

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 19th, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ~ Mark 1:4-8

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: In a Monastery Garden ~ Ketelbey

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-4

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Jesus, Stand among Us*

VU 396 vs 1&2

*Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.*

*Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

The Spirit is here among us,

Within us, around us, between us.

The Spirit is here to strengthen us,

Bringing courage, bringing conviction.

The Spirit is here to move us,

Making us sing and praise.

The Spirit is here.

May we feel the Spirit as we gather.

May we be fed by her fiery strength.

May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.

We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship,

And may our worship fill us with the Spirit to empower our daily living.

CENTERING PRAYER

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *Holy Spirit, Hear Us*

VU 377 vs 2

*Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;
light its holy pages with the truth we need.*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

VU 375

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. R*

*You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. R*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. R*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. R*

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

CHOIR ANTHEM: Build Your Kingdom Here ~ arr. Galbraith ~ Rend Collective

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth*

VU 207

*Spirit of God, unleashed on earth
with rush of wind and roar of flame!
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.*

*You came in power, the church was born;
O Holy Spirit, come again!
From living waters raise new saints,
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.*

*With burning words of victory won
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,
revive in us baptismal grace,
and fan our smouldering lives to flame.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

POSTLUDE: Toccata on Amazing Grace ~ Pardini

¹ Adapted from Gord Waldie worship offerings

Scripture Readers: Reader 1 – Ann Krause, Reader 2 – Debbie West, Reader 3 – Alanna Palmer, Reader 4 – Debbie Allison
Greeter: Erin Webb & Steeves Family **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.

UPDATE ON THE SALE OF ST. PAUL'S PROPERTY

There is a Handbook for the sale of Church property issued by the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region. The Council and Board of Trustees are following all the steps required for the sale of the sanctuary, hall and parking lots. An inventory of church assets has been completed, but no decisions have been made yet as to what stays for the sale, what goes with us to a new home, and what goes elsewhere. The Trustees have issued a Request for Expressions of Interest to 6 local realtors selected for their relevant expertise. They have been asked to provide their credentials, experience, marketing plan, listing price and compensation package to Trustees by May 22nd, 2024. From these responses, Trustees will recommend an official agent for the approval of the Region. We will then be able to announce our real estate agent and officially list our property for sale.



GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR? ALREADY IN UNIVERSITY?

Wark/St. Paul's Scholarships – Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's and who plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available at <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca> under "Resources". Applications must be received on or before **July 31st**.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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.

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 & dish soap, Mr. Clean, Comet, Kleenex, paper towel, waxed paper, plastic wrap, tinfoil, cereal, ketchup, pasta sauce, granola bars, mayonnaise, large apple & orange juice, rice,



brown & white sugar, cake mix & icing, apple sauce, pudding cups, flour, and spaghetti. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

PLEASE JOIN US, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

St. Paul's is hosting a Community Dinner on Saturday **June 8th** at 5pm. The main course will be ham with mustard and brown sugar glaze, roasted potatoes, asparagus, and carrots. Dessert is a brownie bar with a selection of toppings. This meal is being presented by Red Seal Chefs Beth & Shawn Meister. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. And are available in the office or on Sunday after church. (cash & etransfer)

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.

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.



BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE

Broadview is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award-winning coverage of **spirituality, justice** and **ethical living**. As a registered charity, *Broadview* challenges and inspires readers seeking to live a purpose-filled life. Our **spirituality** reporting features Christian perspectives on belief and faith, as well as points of view from other religions and philosophies. We cover **social justice** from local, national and global contexts, drawing attention to contemporary issues and our response as people of faith and as caring citizens. Our **ethical living** stories offer inspiration and ideas on how we can all make a positive difference with our lives.



Subscriptions to *Broadview* with St. Paul's is only \$30 per year. Contact Meghan in the office if you wish to subscribe. **Deadline is June 1st**.

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 19th ~ Joint Service at 10:30 at St. Paul's ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Carole Peacock, Lois Patterson, Hope & Andrew Steeves, and Debbie West

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 8th ~ Community Dinner at St. Paul's at 5pm

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

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](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>

LIVING WITH DYING

A five-part presentation and conversation series called '[Living with Dying](#)' will begin on Wednesday, **15 May**, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 150 Church Street, Fredericton. The series will consider many of the important topics related to death and the dying process. Topics will include: End of life care options (with presentations from Palliative Care and Hospice professionals); Medical assistance in dying (with a lawyer sharing legal dimensions and interpretations of MAiD legislation); and Christian teaching on death and dying. The series will be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings in May and June. View the schedule at cccath.ca.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Fredericton is seeking a Sexton (caretaker), a role which is integral to overall operations. Duties include the oversight, cleaning and maintenance of the church, hall and grounds. This is a full-time, salaried position with flexible working hours, including occasional weekends and evenings. Read the full job description at: www.cccath.ca. Application deadline: Thursday, May 23.

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.



PLANT SALE

Keswick Ridge United Church is hosting a plant sale on **June 1st** from 9am – 1pm. 652-654 Route 104, Burtts Corner. For more information, please call 506-363-2553.

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 sake will be held in the auditorium, so rain or shine. Cash only. Please use the front door. Hope to see you there!

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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