

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

Fredericton, N.B.

January 26th, 2025

Third 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

PRELUDE: Voluntary on "Slane"

~ Payne

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.
Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

Come into the presence of the Holy One

We are human, imperfect and unsure!

Come and do not be afraid

We are only humans, easily paralyzed by fear or by awe.

Come just as you are!

We are only human, but since Christ calls, we will follow.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER ¹

HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

TBoP 299

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(Responsive)* ²

You come into our everyday, Lord Jesus:
the places where we know what to do, what to expect.

**We are happy to meet you in the midst of life,
but we are hesitant to change what we are doing.**

We long for the clarity of your voice,
for a miracle that would make everything obvious,
**but maybe not when we're already working in our own grove —
we need a miracle in the confusing and chaotic things instead.**

We confess we expect no miracles in our regular day-to-day.
**We know our work, our tasks, our lives,
and we just get on with what we do.**

Would you do something we know is impossible, God?
If you did, how would we even respond?

Yet you indeed do the impossible,
and with your power revealed comes your purpose revealed, too.

**Forgive us for wanting one without the other.
Forgive us for not even looking for your hand in our work.
Forgive us for our continued desire for control.
Give us the courage to receive your blessing that strains imagination,
and to orient our lives to your wonder.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

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

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)* ³

God of light and life,

We turn to your Word for guidance and inspiration week after week.

**Send your Holy Spirit to move in and among us this day
as we listen to the Scriptures read and interpreted.**

Help us to hear your challenge and your promise,

and to respond with our commitment to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 90:13-17

Turn back, O God! How long?

Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
as many years as we have suffered adversity.

**Show your servants your work,
and let their children see your glory.**

Let the favour of our God be upon us,
and prosper the work of our hands.

Prosper the work of our hands.

FOCAL READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal

~ Schweizer

MESSAGE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

VU 567

*Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?*

*Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in 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)* ³

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.)

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

TBoP 592

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.*

**Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.**

Whom shall I send? R

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.**

Whom shall I send? R

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: Coronation March

~ Rizzotto

¹ Adapted from *The Presbyterian Church in Canada Worship Planner*, February 9, 2025

² Adapted from Teri Peterson, *Bibleworm Liturgy*, January 26, 2025

³ *The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner*, February 9, 2025

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Psalm Leader & Simon – Vee Mariner, Narrator – Magenta Watson, Jesus – Debbie Allison

Greeters: Hope & Andrew Steeves & Mary Stickles

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>

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS

It has come to our attention that folks are receiving scam emails from a person pretending to be Rev. Michelle. Please do not respond to **“Awaiting Response at Your Convenience”** or emails requesting you to send money or donate gift cards. Rev. Michelle will never make such a request as all donations go through the church office or Sunday offering. If you have fallen victim to these scams, please inform the police. Be alert to the mail address sending the request, Rev. Michelle’s only email address is michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com.

BOOKING MEETING SPACE

As the use of our space gets busier, please remember to book your meeting space through the office. Drop by in person, call 506-455-8220 or 506-458-1183 or email stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com and sapcfred@gmail.com. Both offices use a shared online calendar so we can ensure space is available for your meeting.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Starting **February 6th**, Thursday evening bible study will be from 6-7pm in Rev. Michelle’s office. This will be a Lectio Divina style engagement with the scripture reading for the coming Sunday.

ST. PAUL’S PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry items needed this week are laundry & dish soap, Mr. Clean, ketchup, salt, coffee, jam, vinegar, pasta & pasta sauce, tin foil, plastic wrap, large apple & orange juice, pancake mix, flour, cookies, and rice. Thank you for your ongoing support!

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECT

Winter of 2024 Presbyterian Connect is now available in the church and Hall entries.
See page 20 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!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

January 26th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosts Needed!
February 2nd ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister
Feb 6th ~ Bible Study from 6-7pm ~ *Starting Feb 6th*
February 9th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Patty Trail & Cathy Davis
February 16th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosts Needed!
February 17th ~ **Offices Closed for Family Day Stat Holiday**
February 23rd ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosts Needed!

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.

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.

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!*

Thursdays ~ Bible Study from 6-7pm ~ *Starting Feb 6th ~ All are Welcome!*

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

BULLETIN & ENEWS SUBMISSIONS

Please send announcements to Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.



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

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