

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 29th, 2023

22nd after Pentecost

10:30 AM

So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

~ Mark 10:42-45

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Chaconne ~ Buxtehude

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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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*¹

Take a deep breath, and Breathe in God's spirit

We breathe out, knowing that God is always present with us.

Take a deep breath, and know God's love,

We breathe out, sharing God's love with one another.

Take a deep breath and know God's Joy.

We breathe out, rejoicing in God our Savior.

Take a deep breath and be full of compassion for God's people.

We breathe out, ready to worship our God and follow Jesus Christ our Lord.

*God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee.*

OPENING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Grace Divine ~ Price

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

*Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. R*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. R*

*Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. R*

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:

Offerings are collected at the door to the sanctuary, or via e-transfer to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com. To set up Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) monthly contributions, please contact Meghan in the office.

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)*

You ask for us to follow you. Not haphazardly or half-heartedly but with intention. This day we show our commitment to you, through the offerings we give in your name. Take the work of our hands, the commitment of our time, and the treasures from our coffers. We freely give these offerings for the purpose of sharing your love. Bless the gifts, bless us givers, bless those who are touched because of what is offered this day. 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: *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

VU 422

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. R*

*God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. R*

*God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

COMMISSIONING: *(Responsive)*

Breathe in and breathe out knowing that God is with you.

With each breath, we feel God's presence.

Breathe in and breathe out, steadying yourself in God's love.

With each breath, we gain strength.

Breathe in and breathe out, then step out into the world.

With each breath, we will release compassion, joy, and hope into our community.

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: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor ~ Bach

¹ Rev. Mindi, *Rev-o-lution Worship Resources Oct 29, 2023*

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Alanna Palmer, Jeroboam – Donna Chauvin, Rehoboam – Cathy Davis, Older Advisor – Ron Naugler, Young Advisor – Chris Grant, People – Ron Naugler

Greeters: Erin & Bradd Webb **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.



MINCEMEAT

The UCW will be selling mincemeat **October 29th**. 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.

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 5th and Sunday, December 3rd**. 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!



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!** (payment by credit card)

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5TH

Last week there was an important congregational meeting where the challenges facing St. Paul's were presented. We will host an update on the discussions the Board and Trustees are having on how to engage the challenges. **November 5th** after we celebrate our anniversary, come to the hall for cake and information. If you were not at the meeting last week the presentation can be found on our website under the Resources tab > Reports & Publications > [Oct 15th 2023 Congregational Meeting Presentation.pdf](#)



ANGEL TREE ALERT!



Once again, Greener Village Food Bank is seeking our help in making Christmas wishes come true for 40 local children whose families are being looked after by the Food Bank this year. Angel tags will be available from the Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary this **Sunday, October 29th**. The angels are available in values of \$20, \$30 and \$50. Most angel tags request gifts while some ask for gift cards to make your shopping a little easier. Please select a tag, buy the gift or gift card and return it to the church by **November 12th**. The people of St. Paul's have always been generous in supporting this tradition. I look forward to your continuing support and Christmas spirit again this year. ~ Carole Peacock

WARM CLOTHING NEEDED!

We have had requests for warm clothing for those unable to purchase items. If you have winter boots, coats, hats, mitts, scarves, sweaters, or long pants to donate, please drop them off in the office. The items can be for both males and females and all sizes, up to XXL for men's items. Thank you for helping keep folks warm!





Faith Formation

BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY READING

Tuesdays 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

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

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: white & brown sugar, flour, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, cookies, canned fruit, vinegar, jam, large juice, tomatoes, chunky soup, dish & laundry detergent, and waxed paper. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

MEMORIAL HYMN SING

On **November 19th**, our worship service will be a memorial hymn sing. You are invited to offer thanks and celebrate the life, actions, and events of your family members, friends, or really anyone who has touched your life in a special way by sponsoring one of the hymns in the service. A list of hymns and the sponsorship form can be found on our website <https://www.stpaulsunited.ca/memorial-hymn-sing/> or you can submit the form online by [Clicking Here](#) Paper copies will be in the bulletin starting this Sunday. By submitting a dedication, not only will your loved one be remembered by our community, but they will continue to impact our ongoing ministry and outreach through your sponsorship of the song. All dedication sponsorships received by November 14th will be printed in the bulletin.

FALL SUPPER THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the fall supper and especially the coordinating team of Ralph Simpson, Cathy Davis, and Shawn & Beth Meister. Not only did we have a delicious meal and a wonderful night of community fun but \$1202.95 was also raised to support the church.



HELP NEEDED FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION STARTING NOV 19TH

We are changing the way that we do coffee and conversation. Starting **November 19th** and subsequent Sundays, if no one has signed up to help make coffee and provide snacks there will be no fellowship time after service. If you previously were assigned a date as part of a committee, we encourage you to sign up for a date of your choosing. The worship committee will provide support and orientation to anyone signing up for the first time. You can sign up by yourself or with a team, recommended minimum number is 3 people. Sign up today by calling Meghan or filling out the coffee and conversation weekly sign-up sheet in the hall.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 29th ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Board

October 29th ~ Mince meat for Sale!

November 5th ~ Anniversary Sunday ~ Soup & Bun Lunch ~ Hosted by the UCW
~ Congregational Meeting to follow

November 6th ~ Purdys Christmas Chocolate Orders Due!

November 12th ~ Remembrance Sunday Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by M&P

November 13th ~ *Office Closed for Remembrance Day Stat Holiday*

November 18th ~ Christmas Bazaar from 9am-12pm

November 19th ~ Memorial Hymn Sing Service at 10:30

November 26th ~ Downtown United Service at St. Paul's at 10:30am ~ Followed by a Downtown United presentation

December 1st ~ Carols by Glowstick at 6pm

December 6th ~ Advent Carole Fest at 7:30pm

December 10th ~ Songs of Jubilee Organ Concert at 2pm

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILI TAKE-OUT DINNER AT NASHWAAKSIS UNITED

Nov 3rd, 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

DANCE FREDERICTON SEEKS DONATIONS

Dance Fredericton Danse Inc, a nonprofit organization, is accepting donations of outerwear which can pass for Victorian Era garments for use in their Nutcracker ballet.

What: Adult and youth sizes, male and female. Wool peacoats, fur coats, velvet/velour or corduroy. *No down coats or modern look materials please.*

Where: Items can be dropped off at the Dance Fredericton studio at 20 York Street (door off the back parking lot of the Justice building, near the blue storage container)

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REMEMBRANCE DAY WAR TIME MENU LUNCHEON

On Saturday November 11th from noon to 1:30, Forest Hill United Church will be serving a luncheon with a war time menu of Baked Beans, Brown Bread and War Cake, Tea, Coffee or Juice. Take-out meals are available and there are tables if you wish to enjoy your meal in the hall. Libby and Brian Cassidy will be playing war and peace music during the meal. Adults are \$12.00 and children \$6.00. To order your meals as take out or eat in, please sign up before November 5th at either church entrance, or leave a message at the church office 506-455-0988 or Foresth.office@bellaliant.com.



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