

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

August 6th, 2023

10th after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Hallelujah – arr. Fortin

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

WELCOME CONVERSATION TIME:

Take 1-2 minutes to check in with your neighbor about how companionship with God was evidenced in your life over the week. When you are done, offer one another the peace of Christ via words and your smile.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Our God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

Our eyes look to God for nurture in every season.

God is near to all who call out in truth.

God satisfies every living thing.

God watches over all who offer love and praise,

So we will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER:

Mysterious and merciful God, we praise you for all the ways you offer us abundant life.

When the sun rises and the earth blooms around us, we are thankful for your gift of a new day.

When evening falls and we find ourselves in a lonely place, we count on your presence for comfort.

For the times you show us the way and give us guidance,

we praise you.

For the healing you offer when we are broken and hurting,

we rejoice.

Your grace satisfies us in every situation, and so we worship you

for you are the Source of life and love, comfort and courage

day by day by day.

Receive our prayers and praise, O God,

this day and every day, now and always. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *All Things Bright And Beautiful*

VU 291

*[R] All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. R*

*The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; R*

*The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. R*

*The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; R*

*God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. R*

SHARING THE WORD

WORDS OF ILLUMINATION:

As your words are read, dear God, help us to understand them and place them into our hearts so that we may see their worth and learn from them to use in our daily lives. Amen.

SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES:

Genesis 32: 22-31

Matthew 14: 13-21

MESSAGE:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

VU 326

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.*

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS:

Through these gifts, O God, may all heed the voice of justice, hear the call for compassion, embrace the way of sharing, and know solidarity with the loving Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: *One More Step Along the World I Go*

VU 639

*One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:*

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you. R*

*Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: R*

*As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R*

*Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: R*

*You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor – Bach

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Ann Krause, Jesus - Jane Banks,
Jacob – Ron Naugler, The Man – Andrew Steeves, Disciples – Carole Peacock
Greeters: Mary Stickles and Ron Naugler **Audio Visual:** John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 18TH, 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.



OFFICE CLOSED NEW BRUNSWICK DAY

St. Paul's office will be closed this New Brunswick Day long weekend – Saturday, August 5th to Monday, August 7th.

ST. PAUL'S SUMMER APPEALS

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 contributing towards 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

St. Paul's is collecting donations of school supplies in an effort to provide for 8 children in grades 1-12. **Items needed include: backpacks, lunch sets, reusable water bottles, lined paper, coil notebooks, large zippered binders, dividers, pencil cases, markers, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, rulers, math sets, etc.** A donation tax receipt will be issued for items with a receipt. Cash donations are also welcome! Items can be dropped off at the office. If you know of someone in need of school supplies, please let Meghan know so they can be added to the list.



BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Have you ever been interested in helping your church community move forward? The Board at St. Paul's is looking for 2 new members. The positions that need to be filled are general director and secretary. If interested, please contact Donna Chauvin at jogrunt@nbnet.nb.ca.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED

HEY ADULTS! Are you available to help with the Sunday School for three-week stretches? We are looking for leaders to help share the love of God with our youngest congregation members. All serving in the Sunday School will need to provide a valid vulnerable sector police record check. If interested, please contact Erin Hayes at hayes.erin11@gmail.com!

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs proteins with flip top lids juice, 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 this week: green beans, mushrooms, stove top puddings, peas, flour, canned corn, granola bars, soda crackers, pancake syrup, cereal, ketchup, strawberry jam, white vinegar, liter bottles of orange juice, paper towels, salmon, and flour. Thank you for your continued support!



ITEM DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations of items such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, and any other items that can be reused for people in need. Items can be dropped off at the office.

PASTORAL CARE

Emergency pastoral care calls are to be directed to Bev Sharpe. Her contact information is 506-471-4326.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN'S CHURCH

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287?pwd=RFhERHZiU0hHbVpYcjYxRFFNZWdlQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 7375 6287 Passcode: 839092

August 13th ~ Downtown United Service with Rev. Darryl Leading

August 20th ~ Downtown United Service at with Rev. Mary from Wilmot Leading

August 27th ~ Downtown United Service at Bev Sharpe from St. Paul's Leading

September 3rd ~ Downtown United Service with Rev. Darryl from Leading



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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