

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

190 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, and serving others in Christ's name.

Sept 10th, 2023

Fall Kick-Off

10:30 AM

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. ~ Mark 1:16-18

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING: *(Responsive)*

The peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: *(Responsive)*

Once there was someone who said such wonderful things and did such amazing things that people began to follow him. One day they asked him who he was, and he responded, "I am the light."

This light is present in our world and in ourselves. This light draws us here today, on this day to celebrate, with all creation, so let us sing!

INTROIT: *This is the Day*

MV 122

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be glad!

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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *Morning Has Broken*

VU 409

Morning has broken like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise 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 ev'ry morning,
God's recreation Of the new day!*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

We believe God still creates—

We want to see more clearly.

We believe God still speaks—

We want to listen more carefully.

We believe God still guides—

We want to follow more faithfully.

May this be a time of seeing, hearing, and following with new hope.

May we be filled with the breath of God this day. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:4b-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

MESSAGE: Breath of God

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *Breath on Me, Breath of God*

VU 382

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

BRINGING FORWARD OUR GIFTS FOR GOD

DEDICATION VERSE: *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father Who art in heaven
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 trespassed 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

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *This Is God's Wondrous World*

VU 296

*This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let Earth be glad!*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: *Go to the World*

VU 420 v2

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE

*Scripture Readers: Narrator 1 – Deborah West, Narrator 2 – Cathy Davis, Lord – Chris Grant, Man – Ron Naugler
Greeters: Erin & Brad Webb Audio Visual: John Davis*

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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.

FALL KICK-OFF THIS SUNDAY!

Mark your calendars now for our Fall Kick-off on **September 10th**. This will be the official start to our fall programs, and we are looking forward to making it a celebration! We will be welcoming our kids back to Sunday school for children 4 and older, our nursery provides an opportunity for parents to listen to the service while children play. Keep your eyes out in September for a list of church activities and opportunities to gather as a community of faith! September 10th will also be marked by the blessing of the backpacks and briefcases. So don't forget yours!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY STUDENTS!

CONGRATULATIONS to our post-secondary students who have recently been awarded St. Paul's scholarships. Recipients are Kirsten Simpson, Sam Grant and Gracelyn Godin who are all studying at the University of New Brunswick and Hannah Simpson who attends the University of Waterloo. A St. Paul's Theological Bursary has also been awarded to Chris Walker, now in his fifth and final year of a Master of Divinity program at the Atlantic School of Theology. We wish them all well in their studies and future endeavours.

FUNDSCRIP ORDERS DUE THIS SUNDAY!

FundScrip returns **September 10th**! If you've used up all the gift cards you purchased for the summer, now is the time to get your order ready. Order forms are available in the church office or click here to print one [September 10th FundScrip Order Form.pdf](#). Several retailers including **Boston Pizza**, **American Eagle** and **Petro Canada** are offering back-to-school promotions in September by increasing the value of their donations. You can take your order and payment to the office this week, after Labour Day or bring it to church on September 10th. New supporters always welcome! Contact Carole Peacock if you would like more information on this fundraising program. Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!*



UCW MEETING INVITATION FROM WILMOT

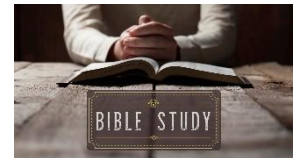
Wilmot UCW would like to invite the ladies of St. Paul's congregation to join them for their first fall meeting this coming Monday, **Sept 11th** at 1pm. All are welcome.

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.

BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY READING

Mondays 11:00-12:00pm. We are venturing into a new format for our exploration. Dig into the scriptures, join with others as we seek to deepen our relationship with God. No prior experience needed.



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

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



PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: cookies, corn niblets, apple sauce, juice boxes, relish, ketchup, Cheez Whiz, peanut butter, syrup, pudding cups, crackers, soda crackers, pancake mix, , salt, flakes of turkey, sardines, rice, Hamburger Helper, flour, white sugar, brown sugar, icing sugars, apple & orange juice Large, canned peaches & pears, laundry and dish detergent, waxed paper, tin foil, paper towel, Mr. Clean, comet, tooth brushes & tooth paste. Thank you for your continued support!

ZUMBA® FITNESS CLASSES WITH LESLIE

Every Tuesday, 5:30 - 6:30 pm from September 12th to December 19th, 2023, in Fraser Hall at St. Paul's United Church. Join dance fitness classes that are fun, easy to follow, and help you feel your best. These classes bring people together to enjoy moving to Latin and World music and rhythms. Each class includes both high and low intensity moves so you can choose your activity level. Open to everyone 16+ years. No experience needed. No need to register. Wear comfortable clothing, indoor sneakers and bring water. \$6 per class. For more information visit Leslie Marques•Zumba Fitness on Facebook or email Leslie at LSHMARQUES@hotmail.com



EVENING SMALL GROUP FAITH EXPLORATION

We have heard an expressed desire for an evening program for those who work in the day. If this of interest to you, please contact Rev. Michelle michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com or 506-259-7602.



LOOKING FOR USED SNOWBLOWER

Winter is just around the corner and at St. Paul's, that means having to clear a lot of snow. We are seeking a gently used snowblower to help make this job a bit easier and faster. If anyone has a snowblower to donate, that would be greatly appreciated.

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 at hayes.erin11@gmail.com

JOIN THE MODERATORS BOOK CLUB

Brew a cup of tea or pour a glass of your favourite drink and snuggle in with a good book. Oh, and you can discuss the book with at least two friends—the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, and her guest—in one of Canada's biggest book clubs. More info and sign up <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/organization-and-governance/moderator/right-rev-dr-carmen-lansdowne-44th-moderator/flourishing-project/mods-book-squad>

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10th ~ Fall Kick-Off & Cool Treats ~ Hosted by Christian Ed & Sunday School

September 17th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by UCW

September 24th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by M&P

GRIEF SHARE



If you are suffering the loss of a loved one, **GriefShare** is being offered at Brunswick Street Baptist Church beginning Thursday, **September 7th**, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the Family Room on the 1st Floor of our Family Life Center. **Grief Share** is a 14-week video series by Christian experts on grief and recovery, combined with support group discussions for those who have experienced the

loss of a loved one. Please call **506-458-8348** if you would like more information and to register.

<https://www.griefshare.org>

DIVORCECARE

If you know someone who is going through marital separation or divorce, invite them to consider joining our 13-week DivorceCare program, a ministry which will begin on Tuesdays, **Sept. 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room of Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Each evening includes the presentation of

videos with expert counsellors sharing insights on how to move from hurting to healing. In addition, supportive conversation provides encouragement to participants led by Gloria Tranquilla, Pauline Harvey, and Bryan McWilliam. Each session stands on its own so participants can join any week. For more information, please contact facilitator, Gloria Tranquilla at momsplace70@hotmail.com or call the church office at 458-8348. You can also register online using the following link: <https://www.divorcecare.org>



FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED

Forest Hill United Church, in collaboration with St. Matthew Lutheran Church, will be hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, **September 23rd** from 9 am to noon at 45 Kimble COURT, Fredericton. Vendor set up will be on Friday, September 22nd from 6 to 8 pm. 2 1/2' x 4' tables are available for \$10 each. If you are interested in signing up as a vendor, contact Forest Hill United Church at foresth.office@bellaliant.com or 506-455-0988.



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