

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

May 12th, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Easter

10:30 AM

And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is God not of the dead but of the living.

~ Mark 12:26-27a

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Prelude in Classic Style ~ Young

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

VU 166 Refrain

*Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

Great is the grace and glory of God.

We give thanks with hearts of joy.

Great is the strength and mercy of our Creator.

We give thanks with hearts of hope.

Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

We give thanks with hearts of faith.

Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

We give thanks with hearts of love.

With Christ and in Christ, the living one, we come,

To worship in his resurrection power, for death has been defeated. Hallelujah!

CENTERING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

VU 559

*Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.*

*Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.*

*Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-14, 17-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: With Grateful Hearts ~ Schweizer

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

VU 186

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.*

*In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.*

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

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.

SUNG OFFERING DEDICATION: *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands*

VU 537 vs 2

*Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

PRACTICE OF THE WEEK

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation*

VU 331 vs 1-2, 5

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.*

*Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.*

*We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

CHORAL CLOSING: *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New*

MV 115 x2

*Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promises true, for I am Christ the way.*

POSTLUDE: Toccata on Faith of Our Fathers ~ Long

¹ Adapted from Michelle L Torigian, *Ministry Matters*

Scripture Readers: Voice 1 – Debbie West, Voice 2 – Cathy Davis

Greeter: Mary Stickles **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.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW TENANTS!

We're very pleased to have two small, enthusiastic not-for-profit groups leasing office and activity space in Fraser Memorial Hall.

First is **Adult Literacy Fredericton**, located in the two rooms above the kitchen. (Also known as ALF)

<https://www.adultliteracyfredericton.org/>

Adult Literacy Fredericton strives to empower adult learners 18 years of age and older by helping them acquire the reading, writing, and numeracy skills necessary to function successfully at home, at work, and in the community, to achieve their goals, and to develop their full potential. Their programs involve volunteer tutors providing one-on-one tutoring. In recent years, a growing number of their participants are newcomers from all over the world. They also educate the public and advocate for literacy. Some of you may have attended their amazing book sales in years past.

The second group, **Imprint Youth Association**, was founded in 2015 and sprang from community conversations about what was needed and missing for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and young adults. <https://imprintyouth.ca/>

Their motto is: *WE BELIEVE THAT 2SLGBTQIA+ YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS DESERVE RESOURCES AND SPACES THAT ALLOW THEM TO THRIVE AND BE CELEBRATED FOR THEIR WONDERFUL AUTHENTIC SELVES.*

Since its inception, Imprint has partnered with many other groups to provide safe drop-in spaces, hosting events, and participating in community activities. Imprint is now based in the basement room some of you know as the "AA Room" and some of us think of as the "youth lounge". In the newly painted "Imprint Room", there will be regular drop in hours and a variety of other activities targeting different age groups. All the activities take place under adult supervision.

Now that you've been indirectly introduced, I'd like you to be part of a warm welcome for the organizations' staff, volunteers, participants and, in the case of Imprint, parents. If you're in the building during the week, you may from time to time have the opportunity to help someone find their way through the maze that is Fraser Memorial Hall. Please remember that as part of their lease, our tenants have every right to use common spaces - like hallways and the Charlotte St. entry - as they need to support their operations. Meghan is working closely with both groups to make sure that security is kept front of mind - for all of us - so you don't need to worry about it.

If you do see something that causes you concern, please send an email to Meghan or me rather than addressing it to the person who might be on the scene (after you have helped them out of course - if that's what's needed). The volunteers and participants want and need to feel safe and welcome in the building just the same way you and I do. So, let's double down on the love and acceptance that is our mandate and our mission and make sure that people know we mean it when we say everyone is welcome here. Thank you! Spread the word! ~ Jane

IMPRINT YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Imprint Youth Association's space at St. Paul's is coming together. This wonderful space is a perfect place for their program's youth to hang out! Well done!



Imprint Youth Association

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Our beautiful new space is coming together so we'll. It's so cozy, peaceful, and a really nice place to hang out.



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **pudding cups, and proteins with flip top lids**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.



PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: laundry and dish detergent, Kleenex, Mr. Clean, Comet, ketchup, pudding cups, white and brown sugar, icing sugar, cookies, jam, mayonnaise, vinegar, granola bars, flour, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti, Hamburger Helper, Stove Top stuffing, cake mix, frosting, soda crackers, oatmeal, and baking powder. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

FINANCE UPDATE

At its meeting of May 1st, the Council received a financial update, which you will find below/ attached / linked. Thank you to each and every one of you who supports the life and work of St. Paul's. *Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.*

St. Paul's United Church														Last Update: 8May2024		
2024 Operating Budget - Year To Date Budget Update																
REVENUE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Actual	+ / -	2024 Budget	
Revenue From Operations																
Offering/Contributions	12,579	12,362	13,930	12,971	1,152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52,994	124,880	177,874	
Bequest	0	0	0	0	0								0	0	0	
Securities Donations	15,110	0	2,741	0	0								17,851	7,149	25,000	
Total Revenue from Operations	27,689	12,362	16,671	12,971	1,152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,845	132,029	202,874	
Rental Revenue																
Parking Lot Rentals	2,700	1,260	1,280	1,170	1,440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,850	15,150	23,000	
Church Building Rentals	4,300	100	1,075	100	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,575	6,425	13,000	
Total Rental Revenue	7,000	1,360	2,355	1,270	2,440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,425	21,575	36,000	
Other Revenue																
Canada Summer Jobs Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,000	9,000	
Fredericton COOP Grant	0	0	0	0	0								0	4,000	4,000	
Online Donations	0	1,239	39	0	0								1,278	2,722	4,000	
Fundraising & Events	0	875	261	0	0								1,136	3,864	5,000	
General Donations	179	0	20	1,107	0								1,306	4,401	5,707	
Gifts In-Kind	877	354	1,220	336	0								2,787	2,713	5,500	
Investment Income	0	0	47	0	0								47	53	100	
Property Management Fee	0	0	0	16,667	4,167								20,833	29,167	50,000	
Total Other Revenue	1,056	2,468	1,588	18,109	4,167			0	0	0	0	0	27,387	55,920	83,307	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$35,745	\$16,190	\$20,613	\$32,350	\$7,759								\$112,657	209,524	\$322,181	

EXPENSES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Actual	+ / -	Budget
Employee Costs															
Salaries & Wages	10,247	9,210	9,186	9,332	4,279	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42,254	67,746	110,000
MERC's (CPP, EI, Tax)	4,152	3,353	3,351	3,413	1,693								15,963	40,037	56,000
Pension	1,942	1,431	1,453	1,573	847								7,246	14,754	22,000
Benefits	1,492	1,100	1,117	1,209	650								5,568	10,432	16,000
WorkSafeNB	0	893	0	0	0								893	-93	800
Total Employee Expenses	17,833	15,987	15,108	15,527	7,469	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71,923	132,877	204,800
Church Property															
Boiler Maintenance	0	0	2,033	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,033	7,967	10,000
Electricity	0	1,552	1,667	1,015	674								4,907	8,093	13,000
Garbage Removal	126	124	121	122	122								614	686	1,300
Insurance	1,882	1,882	1,882	1,882	1,882								9,409	13,391	22,800
Natural Gas	0	0	50	0	0								50	23,950	24,000
Repairs & Maintenance	491	2,091	597	680	91								3,951	11,049	15,000
Snow Removal	1,064	1,064	1,064	0	0								3,193	4,807	8,000
Water & Sewer	0	0	341	0	0								341	645	986
Total Property Expenses	3,563	6,713	7,756	3,699	2,768	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,498	70,588	95,086
Operating Costs															
Advertising & Promotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Fees & Service Charges	404	373	290	357	96								1,520	2,480	4,000
Communications: Net, Phones, W	279	266	262	261	0								1,067	2,433	3,500
Computer Support (I.T. Services)	0	0	0	0	0								0	0	0
Conferences & Meetings	0	0	0	0	0								0	0	0
Fundraising & Events	0	198	0	0	0								198	302	500
Investment Fees	152	0	0	0	0								152	-152	0
Licenses/Fees/Subscriptions	0	6	6	6	6								26	1,574	1,600
Meals & Entertainment	0	0	0	0	0								0	0	0
Mileage	0	0	0	0	0								0	1,200	1,200
Office Supplies	0	165	0	0	0								165	835	1,000
Postage	0	0	0	0	55								55	345	400
Professional Fees	0	0	0	0	0								0	8,815	8,815
Ricoh Copier/Lease	545	433	0	336	0								1,314	1,686	3,000
Special Project															
St. Paul's Future	0	0	0	0	0								0	10,000	10,000
Total Operating Expenses	1,380	1,441	558	960	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,497	29,518	34,015

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Office Supplies	0	165	0	0	0								165	835	1,000
Postage	0	0	0	0	55								55	345	400
Professional Fees	0	0	0	0	0								0	8,815	8,815
Ricoh Copier/Lease	545	433	0	336	0								1,314	1,686	3,000
Special Project															
St. Paul's Future	0	0	0	0	0								0	10,000	10,000
Total Operating Expenses	1,380	1,441	558	960	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,497	29,518	34,015
Christian Education															
Continuing Education	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	140	1,640
Sunday School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	500
Total Christian Ed Expenses	1,500	0	0	0	0								1,500	640	2,140
Partnerships & Outreach															
Benevolent/Brown Bag Lunch	197	90	284	248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	819	2,181	3,000
Charitable Contributions	0	0	0	0	0								0	500	500
Pantry	1,648	691	1,382	921	0								4,642	7,358	12,000
Total Outreach Expenses	1,845	781	1,666	1,169	0								5,461	10,039	15,500
Worship															
Annual UCC Assessment	0	0	0	0	6,751	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,751	6,751	13,501
Musicians	0	0	0	0	0								0	100	100
Pulpit Supply	0	0	0	0	0								0	2,000	2,000
Worship Supplies	0	172	56	0	0								228	1,072	1,300
Total Worship Expenses	0	172	56	0	6,751								6,979	9,922	16,901
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,121	\$25,095	\$25,143	\$21,355	\$17,144	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$114,858	253,584	\$368,442
Income in excess of expenses	9,624	-8,905	-4,530	10,995	-9,385								-2,201	-44,060	-46,261
Cumulative Total	9,624	719	-3,811	7,184											

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S

Are you newer to the congregation, but feel you have found your church home? Have you been attending St. Paul's for a while and want to become a member of this congregation and ensure you have a voice in the changes we are navigating? Contact Rev. Michelle for information on how to officially become a member of St. Paul's.

BOOKING MEETING SPACE AT ST. PAUL'S

As the use of our space at St. Paul's gets busier, please remember to book your meetings space through the office. Drop by in person, call 458-1183 or email Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesdays from 10:45am-11:45am ~ Bible Study on Sunday Reading

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736183320> Passcode: 750844

Thursdays from 6-7pm ~ Evening Small Group Faith Exploration

May 12th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Chris Grant, Mary Stickles & Jane Banks

May 19th ~ Joint Service at 10:30 at St. Paul's ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Carole Peacock

May 26th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister & Debbie West

June 2nd ~ Joint Service at St. Andrew's at 11am

June 9th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosts Needed

June 16th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosts Needed

June 23rd ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosts Needed

GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY

Pick up this reflection guide in the narthex to use as a home devotional or with your friends. This devotional follows the pattern of pray, reflect and do, offering suggestions on how to put the biblical theme into action.

DOWNTOWN UNITED SUMMER SCHEDULE

**Please join us this summer for
Downtown United +
*Everyone is welcome!***

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & Via Zoom

512 Charlotte St. Fredericton | Tel.455-8220

Sunday Services at 11am

June 30th | July 7th | July 14th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287?pwd=RFhERHZiU0hHbVpYcjYxRFFNZWdlQT09> Meeting ID: 836 7375 6287 Passcode: 839092

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH & Via Zoom

224 York St. Fredericton NB | Tel. 458-1183

Sunday Services at 10:30am

July 21st | July 28th | August 4th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740> Password: 657067

View later: <https://www.youtube.com/St. Paul's>

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH & Via YouTube

473 King St. Fredericton | 458-1066

Sunday Services at 11am

August 11th | August 18th | August 25th

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WilmotUnitedChurch?app=desktop>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Forest Hill United Church is hiring a Special Assistant (8-weeks, 35 hr/wk, \$17/hr). The position will combine work in our forest with administrative tasks and work on our Pride participation/Affirm ministry. Applicants need to be between the ages of 15 and 30. Preference will be given to candidates who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. Start date flexible. Contact the church office at forest.office@bellaliant.com or 506-455-0988 for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Brunswick Street Baptist Church (BSBC) is looking for a part-time Administrative and Social Media Assistant. 20 hours per week. \$17.50 to \$19/hr. To apply, please email a cover letter explaining why you are interested in working at BSBC and how your education and experience ensures that you are the perfect candidate for the position, along with your resume, to Kellie Brown at receptionist@bsbc.nb.ca. The deadline for application is 4pm on Monday, May 13th, 2024. For more information see [Administrative and Social Media Assistant Posting.pdf](#)

YARD SALE AT NASHWAAKSIS UNITED

Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, will be having a **Yard Sale** on Saturday, June 1st from 8:00am-Noon. The sale will be held in the auditorium, so rain or shine. Cash only. Please use the front door. Hope to see you there!

STUFFED PORK LOIN DINNER FUNDRAISER

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner** on May 29th, 4 - 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Menu: Pork, stuffing, potatoes, carrots, turnip, peas, gravy, coleslaw, rolls and PIES. Please call the church office at 506-457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

YARD SALE & CAFE

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **Yard Sale & Cafe** on June 1st, 8-11:30 a.m.



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Church Administrator: Meghan Roebuck | **Custodian:** Jaedyn Williams