

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

Fredericton, N.B.

January 19th, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST MINISTER, REV. DR. BASIL LOWERY

PRELUDE: Prelude on "St. Thomas"

~ Willan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Open our Hearts*

MV 21

*Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God.
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CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

How precious is God's steadfast love!

We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

Come and feast on God's abundance.

We will drink from the river of God's delights.

For with God is the fountain of life;

And in God's light we will see light.

Let us worship God with Joy and thanksgiving!

We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

TBoP 290

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(In Unison)*

O God: To begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins.

**God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week,
seeking your refreshing presence.**

But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us.

We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us.

Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled.

**By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried,
and renew our trust in you... *silent prayer...* Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

~ Alanna Palmer

CHILDREN'S HYMN: *I Can Feel You Near Me God*

MV 48

*I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here.*

Refrain:

*And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia Jump for joy for you. R*

*I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me always everywhere
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me I know you're there.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)*

O God, your Spirit, gives us the gifts we need to hear and understand your holy Word.

Open our hearts to hear your truth,

and open our hearts to receive an understanding of how to live that truth

as we follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;

your judgments are like the great deep;

you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: And The Walls Come Tumblin' Down

~ Andrew's

MESSAGE: "Who Is This Jesus?"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *As Water to the Thirsty*

TBoP 688

*As water to the thirsty, as beauty to the eyes,
As strength that follows weakness, as truth instead of lies,
As song time and springtime and summertime to be,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.*

*Like calm in place of clamour, like peace that follows pain,
like meeting after parting, like sunshine after rain,
like moonlight and starlight and sunlight on the sea,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.*

*As sleep that follows fever, as gold instead of grey,
as freedom after bondage, as sunrise to the day,
as home to the traveller and all we long to see,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.*

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)*

God of grace and mercy, receive all our gifts, offered in thanksgiving. We share the fruit of our labours with you, asking that you will multiply their effects in and through the Church. And we share the fruit of our time and talent, seeking to know how you would have us serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER: *(In Unison)*

(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.)

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

VU 326

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC: *When Jesus Came to be Baptized*

VU 100 vs 4

*O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.*

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "St. Denio"

~ Payne

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Old Testament – Alanna Palmer, Psalm Leader – Rose Carolyn Smith, Epistle – Murray McEachen

Greeters: Mary Charters & Bill Paterson

Audio/Visual: Beth & Shawn Meister & Glynis Martin

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

View anytime on **YouTube** here: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulsunitedchurch984/videos>

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Michelle will be attending the (Re)Generate leadership program the week of January 18th-25th. Emergency pastoral care can be obtained from Ellen Beairsto by calling 506-206-1943. This number is a landline so please leave a message if you do not get an answer. Rose-Carolynn will also be available to support ongoing needs.

ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry items needed this week are laundry & dish soap, Mr. Clean, hand soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, ketchup, coffee, jam, vinegar, relish, pasta & pasta sauce, tin foil, waxed paper, canned corn, large apple & orange juice, white sugar, flour, cake mix, peas, white rice, and macaroni. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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PRESBYTERIAN CONNECT

Winter of 2024 Presbyterian Connect is now available in the church and Hall entries. See page 20 for a for a familiar face. (or two)

2025 ENVELOPES READY FOR PICK UP!

2025 Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to drop off a neighbour's box set!

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will start on Feb 6th from 6-7pm. This will be a Lectio Divina style engagement with the scripture reading for the coming Sunday.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

January 19th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosts Needed!

January 26th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosts Needed!

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

Rev. Michelle can be reached on the main office phone lines, her office directly at 506-455-0639, by text or call to her cell at 506-259-7602 or via email at michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com. Drop-in office hours are available Sundays between 1-2:30pm and Mondays from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

CHILI TAKE-OUT SUPPER

Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, is offering a delicious Chili Take-out on Friday, **January 17th**. Pick up will be at the church, from 4-5:30pm. The menu includes mild chili, roll, Caesar salad, and apple crumble tart for dessert. To reserve your meal, please contact Judy at 506-458-9452 or admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca by 2pm, Wednesday, January 15th.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the Week of January 18 to 25, 2025. The Theme is "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). There is a Service being held in the Fredericton Area at St. Dunstan Roman Catholic Church, 120 Regent Street on Thursday, **January 23rd**, 2025 at 1:15 PM with Coffee/Tea and sweets after the service. All are invited to attend Women and Men. Please use the entrance off King Street by the Tim Horton. Thank you. Deborah Heustis, Publicity for the Women's Inter-Church of Fredericton.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

An invitation is extended to all Women and Men to attend the World Day of Prayer Services in the Fredericton area. The World Day of Prayer for 2025 was prepared by the Women of the Cook Island. The theme is "I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139: 1-18.)

Northside: The World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Mary's and All Saints Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street, Fredericton on Friday, **March 7th**, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 PM.

Southside: The World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Church, 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton on Sunday, **March 9th**, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Storm Date: March 16 at 2:00 PM.

Thank you. Deborah Heustis, Publicity for the Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton

ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

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



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