

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 5th, 2023

Anniversary Sunday

10:30 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Hallelujah ~ arr. Fortunately

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: *Open Our Hearts*

MV 21

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

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Open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

Looking forward to see our path.

We honour those who have gone before us,

Learning from their successes and failures.

We celebrate who we are today,

And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

We gather to worship God,

the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

GATHERING HYMN: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

VU 395

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.
You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R*

*God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R*

*There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R*

*There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R*

OPENING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1-3, 18-19, Luke 24:13-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Jubilate ~ Bedford

MESSAGE: Behold What God is Doing!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

VU 299

*Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.*

Refrain:

*Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

*Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. R*

*Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. R*

*Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. 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: *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)*

Gift-giving God, for 191 years your people have gathered in this place to share who they were and what they had. Through the practice of giving to you, our ministries grew and thrived. We give our thanks for all that has been. Help us to be part of the ongoing ministry in this place. May the offerings we make this day, show our commitment to your ways. May the gifts we give be gifts of Love. May they increase the power of Love at work in the world today. Use them and us, O God, as part of your re-creation of the world. 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: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

VU 651

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

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: Dance of the Trumpets ~ Bish

*Scripture Readers: Voice 1 – Ann Krause, Voice 2 – Andrew Steves, Narrator – Deborah West, Jesus – Donna Chauvin,
Disciples – Carole Peacock*

Greeters: Lita & Gary Llewellyn Audio Visual: Murray Simpson

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE!

A friendly reminder to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night. You don't want to miss Anniversary Sunday!

ADVENT ~ CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Keep an out for our Advent ~ Christmas Newsletter, it is in the mail! Inside you will find church & congregational updates, festive activities, and upcoming events & activities. You can also can read or download it from our website [here](#).

MINCEMEAT

The UCW has mincemeat for sale. 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 or orders 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!*



TICK TOCK, IT'S CHOCOLATE O'CLOCK ~ ORDERS DUE MONDAY!

Tick tock, it's chocolate-o'clock! This is your last chance to submit your orders for Purdys Christmas treats before our fundraiser ends this coming Monday. If you haven't already, click the link below and you can order all the eggstra-special treats you want and help us raise money for St Paul's. This year, we're hoping to raise \$2000, so please support us if you can, or share it with anyone you know who would be interested.

Order Deadline: **Monday November 6th**

Campaign number: **67403**

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

- 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

Ordering Online:

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

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

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

The board, the trustees, and other key leaders have been meeting to discuss how we will face the challenges presented at the October 15th congregational meeting. We will have a brief update after worship, where we will let you know some of the steps that have been taken and that we will be working on. This will take place during our soup and bun lunch. We hope that you will join us.



ANGEL TREE ALERT!

The Angel Tree made its debut in the sanctuary this past Sunday and Santa's helpers wasted no time choosing their angels and sharing the joy of Christmas with a child. **There are still lots of angels available.** The tree will remain in the sanctuary next Sunday; please check it out when you come for the Anniversary Service. Or, if you prefer, you can come to the church during the week and make your selection. Please fill out a card (on the table next to the tree) with your name and angel number so we know which angel you took. You can take your gift to the church office anytime or bring it on Sunday and place it under the tree. Gifts must be received by **November 12th**. If you need help shopping or would like to have your gift picked up, please call Carole Peacock at 506-452-1016.



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

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 – NEW DATE

Starting November 7th ~ 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.

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: juice boxes, ketchup, macaroni, hand soap, cereal – Corn Flakes & Rice Krispies, can milk, spaghetti, tomatoes, and jam. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



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.

CAROLS BY GLOWSTICK

We are pleased to announce our 3rd Carols by Glowstick! This family-focused, kid-friendly, all-ages event happens **December 1st** from 6-7pm. Join us as we sing out loud, the songs of the season, remembering Jesus' birth, and just having fun! The only thing that hasn't experienced inflation is the tickets! \$20 for a family (up to 4 people) or \$5.50 for a single ticket. Everyone in attendance will be given a glowstick! Get your ticket today either through the church office or online at Eventbrite [Carols By Glowstick Tickets](#) (service charges added to cost). Get your ticket today and start the holiday season off right! For more information reach out to Rev Michelle.



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.

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.

Examples, Successes, and Progress	
Helping Children...Laying the foundation for the next generation	
• Millions of orphans are back at school	• Feeding Programs
• Solar and Kerosene lights for homework	• Play therapy and counselling
• School supplies and uniforms	• Visits to struggling households
Helping Communities	
• Support for grassroots groups	• Kitchen gardens
• Income generating collectives and market development <i>e.g. mushroom cultivation, saving and loans information</i>	• Crafts to make and sell <i>e.g. Beaded animals, jewelry,</i>
• Skills development and training	• Programs to eliminate the stigma of HIV

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 29th** ~ Mincemeat 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

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.

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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