

ST. PAUL'S UNITED & SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN

Fredericton, N.B.

October 20th, 2024

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Hallelujah ~ Cohen

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Come, Children, Join to Sing*

VU 345 vs1

*Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

From our first breath to our last day:

always, God is faithful.

In the comfort of home, God is with us.

In the wandering near and far, God is with us.

When we listen and when we forget, God is with us.

When our motivation is pure and when it is complicated, God is with us.

From before the beginning to beyond the end:

always, God is faithful.

HYMN: *Morning Has Broken*

VU 409

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for 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 God's feet pass.*

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

PRAYER OF APPROACH

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ¹

Word of Life, you are always speaking, making yourself known. It is us who struggle to stay focused on you and your voice.

**We confess we have our own ideas about what we'd like to see and hear,
and our own ideas about what we think you would like.**

We admit we have made assumptions about you:

sometimes based on past experiences, as if you are confined in the past;

sometimes based on limited understanding, as if what we know is all there is;

Sometimes based on what others say, as if any one interpretation could contain you.

But your ways are higher than our ways,
your thoughts are more vast than we can comprehend,
you do not need or want the same things we want.

Forgive us, O God,

when we act on our assumptions instead of listening afresh for your will.

Forgive us, O God,

when we dream up plans for things you didn't ask,

as a way of distracting from the fact we aren't doing what you did ask of us.

Forgive us, O God,

when we treat you the way we want to be treated, rather than loving the way you love us.

Speak to us again today,
for your servants are listening,
as we seek your mercy.

~silence~

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26-27a, 30-33

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 91

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Fairest Lord Jesus ~ Hakes

MESSAGE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

HYMN: *Let Us Build a House*

MV 1

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: *(In Unison)*

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(In Unison)*

We desire to be part of the building up of your house and kingdom, so we pray that you take these offerings made today and those given by PAR and bless them for your purposes. Combine these financial resources with our time and talents, so that your love will be known and way shown through this ministry and beyond. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

TBoP 324

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness; great is thy faithfulness;
Moring by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

*Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in eloquent witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. R*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! R*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC: “Spirit Song”

~ John Wimber

*O let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

POSTLUDE: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 ~ Widor

¹ Adapted from Rev. Teri Paterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, October 20, 2024

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Mary Charters, King David – Ron Naugler, Nathan – Andrew Steeves,
Lord & Angel – Chris Grant

Greeters: Rose Carolyn Smith & Ron Naugler **Audio Visual:** Glynis Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE! May this worship service be a blessing in your day
as we continue to worship together each week in person and by Zoom.

THANK YOU FROM DAVID & KATHIE BERRY!

We want to thank you for the wonderful celebration in honour of our retirement following last Sunday's worship service. The kind remarks, the gifts from Session, Tuesday Morning Ladies Group, individual gifts from our church family, the "designer" cakes and the heartfelt cards and notes, were very special and greatly appreciated. This congregation will always remain in our hearts. Thank you for 28 wonderful years.



PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry items needed this week are laundry and dish soap, Mr. Clean, toothpaste & brushes, ketchup, coffee, cookies, molasses, canned fruit, macaroni, spaghetti, salt, mayo, white rice, pudding cups, Cheez Whiz, plastic wrap, and tin foil. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program! Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **proteins with flip top lids**.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 20th ~ Service at 10:30

October 27th ~ Service at 10:30

TAKE-OUT SALMON SUPPER

New Maryland United Church is hosting a Take-Out Salmon Supper at the New Maryland Centre (754 New Maryland Hwy.) on Sunday, **October 20th**. Pick up times are: 4, 4:30, 5, or 5:30pm. Cost is \$20. Menu: BBQ Salmon, baked potato, peas, carrots, rolls, and apple crisp. Advance tickets only by calling (506) 459-3313 or (506) 455-1948.

WILMOT'S FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Something for everyone! Dates: Friday **October 25th** from 11am - 5pm and Saturday **October 26th** from 9am - 12 noon. Location: Wilmot United Church, 473 King Street, Fredericton.

THE MODERATOR IS COMING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Mark your calendars because The Right Reverend Carmen Lansdown our current moderator will be hosting an event in Moncton on **November 9th**. More information to come.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT NASHWAAKSIS

We invite you to our bazaar, being held at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street on Saturday, **November 16th**, 9am-Noon. There will be a Silent Auction table, Craft and Bake tables and much more. Free admission.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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