

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

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

Nov 12th, 2023

Remembrance Sunday

10:30 AM

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ~ Mark 10:13-14

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Pastorale on "Blessed Assurance" ~ Lau

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Alanna Palmer

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: *Open Our Hearts*

MV 21

*Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God.*

*Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*¹

We come before God, not to glorify war,
but to honor and celebrate those
who walked into the chaos and evil that is war:
those who were civilians and those who were military;
those who braved the censure of society
and those who gave of themselves for that society;
those who survived and those who did not;
those who were friends and those who were enemies.
None who have waded through evil, death and sorrow
are untouched in body, mind or spirit;
they are beloved of God.

We all were affected and changed by
the endless cycle of war and violence,
by the images in our news cycle
and the people we know personally who face war firsthand,
and all of us are in need of reflection, renewal, comfort and healing.
So, we come seeking a word of hope, an ounce of healing,
and strength to work for the end of war forever.

GATHERING HYMN: *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

VU 374

*Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

OPENING PRAYER: *(Responsive)*²

On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks:

For peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served on the front lines, and those who protest and march; for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home; for those who hoped that things would get better, and those who could not stand by and wait.

We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place.

We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others could and would carry the torch.

We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies.

On this day of remembrance, O God, we look to our warring world and pray that you hold us tight, guide us with your light, and show us a new and better way. May it be so, O God, in Christ's name may it be so. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM: *O Canada*

Official Lyrics

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True Patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on Guard for Thee.*

*God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

READING OF THE NAMES: Jane Blakely

1914-1918

Walter J. Adam

Charles E. Blair

George E. Colwell

William Duffy

William D. Ford

Howard A. Foster

J. Percy Gough

W. Ernest Gough

Harry H. McKee

Archibald Johnson

Everett Kirk

Purves P. Loggie

William MacDonald

Ronald S. Machum

Murray McAdam

Walter McAdam

George H. McKee

Duncan C. McKillop

Locksley McKnight

A. Murray Rutter

Donald B. Shaw

Alfred M. Smith

Walter A. Tennant

Albert E. Walker

J. Talmage Haining

1939-1945

Kenneth H. Corbet

Ralph H. Daughney

Kenneth W. Davis

Harry A. Heron

Richard Lee

Gerald R. Pond

Harold A. Smith

John A. Watson

Korean War

DeVerne E. Wright

IN FLANDERS FIELDS: Ann Raper

LAYING OF THE WREATHS:

Alanna Palmer

Debbie Allison

Donna Chauvin

Joseph Wilby

Roger Miller

On behalf of Indigenous Peoples

On behalf of Fredericton Police Force

On behalf of Canadian Armed Forces

In Memory of Thomas Richard Wilby DFC

In Memory of Rev. Reg Miller

THE LAST POST: Performed by Kastriot Axhami

(Silence)

REVEILLE: Performed by Kastriot Axhami

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE: *(Responsive)* ~ Roger Miller

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

We will remember them

PRAYER

CLOSING MUSIC: *God Save the King*

*God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King! God save the King.
Send him victorious, happy and glorious
Long to Reign over us: God save the King.*

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Hosea 11:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: God of Mercy, God of Grace ~ Davidson

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

VU 658

*O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.*

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: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

VU 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(In Unison)*

With each breath, O God, you give us the opportunity to live as your gift in the world. We thank you for this sacred trust. We respond by offering tithe and tribute to you, for your goodness, for your gifts, and for your ongoing manifestation in the world through your Church. Bless, O Holy One, all the gifts we offer in your name. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER: *(In Unison)*

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: *O God Our Help in Ages Past ~ Psalm 90*

VU 806

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure,
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*Time like an ever-rolling stream
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: *Walk with Me*

VU 649 v4

*And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you.*

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.*

POSTLUDE: Rondo ~ Purcell

¹ Adapted from Lisa Frenz, in *A Worship Service of Remembrance and Healing* (2003)

² Adapted from *On This Day of Remembrance*, Rev. Dr. Neil Parker, Military Chaplain

Scripture Readers: Reader 1 – Alanna Palmer, Reader 2 – Ann Krause

Greeter: Mary Stickles 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.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Paul's UCW is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on **November 18th** from 9am -12pm. Come do some Christmas shopping and pick up some tasty baking, crafts, books, puzzles and have a coffee and muffin. Donations of gently used items and baking are welcome and can be dropped off at the church Monday-Thursday between 8am-3pm and Friday between 8am-1pm.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Many thanks to everyone who took an angel or two... or even three from the Wish Tree. Your generous support ensures there will be Santa gifts under the tree for these children on Christmas morning. Please remember to take your gift to the church office this week (Monday –Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or bring it to church on Sunday, **November 12th**. This will be Remembrance Sunday and as a show of respect for the occasion, the Christmas tree will be in the narthex instead of the sanctuary. I will be there to direct you to the tree or help place your gift underneath. If you are unable to return your gift by November 12 or would like to have it picked up, please call me at 506-452-1016.

WILMOT UCW MEETING

Wilmot is holding their November meeting of the UCW on Monday, **November 13th** at 1 pm in the church parlour. The usual business meeting, devotions by Lucille, and a cup of tea. All ladies are welcome! A few St. Paul's women have been joining in and it has been such a pleasure to have them present.



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

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

DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know that if you purchase items for the Pantry or Brown Bag Lunch program that you can bring your receipt to the office and have the purchase added to your annual contributions? Yes, that is right, this is an opportunity to increase your annual givings, helping others and yourself!

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: laundry and dish soap, cleaning supplies, cookies, pudding cups, white, icing, & brown sugar, tomatoes, jam, ketchup, macaroni, coffee, soda crackers, cake mix, icing and mustard. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



Faith Formation

GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY

Pick up this reflection guide at the back of the sanctuary to use as a home devotional or with your own small group of friends.

BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY READING

Tuesdays from 10:45am-11:45am in the Board room. This is an opportunity to engage with our scripture and listen to God speaking. New to reading the bible? NO problem, no prior experience is needed. Can't make it in person, Join by Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736183320> Meeting ID: 817 3618 3320 Passcode: 750844

EVENING SMALL GROUP FAITH EXPLORATION

Next meeting is November 9th 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. We hope you will join us.

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!



CAROLS BY GLOWSTICK

It's back! Christmas Carols by Glowstick returns on **December 1st** from 6-7pm. Join us in the historic and beautifully decorated sanctuary of St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street, as we set the mood for the season to come. An evening of magic and joy will be yours from the moment the sanctuary lights dim, and your glowstick is snapped. As brightly coloured lights fill the sanctuary, the music starts, and you are invited to join in singing the songs of the season. This all-ages family-friendly evening invites your young ones to dance in the isle, wave their glowstick, and enter into the story of Christmas with joy. We will sing a mixture of traditional Carols and fun Christmas songs, providing something for everyone. Your ticket includes a glowstick for each person in your party and apple cider. Want more glow? Check out this year's exclusive Eventbrite ticket add-ons. **Ticket Prices: Online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca>:** Single Ticket: \$5.50 plus service fees, Family Ticket: (Max. family of 4) \$20 plus service fees. Tickets can also be purchased by cash or e-transfer at St. Paul's Office. *For questions or more information, please contact St. Paul's Office at 506-458-1183.* Don't miss out on the fun, get your ticket today.

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 in the office, the narthex and on our website <https://www.stpaulsunited.ca/memorial-hymn-sing/> or you can submit an online form by [Clicking Here](#). 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.

GRANDMOTHERS HELPING GRANDMOTHERS ARE SELLING WREATHS

Nancy MacGarvie is selling wreaths from her porch 83 Grey St. Double sided balsam fir: decorated \$18, UNDECORATED \$15. The deadline for orders is Sunday **November 19th**. The pickup is Sunday November 25th. To place your order, please call Nancy at 455-3026 or email Nancymacgarvie@rogers.com Proceeds are in support of African grandmothers in conjunction with Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho whose needs are as great as ever.

ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL RETURNS!

For years it has been the musical event that marks the start of the Christmas season in Fredericton! We missed it during COVID but on **Wednesday, December 6th**, the Annual Advent Carol Festival returns to St. Paul's United Church at 224 York Street. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the program will feature both new and familiar Christmas selections. Nine church and community choirs will take part, each singing a favourite carol or seasonal song. The choirs will also unite for a mass sing and the audience will be invited to join in the festive singing, too! Come enjoy the music of the season in our beautifully decorated sanctuary and show your appreciation to the choirs, their directors and event organizers for over 30 years of commitment to this annual tradition. A freewill offering will be received for the CBC's Feed a Family Campaign to support area food banks. Donations in past years total more than \$100,000.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 12th ~ Remembrance Sunday Service ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Ann Raper & Erin Webb

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

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

November 19th ~ Memorial Hymn Sing Service ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by the Simpson Family

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

November 28th ~ St. Paul's Mans the Salvation Army Kettle at Regent Mall ~ 10am-8pm

December 1st ~ Carols by Glowstick at 6pm

December 3rd ~ Advent 1 Service with Communion ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Brad & Erin Webb

December 6th ~ Advent Carol Festival at 7:30pm

December 10th ~ Advent 2 Service ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Mel & Barb McGuigan & Debbie Allison

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

December 17th ~ Advent 3 Service ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Rachel & Stephanie Lavigne & Beth & Shawn Meister

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH RAINBOW BRUNCH

Please join Wilmot United in celebrating seven years of being an Affirming Congregation. A Rainbow Brunch will be held on Saturday, **November 18th** in the church parlour. This is a potluck brunch and members of Wilmot's LGBTQ+ community and their allies invite you to join us. Coffee will be ready by 10:15 and brunch will be served at 10:30. Hope to see you then. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Deb or Rita at 506-206-2948.

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY COMEDY AND CAROLS SHOW

A Christmas Comedy and Carols experience for the whole family! Thursday **November 30th** from 7-9pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Laughing All The Way comedy show featuring Comedian Leland Klassen and Nashville recording artist Dan Macaulay, brings an evening of standup comedy, Christmas carols, musical silliness and improv. This one-of-a-kind Christmas event is designed to be friendly to all- young and old, church attenders or not. It is only one of 3 to be held in our province. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Please contact the church office at 506-458-9452 for more information or to purchase tickets.

BREAKFAST & CHRISTMAS MARKET

Gibson Memorial United Church at 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Breakfast & Christmas Market on Saturday, **Dec. 2nd**, 2023, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. The Breakfast will be from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. at \$10/person. The market tables will feature Christmas cards & crafts by Lori Donovan, a church table with baking, pickles & knitting and a Book & Puzzle table. Everyone is welcome!

MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING

McAdam's & Oromocto Funeral Homes know that for many among us, the approach of the holidays will bring bittersweet memories of those who won't be with us at this special time of year. As families gather, thoughts of loved ones who have died will often bring both smiles and tears. Though they may be gone they

are very much alive in our hearts, especially during the holidays. Once again, we are pleased to host an evening of comfort and remembrance in our chapels, as we pause to reflect on the season and those who have shared seasons past. The annual Memorial Tree Lighting Service will be held at Oromocto Funeral Home on **Dec 5th** at 7pm and McAdam's Funeral Home in Fredericton on **Dec 6th** at 7pm.



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