

St. Paul's United Church

September 16th, 2018 - 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation. At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

Mission Statement: *To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.*

Matthew 28:19-20 - *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 PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Largo e Spiccato Bach

*Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

* Lighting the Christ Candle

* **Introit:** Gather Us In MV 7 (X2)

**Gather us in. Ground us in you.
Gather us in. Ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in.
Ground us, ground us in you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Wark Scholarship Presentation to Isaac Grant

* **Gathering Hymn:** God Says MV 172

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Each of us has been called here by God, from what is known.

From what is comfortable.

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**Keep up to date on upcoming activities
and stay in touch in-between Sundays!**

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New Office Hours

	Rev. Richard	Rev. Michelle	Pastor Sarah
Cell:	(506)262-2150	(306)858-7602	(613)329-6315
Sun.:	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment
Mon.:	9am - noon	10 am - noon	8:30 am - noon
Tues.:	By Appointment	By Appointment	1-3 pm
Wed:	12-2 pm	10:30-12:30 pm	Day off
Thurs.:	12-2 pm	12-2 pm	8:30-12
Fri.:	Day off	Day off	By Appointment

These hours are subject to change due to Emergency Pastoral Care, meetings and other church business elsewhere.

Upcoming Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association English Second Language
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon., Wed., Friday	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Mon., Tues. & Sat.	7-9 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon-Thurs	6:30-8 pm	Taekwondo
Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	6:30 pm	F'ton Choral Society
Wednesday	9 am	Pantry
	10 am	Parlour Prayers
Friday (1st and 3rd)	7-9:30 pm	Youth Group
Saturday	10 am-noon	Taekwondo

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday is making it's big come-back! On Sept. 30th we encourage you to bring a friend to share in our worship experience and some food in the fellowship afterwards. The best thing about our faith is sharing it, and the second best is eating together. On September 30th, we get to do both!

The **Rev. Jon Van Den Berg** has begun ministry with our brothers and sisters of **St. Andrew's Presbyterian** on Sept. 15, with his first worship service being today. There is a formal Presbytery Service of Induction that will be held on Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm.

St. Paul's UCW Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 29th from 9 am to noon. Items may be dropped off at the church from September 24th to 28th. Fall and winter clothing, footwear, small household items, pictures....

Fredericton Choral Society Fall Term

We are all gearing up for an exciting Fall term for the Fredericton Choral Society, together with our conductor, Heather Fyffe, and our accompanist, Catherine MacDonald. Registration until Tuesday, Sept. 25. This term, we are delighted to be partnering with the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra to present a St. Cecilia's Day concert on the day itself, Thursday, November 22. This year is the bicentenary of Charles Gounod's birth, so our selection for this term is none other than Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass. Details are available at <https://frederictonchoralsociety.blogspot.com>

"A Capella In the Afternoon" Sept 23rd, 2 PM **Harmony United church**, 8 Upland Rd. Come and enjoy an afternoon of Women's Barbershop singing with the SEA BELLES of Saint John and ELM CITY ECHOES of Fredericton. A free-will offering will be accepted. Light refreshments following the concert.. We are celebrating our "new " church and would love to have you join us!

DIVORCECARE – If you or someone you know is going through separation or divorce there is support and encouragement to be found at DIVORCECARE. In this group setting you'll get to meet others who are experiencing similar challenges and be given helpful, practical tools to aid you in stabilizing your life, getting your feet back under you and having hope for the future. DivorceCare is offered each Tuesday night, beginning September 11, at 6:30 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. For more information email greg@bsbc.nb.ca OR call the office at 458-8348. Free program.

From what has become routine.

From what we call our lives.

And here, we come to know what it means to truly live, **to a world and a way that cannot be confined to a roadmap.** To places that are new and uncomfortable.

Into the unknown.

Each of us has been called here by God.

Let us worship the one who calls us in and sends us out.

Prayer of Approach

Family Hymn: I Can Feel You Near Me God (vs 1) MV 48

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Family Hymn: I Can Feel You Near Me God (vs 2) MV 48

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Patient God, across the generations you have called us to follow you, and even today you persist. Forgive us those times when we have second guessed your call, when we have chosen what is comfortable and familiar instead of following you into the unknown. Give us the courage and the strength to break from routine and give of ourselves to your life giving work, wherever that work takes us. This we ask in the strong name of our brother and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Anthem For Where Love Is, There is God Wagner

Today's Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9 Barbara Cull-Wilby
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn:** To Abraham and Sarah VU 634

* **Affirmation of Faith**

VU 918

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music Subdue Us by Thy Goodness

Bach
VU 544

* **Dedication Verse:** In Gratitude

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of The People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Go to the world, to the places God is calling you.
Go into the unknown, and see what the Holy is doing,
certain that God goes with us.

Walk those roads you have not walked, unsure on where you
might end up,

knowing that Christ will show us the way.

Share what you are and who you are with friends and strangers,
**empowered by the Holy Spirit to be an agent of hope
and love.**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Closing:** Go To The World (vs 3) VU 420

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyful day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Ministry of Music: Toccata Dubois

Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude

Greeter:

Carole Peacock

Ushers:

Left Side:

Maude McNamara & Florence Bartlett

Center:

Isabel Green

Right Side:

Lois Walker & Betty Fitzpatrick

Upstairs:

Katie & Eric Lakes

Coffee Hour:

The Board

Announcements

Congratulations to Isaac Grant on being this year's recipient of the Wark Scholarship. Isaac has been one of our security guards for the past couple of years as well as attending St. Paul's. Best wishes Isaac.



Today in Sunday School.... September unit: **Jesus' Family.**
Bible Verse: "A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love: I find happiness in him" (Matt 3:17) Bible Story: God's Family (Matt 3:13-17) Jesus' baptism by John identified Jesus with the prophetic Scriptures in Israel's history and modeled humility for us. God's approval of Jesus revealed how central Jesus was to God's heart and plan, and praised him for who he was and what he had done. The trinity: God, Jesus and the Spirit, was present at the beginning of Jesus' ministry to reveal his identity and honour him.

The **UCW** will meet on Monday, September 17th in the Ladies Parlor at 10 AM. Please answer Roll Call with items for the Pantry: white sugar, large juice, pudding cups, KD, canned meats, canned fruit. Our guest speaker will be Angela Green from the YMCA Friends and Family Program. All women of the congregation are most welcome to join us. Donna Chauvin 458-5885

Youth: Sept. 21st – God Made You! Come and explore how God made you a special part of our group. How we bring skills and gifts together to have fun, help out, and live God's call to be the church. Explore your giftedness through activities, games and time together 7-9:30 pm



An Organ Odyssey: My Adventure in Haarlem, Netherlands. A Recital and Talk by Dr. Sharon Pond. Sunday, September 23, 2:30 pm at St. Paul's United.

Enjoy a **QUILT SHOW** next Friday, September 21, 2-8 pm and Saturday, September 22, 10 am-3 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Light refreshments. Admission by donation, proceeds for church activities. The show will feature new and old quilts plus more. Please note: Quilts may be brought in to Room 116 on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, from 10 am to 3 pm. They can be brought in to the back of the Sanctuary on Thursday, Sept. 20th, from 6 – 8 pm and Friday, Sept. 21st, from 9 – 11 am.

The UCW of Nashwaaksis United (46 Main St.) will be holding their annual **BRIDGE LUNCHEON** on Thursday, Oct. 18th, at 12 noon. Please call Connie at 472-4744 to reserve your table (\$40).