

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 26th, 2024

1st Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" ~ Fey

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

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our mind and strength.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

And we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves.

We come to give our love to God and share God's love as we worship!

CENTERING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

VU 232

*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.*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

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: Matthew 22:35-40, 28:16-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Sing Praise to God ~ Bayley

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

VU 266

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

THIS IS MY STORY

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: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

VU 512 vs 1-2, 4-5

*Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION *(Responsive)* ²

As people of faith, we gathered for worship.

As people of faith, we now return to the world.

God now to share our story of faith –
the story of life from death brought about because of great love.

We go to share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.

You are a living witness and testimony to God's love active in the world,
Go knowing that God goes with you,
Sharing in the laughter and the hope, the fears, and the tears.
And that the Holy Spirit will empower your witness to God's great love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHORAL CLOSING: *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

*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: Fantasie on "Ein fest Burg ist unser Gott" ~ Fey

¹ Adapted from Rev. Mindi at Rev-o-lution

² Adapted from Rev. Gord's Worship Offerings Blog

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Chris Grant, Jesus – Cathy Davis

Greeter: Lois Walker **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.

FUNDSCRIP



The next deadline for FundScrip gift cards is Sunday, **June 9th**, a week later than usual. This means you will have more time to think of all the events coming up in June that can be celebrated with a gift card... graduations, weddings, anniversaries and don't forget Father's Day! If you are travelling this summer or expecting family home for a visit, you may want to get a few extra gas cards or grocery cards. We will not have an order in July, but we'll be back on track on Sunday, August 4, the first Sunday of the month. Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.

INVITATION FROM SAINT ANDREW'S LADIES GROUP

The Ladies of the Tuesday Morning Ladies Group would like to welcome any interested Ladies of St. Paul's to join us for our potluck closing lunch, at 11am on Tuesday **June 11th** at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions or allergies, please let me know. ~ Chairperson, Colleen Watson Watson.colleen459@gmail.com

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.**



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REQUEST FROM ANNIE SIMPSON!

What do you get a 106-year-old for her birthday? A birthday card! Be a part of making Annie's wish to receive 106 birthday cards come true. Annie Simpson is turning 106 on July 27th! Cards for Annie can be dropped off to the church office or in the locked mailbox at the York Street entrance or mailed directly to Annie. Thank you!

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 [scholarships-bursaries](#) Applications must be received on or before **July 31st**.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **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: brown sugar, tomatoes, cereal, Miracle Whip, pancake mix, cookies, salt, Mr. Clean, dish & laundry detergent, Comet, Javex, rice, toothbrushes, hand soap, and paper towel. 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.

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.



REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Did you know that the Regional Annual Meeting will be happening from May 30th to June 2nd. At this annual meeting, Chris Walker who was a candidate for ministry out of St. Paul's will be Ordained. Please hold him and all of the Region in your prayers as the business of the region is addressed. Worship on June 2nd will be at Saint Andrew's at 11 am.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Bible Study will run weekly until June 18th except for June 4th

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

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

Thursday Evening Faith group will meet weekly until June 20th except for Thursday, May 30th

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

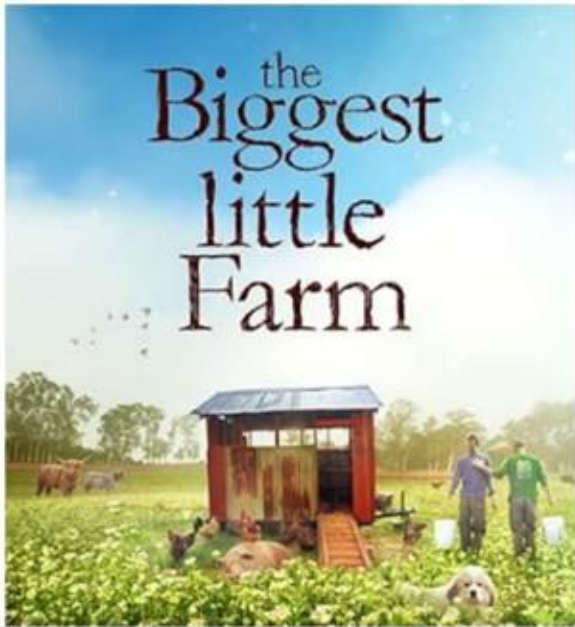
June 2nd ~ Joint Service at Saint Andrew's at 11am

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



2018 documentary by John Chester about how he, his wife Molly and dog Todd leave their tiny apartment in LA and purchase 200 acres in the foothills of Ventura County outside LA. Learn of their struggles developing a sustainable farm with crops and animals that includes an unforgettable pig named Emma and her best friend Greasy the rooster.

FAMILY MOVIE – PG rated, RSVP by contacting the office 506-458-1066 or wilmotuc@sympatico.ca

Serving popcorn, juice boxes & water
Compliments of the Radical Hospitality Committee

Wednesday, May 29th
6:30 – 8:05 pm

DOWNTOWN UNITED SUMMER SCHEDULE

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

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & Via Zoom

512 Charlotte St. Fredericton | Tel.455-8220

Sunday Services at 10:30am

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>

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 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!



YARD SALE & CAFE

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

PLANT SALE

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

PICNIC SUPPER

Forest Hill United Church, Friday, **June 7th**, 5-6:30pm, 45 Kimble Court, off Forest Hill Road (wheelchair accessible). Menu: baked, sliced ham or beet burger (v), salads, roll and cake. Gluten-friendly options available. Eat in or take out. Adult \$15. Child (12 and under) \$8. Reservations required by noon on Tuesday, June 4th. To reserve, e-mail foresh.office@bellaliant.com or call 506-455-0988.



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