

**DOWNTOWN UNITED +**  
*A Service of St. Paul's, Wilmot & St. Andrews*  
Fredericton, N.B.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

8<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost

10:30 AM

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**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE:** O Lord, Correct Me – G.F. Handel

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

**OPENING HYMN:** *I Am a Child of God*

**MV 157**

*I am a child of God,  
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.  
I am a child of God,  
I am a child of God.*

*I am an endless prayer,  
I am a yearning for contemplation,  
I am an endless prayer,  
I am an endless prayer.*

*I am an angry voice,  
I am compassion and consternation,  
I am an angry voice,  
I am an angry voice.*

*I am a cry for peace,  
I am commitment and dedication,  
I am a cry for peace,  
I am a cry for peace.*

*I am a song of joy,  
I am the moment of jubilation,  
I am a song of joy,  
I am a song of joy.*

**SHARING PRAYER:**

**THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT:**

VU 914

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,  
forever and ever. Amen

**SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES:**

Isaiah 44:6-8, "Faith on the edge of life"

Psalm 86:11-17

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-40

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**We hear and carry these stories in our hearts with thanksgiving.**

**REFLECTION:** "Did he really say that?"

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**SHARING SONG: *In the Quiet of Evening***

VU 278

*In the quiet curve of evening,  
in the sinking of the days,  
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.  
In the lapses of my breathing,  
in the space between my ways,  
in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.  
You are there, you are there, you are there.*

*In the rests between the phrases,  
in the cracks between the stars,  
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.  
In the melting down of endings,  
in the cooling of the sun,  
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.  
You are there, you are there, you are there.*

*In the mystery of my hungers,  
in the silence of my rooms,  
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.*

*In the empty cave of grieving,  
in the desert of my dreams,  
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.  
You are there, you are there, you are there.*

**GATHERING OUR GIFTS:**

**RECEIVING OUR GIFTS:**

Loving Creator we support your Creation with our time, talents, and resources, that it may grow in the light of Jesus the Christ. We give this now, in multiple forms that your love be visible in our giving compassion and care. Amen.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**PRAYERS WITH THE PEOPLE:**

**SENDING FORTH**

**SENDING SONG: *Abide with Me***

**VU 436 vs 1,2,4**

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.*

*I have no fear with you at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?  
I triumph still, if you abide with me.*

**COMMISSIONING: *(Responsive)***

From this church, as those who bring an end to fear.

**We will look out for the despised, bring dignity to the disheartened, see the worth of those who lack confidence, take time with the depressed, encourage the struggling, confront the powerful, celebrate with the liberated, take the doom-sayers to task.**

Why?

**Because Christ goes with us. A companion to all giving love and care.**

**BLESSING:**

**POSTLUDE: With Joy Unending - Broughton**

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**Scripture Readers:** Narrator #1 - Donna Chauvin, Narrator # 2 - Deborah West, Slave-Cathy Davis,  
Master - Khris Grant, Disciple - Debbie Allison  
**Greeter:** Chris Grant **Audio Visual:** Murray Simpson

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP SUNDAY JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023

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.

#### **DOWNTOWN UNITED + SUMMER SCHEDULE 2023**

Services at 10:30 am from June 25th to September 3rd, 2023

##### **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH & Via Zoom**

224 York St. Fredericton NB | Tel. 458-1183

[Join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740) Passcode 657067

View later: "[https://www.youtube.com/St. Paul's](https://www.youtube.com/St.Paul's)

**July 23rd** ~ Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot Leading

**July 30th** ~ Service at St. Paul's with Bev Sharpe Leading

**August 6th** ~ Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Darryl from St. Andrew's Leading

##### **ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & Via Zoom**

512 Charlotte St. Fredericton | Tel.455-8220

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287?pwd=RFhERHZiU0hHbVpYcjYxRFFNZWdiQT09> Meeting ID:  
836 7375 6287 Passcode: 839092

**August 13th** ~ Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Darryl Leading

**August 20th** ~ Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot Leading

**August 27th** ~ Service at St. Andrew's with Bev Sharpe from St. Paul's Leading

**September 3rd** ~ Service at Wilmot with Rev. Darryl from Leading

### **ST. PAUL'S SUMMER FUNDRAISING**

Over the summer, we hope you are keeping St. Paul's will be close to your heart, even if you are away traveling or enjoying some cottage time. In July, please think about the Pantry, which really requires "extra" attention. In August, when it can be very warm, consider the Boiler! In the Bulletin, a special envelope will be inserted, giving you an opportunity to contribute to that committee. The life and work of St. Paul's is ongoing. We hope you will remain an important part of the Church Family.

### **FREDERICTON'S ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE**

Mark your calendars, the date for this year's pride parade will be **Sunday, July 23, 2023**, with the parade leaving from the marshalling grounds at 3:30pm! The Downtown United Youth Group is invited to attend as well as anyone else interested in going. Wilmot United will have a group attending and we are more than welcome to join them in this celebration. Please contact Amy Foster-McAllister for more details at [amyefoster123@gmail.com](mailto:amyefoster123@gmail.com)."



### **WARK/ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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 [scholarships-bursaries](#). Applications must be received on or before **July 31<sup>st</sup>**.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS

St. Paul's serves many school aged children and youth through our church outreach programs. We will be collecting donations of school supplies in an effort to provide for those who can't otherwise purchase these necessities. Required items include: back packs, lunch kits, reusable water bottles, lined paper, coil note books, large zippered binders, dividers, pencil case, markers, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, rulers, math set, etc. If you would like to donate items to support these families, please reach out to Meghan in the church office. Items can be dropped off to the office Monday through Friday between 8am and 3pm. A donation tax receipt will be issued for items with a receipt. Cash donations are also welcomed. Collection will take place from now until August 11<sup>th</sup> and then distributed mid-August. If you know of someone in need of school supplies, please let Meghan know so they can be added to the list.



## BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program is in desperate need of proteins with flip top lids, pudding cups, granola bars, and fruit cups. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

## PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items: relish, mustard, Kleenex., toilet paper, paper towels, pudding cups, juice boxes, laundry detergent, Mr. Clean, tea, coffee, oatmeal, salt, cake mix, tuna, canned ham, sugar, flour, tomatoes, miracle whip, jam, white vinegar, crackers, granola bars, saran wrap, tin foil, macaroni, Jell-O, chunky soup, dish detergent, and wax paper. Thank you for your continued support!



## PASTORAL CARE

Starting Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> all emergency pastoral care calls are to be directed to Bev Sharpe who will be covering while Michelle is on Sabbatical. Her contact information is 506-471-4326.



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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Choir  
**July 30<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Worship Committee  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour Hosted by the Trustees

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## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

*190 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and Serving Others in Christ's name*

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