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 19 th , 2023	Memorial Hymn Sing	10:30 AM
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Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ~ Mark 12:1-3

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Jesus Love 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!

GATHERING HYMN: Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Dedicated in Loving Memory of:

Don & Phyl Peacock from Debbie Seymour Laurie & Ron Swabey & Gladys & Gordon Johnson from Michelle Armstrong

> Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.

> Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Hallelu, hallelujah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG TO WORSHIP: Sweet Hour of Prayer Dedicated in Loving Memory of:

Roland Otto Krause from Ann Ellen Krause Royal MacDonald from Lisa & Andy Graham

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known! In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless; And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word, and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy consolation share, Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height I view my home and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the everlasting prize, And shout, while passing through the air, "Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

OPENING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

OPENING HYMN: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus Dedicated in Loving Memory of:*

Mom, Joyce Barr from Andrea Allen

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear, things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee! And how the Master, ready and kind, chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain; and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain. Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Dedicated in Loving Memory of:

Family members from Annie Simpson Brenda (Simpson) Smith from Cathy Simpson Donald & Malcolm MacFadyen from Jean MacFayden Bryon & Muriel Gordon and Med & Kay Fox from Barb & Mel McGuigan Claude & Harriet Parker from Debbie & Peter Allison Gene Bujold from Ed & Ivy Bujold Rev. Reg Miller, Monica Miller, and Bob Miller from Roger Miller **Dedicated In Thankful Celebration of:**

Don & Audry McGuire from Barb & Mel McGuigan

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk closer to Thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea. Daily walking close to Thee. Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. R

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. R

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION: Be Thou My Vision Dedicated in Loving Memory of:

Blackmer Family from Delores Blackmer Marion Ronalds from Ed & Ivy Bujold

> Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife; I ever with thee, and thou in my life; thou loving parent, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:1-6; 11:1-5 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: And the Walls Came Tumblin' Down ~ Andrew's

Message

Responding to God's Love

HYMN: Beethoven's Ode to Joy ~ Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
Dedicated in Loving Memory of:
Janice Cameron-Gionet from Debbie Seymour
Dr. Cecil & Dolly Turner from Sadie (Turner) Miller
Blackmer Family from Delores Blackmer
Anna Goddard from Frank Goddard
Many wonderful friends and family members who added joy in our lives from Harold & Ann Raper
Lynne Naugler from Ron Naugler
Carolyn Manzer McMullen from Dr. John McMullen and Family
Dedicated In Thankful Celebration of:
Healing Surgery from Anonymous

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.

BRINGING FORWARD OUR GIFTS FOR GOD:

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

HYMN OF DEDICATION: O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

Dedicated in Loving Memory of: Bruce & Mabel McFarlane from Lois (McFarlane) Paterson Lee Stickles from Mary Stickles

> O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sure and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Dedicated in Loving Memory of:

Helen & Edison Gunter and Molly & Gordon Trail from Mac & Patty Trail My Big Brother Michael Dickinson from Donna Chauvin Dad, Forbes Barr from Andrea Allen Phyllis & Don Peacock from Carole Peacock

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, Coming for to carry me home. A band of angels coming after me, Coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

If you get there before I do, Coming for to carry me home. Tell all my friends I'm coming too, Coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

The brightest day that ever I saw Coming for to carry me home. When Jesus washed my sins away, Coming for to carry me home. [Refrain] I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, Coming for to carry me home. But still my soul feels heavenly bound, Coming for to carry me home. [Refrain]

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: Walk with Me

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

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.

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POSTLUDE: When Morning Gilds the Skies ~ Payne

Scripture Readers: Reader #1 – Deborah West, Reader #2 – Cathy Davis, Reader #3 – Andrew Steeves Greeters: Lita & Gary Llewellyn 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 SATURDAY!

Please join the ladies of St. Paul's United Church (UCW), on the corner of York and Charlotte Streets, for our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, **November 18th** from 9am to 12 noon. There will be Baking, Crafts, Books, and Puzzles. We have made 450 mls (2 cups) of Mincemeat selling for \$15.00. Sit and relax with a coffee/tea and muffin. Come out for a fun morning and meet some friends. Donna Chauvin 506-458-5885. 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 BAZAAR AT NASHWAAKSIS

Nashwaaksis UCW is holding a Christmas bazaar is this Saturday, **November 18**th, 9am-12pm. If you have Silent Auction items, they can be left at the office this week. Bake and craft items may be dropped off between 1-3pm

or 6-7:30pm on Friday, Nov. 17th (back door please). We will have assorted sweet trays, pickles, jams, soup mixes, quilted items, books a Silent Auction and much more. Your continued support is much appreciated.

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 18**th 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.

BECOME A CHRISTMAS SECRET PEN PAL

Advent is quickly approaching and while there may be a whirlwind of planning and activity, we are inviting folks to become a part of a Christmas secret pal connection over the four weeks of Advent. This is an exciting connection between Wilmot and St. Paul's and it is open to all! What we ask is that you provide your REAL name and address to the office of either church. These will be collected and sorted by the Wilmot Faith Formation Team with folks who wish to participate. On December 3rd, you will receive your secret pal name and address and for the next four weeks we encourage you to send one note or card or letter each week of Advent. The great reveal will take place on Christmas Eve via email. Here are some suggestions as to what you might wish to consider in your questions or responses: Please note age-appropriate responses matter. Please tell your secret pal a little about yourself using your nickname. *What is your favorite part of the Advent season? Can you share a Christmas memory that you love? What do you hope for this year?* ~ Rev. Mary Tingley and Mary Lynn Cameron

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

After Service on Sunday **November 19th** at noon, there is a congregational meeting to provide an update on the work that your leadership team has been doing over the last month. The Board, Trustees, and others have been reflecting on our current situation, and gathering information and discerning paths to address our challenges. The Board and Trustees will share their recommendations with the Congregation. We hope you will join us in person; however, Zoom will be available. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/84415883435</u> Meeting ID: 844 1588 3435 Passcode: 987775

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Thank you to Santa's helpers for your generous support of this ministry outreach. Your gifts of toys, games, clothing and gift cards will bring much joy and happiness to 40 children whose families are being looked after by the Greener Village/Fredericton Food Bank this Christmas. If you missed getting an angel from the St. Paul's tree, you may want to visit the Regent Mall where the big Tree of Angels will be set up this week. Thank you again for caring and sharing. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

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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 <u>Nancymacgarvie@rogers.com</u> Proceeds are in support of African grandmothers in conjunction with Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho whose needs are as great as ever.



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.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: laundry detergent, paper towel, Mr. Clean, Kleenex, waxed paper, comet, toothbrushes, dish detergent, pudding cups, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, oatmeal, Miracle Whip, baked beans, flour, coffee, cookies, soda crackers, peanut butter (smooth & chunky), sugar twin, juice boxes, Cheez Whiz, and tea. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

DOWNTOWN UNITED PROJECT UPDATE

The final presentation and recommendations from the Downtown United Project will be presented on **November 26th**. Following our Downtown United Service, join us for a fellowship meal and facilitated discussion. The note from the consultants <u>Note to DTU Congregations</u> and the full report <u>DTU</u> <u>Recommendations Report</u> are available on our website under the Downtown United tab <u>https://www.stpaulsunited.ca/downtown-united-project/</u>. Print copies can also be obtained from the office if needed. Coming to the discussion familiar with the report will be helpful, as there will be a vote to adopt recommendations 1 & 2.

SIMPÁTICO: MUSIC FOR CELLO AND GUITAR

Please join Emily Kennedy and Steven Peacock in a unique celebration of the many textures and expressive possibilities of music for cello and classical guitar This 75-minute recital happens at 3pm on **November 26th** at Wilmot United Church and includes works by Vivaldi, Ravel, Villa-Lobos and Gnattali, together with compositions and arrangements by Steven Peacock, including a few familiar and less-than-familiar seasonal arrangements to close the program. Admission is by voluntary contribution to the Wilmot United Church Benevolent Fund.

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY COMEDY AND CAROLS SHOW

A Christmas Comedy and Carols experience for the whole family! Thursday **November 30**th 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 Macauly, 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.



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. Can't make it in person, Join by Zoom <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736183320</u> Meeting ID: 817 3618 3320 Passcode: 750844

EVENING SMALL GROUP FAITH EXPLORATION

Thursdays 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 hope you will join us.

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, and the music starts, 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 <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca</u>: 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 etransfer 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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT MARYSVILLE UNITED

The Marysville United Church UCW are having their Christmas Bazaar and Turkey a la King take out on **December 1**st, with cream cheese squares. \$10. Pick up is 4 to 6 p.m. Call the church office to order in advance. 506 450-3082.

BREAKFAST & CHRISTMAS MARKET AT GIBSON MEMORIAL

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!

CHARPENTIER'S MESSE DE MINUIT POUR NOEL

Inside our Church and out, this Christmas Season promises exciting and spectacular musical events. On **December 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Church Cathedral, the Bel Canto Singers of Fredericton will present Charpentier's Messe de Minuit pour Noel with full orchestration from the Elm City String Quartet. Other acapella pieces include pieces by Mendelsohn, Lauridsen and others. Tickets for Bel Canto are \$25 General/\$10 Student. Tickets are available online, at the door and from choir members Jane Blakely & Debbie West.

FUNDSCRIP



Countdown for Christmas! Deadline for the next gift card order... and the last before Christmas... is **Sunday, December 3rd**. Convenient for last-minute shopping and welcome gifts for family and friends! If you usually purchase grocery store or gas cards, you may want to order extra cards in December as there will not be an order in January. The first order in the new year will be in February. Order forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex or click here <u>December 3rd</u> <u>FundScrip Order Form</u>. New supporters always welcome! Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.QuickBook*

MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING SERVICE

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 5**th at 7pm and

McAdam's Funeral Home in Fredericton on **Dec 6th** at 7pm.

ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL RETURNS!

For years it has been the musical event that marks the start of the Christmas season in Fredericton! **Wednesday, December 6th,** the Annual Advent Carol Festival returns to St. Paul's. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the program will feature both new and familiar Christmas selections. Ten 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.

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS



Fredericton Choral Society presents Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" at St. Paul's United Church on **December 9th** at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 General/\$10 Student. Tickets are available online, at the door and from choir members Jane Blakely & Debbie West.

SONGS OF JUBILEE ORGAN RECITAL

Please join Dr. Sharon Pond, organist at St. Paul's United Church, for an organ recital at the church on Sunday, **December 10th** at 2:00pm. *Songs of Jubilee* will feature music of joy in a variety of genres: Baroque, Classical,

Romantic, post-Romantic and contemporary... half of it being Christmas selections. Freewill offering will be received to support the music program at St. Paul's. A reception will follow in the church hall.





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