

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.

Oct 15th, 2023

20th after Pentecost

10:30 AM

And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." ~ Mark 3:33-35

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: When Morning Gilds the Skies ~ Payne

WELCOME

GREETING: *(Responsive)*

God 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

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

Today we come to worship,

to recall the story of Ruth.

A faithful woman, whose love gave her strength and courage,

to do the unexpected,

to hope for something better,

to journey into the unknown.

Today we come to worship,

Joining in Ruth's determination,

As we too pledge to God,

**That Your people will be our People,
That wherever you may go we will follow.
That we will never turn away.**

Today we come to worship God,
With all our hearts, our minds, and our strength.

GATHERING HYMN: *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*

VU 274 vs1-3,5

*Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the heavenly feast.
And this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Through many days of darkness,
through many scenes of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard your people's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by earth and heaven,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

OPENING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Ruth 1:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy ~ Turner

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *Wherever You May Go*

MV 216

Refrain:

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow:
For I will be faithful, loyal and true.*

*Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. R*

*From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
When you need me, I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. R*

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: *(In Unison)*

Loving God, you bring us together, calling us to act as your body in the world. We offer the gifts of our time and resources in service to your name. Bless what has been offered this day, binding these gifts with your love, so that we may proclaim your presence in amazing ways. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *We Are Pilgrims*

VU 595

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

*Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

Let us go now,

to walk with each other on this journey of faith,
to see the realities of life and courageously facing the unknown,
to hold on to the promise, that we never walk alone.

Go now knowing that

the love of God surrounds you,

The grace of Christ attends you

And the holy spirit empowers and guides us every day of your life. Amen.

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: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" ~ Pardini

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Alanna Palmer, Naomi - Deborah West, Ruth – Jane Banks

Greeter: Florence Bartlett

Audio Visual: John Davis

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.



IMPORTANT SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 15TH

An Important Special Congregational Meeting will be held on **October 15th** following service. We highly encourage all congregants young and old to attend. This will be a time of sharing information that is needed to inform important decisions before our congregation. Mark your calendars today! The link to the agenda is can be found on our website stpaulsunited.ca under the resources tab or [here](#).

FALL COMMUNITY MEAL AT ST. PAUL'S

Please join us at St. Paul's on **October 18th at 5:30pm** for Fall Community Meal in the hall. Local Red Seal Chefs, Shawn & Beth Meister, have kindly volunteered to host this event to raise funds for St. Paul's. On the menu is mustard & brown sugar glazed ham, brown butter mashed potato, seasonal vegetables, roll, tea & coffee, and Apple crumble with ice cream for dessert. Tickets are **\$30 each**, via cash or etransfer to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com and available for pick up at the office Monday-Friday 8am-3pm or on Sunday. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with set-up, serving and clean-up. Please sign up on the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office or by contacting Meghan in the office.



PURDYS CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER!

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdys chocolates from our fundraiser! Go get your Christmas treats! St. Paul's Purdys Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser begins.... NOW!

Our fundraising campaign link is

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1719957-107824>

This year, we're hoping to raise \$2000 for St. Paul's, and we need YOUR help! Don't worry, all the work you are doing is choosing which chocolates to order.

From now until **November 6th** you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Christmas chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. Stock up on beautiful Christmas gift boxes, fun chocolate bunnies, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. So, satisfy those cravings, get all your Christmas gift-shopping done while supporting a great cause.

- View or download our Christmas Catalogue: [Purdys Christmas Chocolate Catalogue 2023](#)
- View or download or print our Purdys Chocolate Order Form: [Purdys XMAS-Order-Form-2023 Tax Included NB NS PE NL](#)

After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. Chocolate orders should be ready for pick up during the **last week of November!**



Chocolate Ordering Options

Orders Place Offline through the Office:

If you would like to **place an Order Offline**, bring your completed order form and cash or cheque payable to St. Paul's United Church to the Meghan in the Church Office. Please contact Meghan with any questions at 506-458-1183 or stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Ordering Online:

1. Our campaign number: **67403**
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1719957-107824>
3. Click "**Join Campaign**"
4. Shop, shop, **shop away!**

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy chocolating!

EVENING SMALL GROUP FAITH EXPLORATION

Thursday evenings from 6-7pm in the Parlor. This group is for those seeking to grow in their relationship with God through scripture, prayer, and action. We are using an adult model of learning, drawing on the knowledge we each hold and reflecting on where faith story touched your life. If this is of interest to you, please contact Rev. Michelle michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com or 506-259-7602.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Do you enjoy coffee and conversation after church? Do you bake? Can you pour a cup of coffee? Are you willing to learn how to use the dishwasher? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are who we need. This post-service ministry is a great way to support and serve the community without being part of a committee. You have the flexibility to serve for one Sunday or more if it fits with your schedule. If you can help support the committees in this important community time, please sign up in Fraiser Memorial Hall or by calling Meghan in the office.

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.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: white sugar, baked beans, large orange & apple juice, cookies, ketchup, pudding cups, soda crackers, diced tomatoes, vinegar, coffee, orange & apple juice boxes, granola bars, strawberry jam, salt, applesauce cups, Cheez Whiz, dish and laundry detergent, and all-purpose cleaner. Thank you for your continued support!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 15th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Worship ~ Congregational Meeting to follow

October 18th ~ Fall Community Dinner at St. Paul's at 5:30pm

October 22nd ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Trustees

October 29th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Board

November 5th ~ Anniversary Sunday

November 6th ~ Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Orders Due!

November 12th ~ Remembrance Sunday

November 13th ~ Office Closed for Remembrance Day Stat Holiday

November 19th ~ Memorial Hymn Sing

TAKE-OUT SALMON SUPPER

New Maryland United Church Men's Club is hosting a Take-Out Salmon Supper on Sunday, **October 15th** at the New Maryland Centre (754 New Maryland Hwy.). Tickets are \$20 ea. (pick-up times: 4 pm, 4:30 pm, 5 pm, or 5:30 pm). To book tickets contact Keith Ball at 455-1948 or the church 459-3313 and leave a message.

COVENANTING SERVICE

All are welcome to attend the covenanting service for our new minister, Rev. Richard Bowley, at Nashwaaksis United, on **Sunday, October 15th – 2:00pm.** Reception to follow.

FRAUD/SCAMMING SESSION

The Nashwaaksis United Pastoral Care Committee will be hosting this session, to be held in the auditorium of Nashwaaksis United, on **Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00pm.** Guest speaker will be Constable Mike Bamford of the Fredericton City Police. A question and answer period will follow and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

RUMMAGE SALE AT WILMOT UNITED


Wilmot United Church's fall rummage sale will take place on Friday **October 27th** from 11:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday **October 28th** from 9:00am to 12:00pm at 473 King Street.



Wilmot United Church RUMMAGE SALE

Fri, Oct 27: 11-5
Sat, Oct 28: 9-12

Wilmot United Church
Corner King & Carleton

 Mask wearing appreciated.

CHILI TAKE-OUT DINNER

Friday November 3rd, 4:00-5:30pm at Nashwaaksis United. Menu - Mild Chili, Caesar Salad, Roll and Apple Crisp. The cost is \$15.00 per person. To reserve your meal, please call the church office at 506-458-9452 or email admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca



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