

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

21<sup>st</sup> after Pentecost

10:30 AM

*Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ~ Mark 11:8-10*

## GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

**PRELUDE:** Jesus Loves Me ~ Payne

### WELCOME

**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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We will rejoice and be glad!*

*Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Responsive)*<sup>1</sup>

God's presence is with us in this time and space.

**God's presence is with us throughout the entirety of our lives!**

May we sing with passion the songs of faith.

**May we dance the dance of creation!**

Guided by the Spirit, God's presence on the move, may we pray and serve.

**Guided by that Spirit, our very lives become an act of worship!**

**GATHERING HYMN:** *Psalm 150 ~ Praise to God, Your Praises Show*

VU 875

*Praise to God, your praises show, hallelujah!  
saints within God's courts below, hallelujah!  
angels round the throne above, hallelujah!  
all that see and share God's love. Hallelujah!*

*Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, hallelujah!  
tell the wonders, sing God's worth, hallelujah!  
age to age and shore to shore, hallelujah!  
praise God, praise forevermore! Hallelujah!*

*Praise to God, great mercies trace, hallelujah!  
praise this providence and grace, hallelujah!  
all that God for us has done; hallelujah!  
praise to the all-glorious One. Hallelujah!*

*Strings and voices, hands and hearts, hallelujah!  
all in concert play your parts; hallelujah!  
all that breathe, your God adore, hallelujah!  
sing your praise forevermore. Hallelujah!*

## OPENING PRAYER

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

## STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

## THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** How Can I Keep From Singing ~ Schweizer

## MESSAGE

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

**HYMN:** *The Church Is Wherever God's People*

VU 579

*The church is wherever God's people are praising,  
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.  
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus  
remember his story and walk in his way.*

*The church is wherever God's people are helping,  
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.  
The church is wherever God's people are sharing  
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.*

**A NEW CREED:** *(In Unison)*

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

## **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)*

We bring our gifts to you, God.  
Here is the work of our hands,  
and here is the love of our hearts.  
Accept them and use them,  
For your great purposes. This we pray  
through Christ our Lord. 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: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

VU 232

*Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.*

*All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.*

*You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.*

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!*

## 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.

### MINCEMEAT

The UCW will be selling mincemeat **October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Each 450 ml jar will be \$15.00. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to place your order! Any questions can be placed with Donna Chauvin at 506-458-1898.



### 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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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!**

## CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

The new office hours will be Monday to Thursday from 8am to 3pm. On Friday we will now be closing at 1pm. Thank you for your understanding



## FUNDSCRIP



Time to start your Christmas shopping? Do it with FundScrip gift cards! Use the cards to purchase gifts or give the cards as gifts to family and friends. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers, too! We will have two orders before the holiday season. . . **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Two new retailers have recently joined the FundScrip program. . . Pizza Pizza is offering a 10 per cent donation on card purchases and Apple will donate 3 per cent. Order forms are available in the office and the Narthex or by clicking here [November 5th FundScrip Order Form](#).

*Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!*

## IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

Mark your calendars today to save November 5<sup>th</sup> following the service for our next congregational meeting. This is a follow-up to our September meeting. The link to the agenda will be on our website at [stpaulsunited.ca](http://stpaulsunited.ca) under the resources tab once posted.



## FAITH FORMATION

### BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY READING

**Mondays from 11am-12pm.** 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.

### EVENING SMALL GROUP FAITH EXPLORATION STARTS

**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 at 506-259-7602 or [michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com)

## 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: Kraft Dinner, cookies, soda crackers, oatmeal, cereal, Lange orange & apple juice, white & brown sugar, icing sugar, flour, cake mix, butterscotch & chocolate pudding cups, pancake mix, paper towel, comet, toothbrushes, laundry & dish detergent, and waxed paper. Thank you for your continued support!



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RUMMAGE SALE AT WILMOT UNITED

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

### CHILI TAKE-OUT DINNER AT NASHWAAKSIS UNITED

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00-5:30pm.** Menu - Mild Chili, Caesar Salad, Roll and Apple Crisp. The cost is \$15 per person. To reserve your meal, please call the church office at 506-458-9452 or email [admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca](mailto:admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca)

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Trustees

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Board

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Mincemeat for Sale!

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ Anniversary Sunday ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the UCW  
~ Congregational Meeting to follow

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Purdys Christmas Chocolate Orders Due!

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ Remembrance Sunday Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by M&P

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ *Office Closed for Remembrance Day Stat Holiday*

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Christmas Bazaar from 9am-12pm

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** ~ Memorial Hymn Sing Service at 10:30

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ Downtown United Service at St. Paul's at 10:30am

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Carols by Glowstick at 6pm

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Advent Carole Fest at 7:30pm

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Songs of Jubilee Organ Concert at 2pm



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