

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED

Fredericton, N.B.

27th Sunday after Pentecost: Feast of Saint Andrew and Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24th, 2024

10:30 AM

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: The Highland Cathedral

~ Callahan

THE ENTRANCE OF SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY MEMBERS

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Come, Children, Join to Sing*

VU 345 vs1

*Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

Open your hearts and your ears

God has a word for us.

As the assembly of God's people,

we come to turn from our hurtful ways,

to turn toward the Sovereign One.

In worship, we hear God speaking still.

Come let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN: *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

TBoP 672

*Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice calls us saying,
"Christian, follow me."*

*As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and work and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts in glad obedience,
serve and love you best of all.*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: (In Unison) ²

Holy God,
you are the sovereign one, Lord of heaven and earth,
and you call us to live in your kingdom even now.
We confess that we have often put our trust in earthly rulers,
looking to human leaders who are not pursuing your way.
We hear your word and move it up the chain,
waiting for them to interpret it so we know what we can safely ignore,
then waiting for someone else to do it so that we can follow them,
rather than responding to your call first thing when we hear it.
Forgive us, God,
when we have manipulated your word to serve ourselves.
Forgive us, God,
when we have disregarded your covenant.
Forgive us, God,
when we have hardened our hearts.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MV 97

*Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 22:19-20

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51

VU 776

**Have mercy on me, O God, in your great kindness,
in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences.**

Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults,
and my sin is always before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned,
and done evil in your sight,**
so that you are justified in your sentence,
and blameless in your judgement.

**Guilty I have been from my birth,
a sinner from the time of my conception.**
But you desire truth in our inward being,
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean,
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**
Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness,
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Turn away your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Put a new heart in me, O God,
and give me again a constant spirit.**
Do not cast me away from your presence,
do not take your holy spirit from me.
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and strengthen me with a willing spirit.**
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
O God, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

You desire no sacrifice, or I would give it;
you take no delight in burnt offerings.
The sacrifice you accept, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28, 31:31-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Lord is my Shepherd

~ Allen

MESSAGE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

HYMN: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

MV 79

Refrain
*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

*God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. R*

*Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. R*

*May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: *(In Unison)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(In Unison)*³

Lord Jesus, you rule in the world through your love. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love for you. Bless and multiply them through the power of the Spirit, so that we will spread your love in ways we have yet to imagine. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

(We recognize a variety of ways to pray the Lord's Prayer, you are invited to pray using the words that speak to you and the language of your choice.)

PRAYER RESPONSE:³

Lord Jesus
Reign amount us in love.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

TBoP 267

*Rejoice the Lord is King;
Your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals,
sing and triumph evermore.*

Refrain:
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above. R

His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given. R

He sits at God's right hand
til all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feat. R

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come and
take the faithful up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC: "Spirit Song"

~ John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

RECESSION OF THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Coronation"

~ Payne

¹ Adapted from Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, November 24, 2024

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³ Worship Planner, Nov 24, 2024, The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Narrator - Ron Naugler, Jesus & Lord – Rebecca Jonah, Jeremiah – Murray McEachen

Greeters: Arlene MacDonald & Lois Walker

Audio Visual: Glynis Martin & Beth Meister

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.
Can't make it in person, join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: 2023

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Thank you to Santa's helpers for your generous support of this community outreach program. 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, there are angels available on St. Andrew's Mission Tree. They support individuals (and their children) who have been affected by abuse and are being cared for by Liberty Lane. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!



COLOURS OF ADVENT FUNDRAISER



Purple or pink? You choose! As a visual symbol of the season, Rev. Michelle will be dyeing the bottom of her hair either purple or pink, depending on what colour gets the most donations. Purple is the colour of penitence & penance, symbolizing how to prepare ourselves for God's presence. Pink is the colour of Joy, reminding you to rejoice in the Lord. Make donations in the jars at the back of the sanctuary or through the office – noting your colour choice, via cash or e-transfer to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com (auto deposited). Donations will be credited to your annual contributions. **Deadline is Nov 27th.**

SAINT ANDREW'S MISSION TREE UPDATE

Once again, the Mission Committee is supporting a family from Liberty Lane this Christmas. Liberty Lane Inc. is a charitable organization located in Fredericton that offers Second Stage Housing to female identified individuals (and their children) who have left family violence, and Domestic Violence Outreach services to people of all gender identities. We are sponsoring two families this year and the angels include toys, clothing and gift cards. Items for the mom may be gift wrapped but we will provide wrapping supplies so the mom can wrap the children's gifts. The angels will be available to choose from on Sunday, Nov 24th. I am asking anyone who takes an angel to write their contact information on the sheet at the back of the church. This will ensure that all angels are received before the delivery deadline. **All gifts need to be returned to the church by Dec 8th,** and you can contact Heather Rutherford at rutherford_h@live.com or 454-9817 if you need your gift picked up outside of church hours. Thank you in advance from the Mission and Outreach Committee for your continuous generosity.

FUNDSCRIP ~ COUNTDOWN FOR CHRISTMAS!

The deadline for our next gift card order... and the last before Christmas... is **Sunday, December 1st**. FundScrip offers gift cards from over 200 retailers and many of them have increased the value of their donations to St. Paul's for December orders. The cards are especially convenient at this time of year 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 as there will not be an order in January. Order forms are available in the church office or click here [December 1st FundScrip Order Form.pdf](#). Thank you for your ongoing support of this program and Merry Christmas!



THE GREAT ADVENTURE

The Great ADVENTure, a tradition at Saint Andrews, is on Friday evening, Nov 29th beginning at 5:30 pm in the church hall. The evening begins with Pizza, followed by activities for all. Adults will decorate the Sanctuary for our Advent and Christmas season. Children will concentrate on decorating that Hall, and decorating Rose Carolyn's famous Christmas cookies.

The evening will end with a time to sing a few favorite Christmas carols. Please join us for food, fellowship, and working together to get the task accomplished. Please call the church offices by noon Wednesday, Nov.27th if you are joining us, so we will have lots of PIZZA for everyone. (Phone 506-455-8220 or 506-458-

1183). Please also contact Mary Charters (chartersm@rogers.com or 506-459-1539) if you have ideas for any activities, especially for the children, and are willing to help with them so the parents may be involved with the other adults in the Sanctuary.



32ND ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL

Brunswick Street Baptist Church presents the 32nd Advent Carol Festival on Wednesday **December 4th** at 7:30pm. 161 York St, Fredericton. Featuring local church and community choirs with congregational singing. Freewill offering kindly welcome for CBC Feed a Family Campaign to support local food banks. Sponsored by the Fredericton Organists' Association.

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

You can reach Rev. Michelle on the main office lines, call her office directly at 506-455-0639, text or call her cell at 506-259-7602 or via email at michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com.

REV. MICHELLE'S OFFICE DROP-IN HOURS

Rev. Michelle has office hours available for drop-in on Sundays between 1-2:30pm and Monday from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

ST. PAUL'S & SAINT ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our churches will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday **December 7th** from 10am-1pm. Come and check out the crafts, baking, puzzles and books. Donations of baking can be dropped off at the church on Friday December 6th between 9am and noon.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT MARYSVILLE UNITED

The Marysville United Church UCW are having a Christmas Bazaar and Turkey-a-la-King take-out. Friday, **November 29th**. The bazaar will be open and supper pick-up ready, between 4 and 6 p.m.

BREAKFAST & CHRISTMAS MARKET AT GIBSON

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St. will be hosting a "Breakfast & Christmas Market", Saturday, **Nov. 30th**, 8-11am. Breakfast will be served 8-10:30am - \$12/person. Market tables will feature cards by Lori Donovan & Noreen Wetmore, baking, pickles, knitting and gently used books & puzzles. Everyone Welcome!



St. Paul's United & Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
@ 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton



LISTEN, LOVE AND PRAY: GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT

Growing in faith, grace, gratitude, hope, and love - holding space for being together with loss. People feeling grief and loss of all types will gather to reflect and support each other's experiences. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend. Hosted by Deacons Isabel Cutler and Debbie Edmondson. Second Monday of each month, 7-9p.m. Christ Church Cathedral, Memorial Hall Lounge, 168 Church Street, Fredericton.

ADVENT STUDY

Numbers didn't warrant a group Advent study on the book "Ponder These Things" by the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Prof. Rowan Williams but those who expressed interest are invited to purchase the paperback or eBook version and follow the study sessions hosted by Dr. Emily Bisset online at <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/> and online discussion in the Presbyterians Read Facebook group.



ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry items needed this week are white & brown sugar, waxed paper, cake mix, orange & apple juice, canned milk, jam, ritz crackers, Lysol wipes, and laundry & dish soap. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

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.

FREDERICTON LADIES CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Fredericton Ladies Choir presents their Annual Christmas Concert at St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church on **December 10th** at 7pm, with special guest, Don Bozze Jazz. Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$20, available at Westminster Bookmark, at the door or from choir members, Patty Trail and Debbie Seymour.

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

Those wanting to add an announcement to the bulletin and/or eNews, please send an email to Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will run for a 2-week period unless otherwise requested.



VIVALDI'S GLORIA AND CHRISTMAS CHORAL TREATS

The Fredericton Choral Society presents Vivaldi's Gloria and Christmas choral treats on Saturday **December 14th** at 7:30pm at Christ Church parish Church – 245 Westmorland Street. Admission: \$25 general & \$10 student. Tickets available at the door and from choir members and Debbie West.

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BREAKFAST 2 GO

New Hours: 8:30-10am. If you are interested in baking muffins for this Friday morning program, please contact Bev Bramble at bbramble1@gmail.com to be added to the muffin baking list.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Save the date for the Lintuhtine Choir's annual "The Christmas Story" on the afternoon of December 1st. Proceeds to Fredericton Food Bank.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Activities

Monday – Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program in St. Paul's Office during regular office hours

Tuesdays ~ Tuesday Morning Ladies Group at 9:30am ~ *All are welcome!*

Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ Quilting from 1-4pm ~ *All are welcome!*

Wednesdays ~ Community Outreach ~ Pantry Program from 9-11am

Thursdays ~ Choir Practice from 7-8pm ~ *All are welcome!*

Fridays ~ Community Outreach ~ Breakfast 2 Go from 8:30-10am

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 24th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hour hosted by Roger Miller & Debbie West & Kelly Simpson

December 1st ~ Advent 1 ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Mary Leonard

December 1st ~ FundScrip Orders Due

December 7th ~ St. Paul's & Saint Andrew's Christmas Bazaar ~ 10am-1pm

December 8th ~ Advent 2 ~ Services at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Mission & Outreach

December 15th ~ Advent 3 ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Shawn & Beth Meister & Kim Keech

December 22nd ~ Advent 4 ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Alanna Palmer & Cathy Davis



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Joanna's Office Hours: Monday- Friday from 2-6pm

Meghan's Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm & Friday 8am-1pm

Minster: Rev. Michelle Armstrong | **Organist:** Dr. Sharon Pond

Church Administrators: Meghan Roebuck & Joanna Price

Custodian: Doug Newman | **Clerk of Session:** Janet Higgins

Ministers Emeriti: Rev. Doug Blaikie & Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery