Organist. Please respect this 24/7; there is 1 space to park with a disability permit and several more available on Charlotte St. directly in front of the church. There is extra parking for *Sunday services only* at *Bright Minds Early Learning Centre* (486 Needham St.) a 2 min. walk out Carleton St. to the West door of the church, at the corner of Carleton & Charlotte Streets.

Can't attend Sunday Service in person? Consider joining us online!

Worship via Zoom - Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> **Passcode:** **2023**