

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025



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Fredericton, N.B.

February 16th, 2025

Sixth 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: All Things Bright and Beautiful

~ Rutter

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)*¹

Come with your faith and your hope.

Come with your questions and your doubts.

Come with your wondering and your certainty.

Come with your expectations and your open mind.

We come to see what Jesus is doing,

We come to hear the Good News,

We come to let the Word grow and live in us.

We come to Worship!

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

TBoP 348

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(Responsive)*

God is the love that is over and around us
the grace that is totally unearned;
and the healing that makes the earth whole.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)*

**God, you are the source of wisdom and understanding for us.
In the midst of all that distracts us, help us listen in stillness.
In the midst of competing voices, may we hear your Word for our
lives and our times.
By your Spirit, help us discern Jesus' call to follow him. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

FOCAL READING: Luke 7:18-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: How Can I Keep from Singing

~ Schweizer

MESSAGE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *There's a Spirit in the Air*

TBoP 764

INVITATION TO OFFERING ²

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)* ²

God of mystery and mercy,

We come before you today carrying hopes and dreams,
the burdens and blessings of our lives.

We bring all that is on our hearts and minds to you,
seeking your comfort and strength,

listening for your guidance,
grateful that you hear us when we pray.

Faithful God,

Hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER: *(In Unison)* ³

(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.)

Faithful God,

Hear our prayer.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *Are You a Shepherd?*

MV 126

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

***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

¹ Adapted from Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, February 16, 2025

² The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, February 16, 2025

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Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Psalm Leader & Jesus – Leanna Smith

Narrator – Jane Banks, John’s Disciples – Jean Boudreau

Greeters: Carole Peacock & Rose Carolyn Smith

Audio/Visual: Beth & Shawn Meister & Glynis Martin

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>

***Please join us in the hall following the service for
fellowship, tea, coffee, and treats!***

ST. PAUL’S 2024 TAX RECEIPTS – St. Paul’s 2024 Tax Receipts are in the mail. Keep your eyes open for yours! Please contact Meghan at 506-458-1183 or stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com if you have any question regarding your annual contribution amount.

ST. PAUL’S PANTRY PROGRAM – This month, the Pantry will focus on 2.5 kg of flour, ketchup and dish detergent. Other needs are vinegar, mayo, puddings, white & brown rice, syrup, molasses, coffee, and Mr. Clean. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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 Sundays between 1-2:30pm and Mondays from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - Thursday Evening Bible study will be from 6-7pm in Rev. Michelle's office. This is a Lectio Divina style engagement with the scripture reading for the coming Sunday.

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS - Heather Labadie is coordinating Coffee/Fellowship Hour volunteers. Thanks to those who have already responded to her. If you would like to get involved too, please contact her at heather.labadie@gmail.com. You could offer to do a complete "hour" yourself, or you could volunteer to help someone else out. If you are new to this "task", Heather will pair you up with someone who is experienced. If you would like to volunteer to just look after the coffee and tea (and not the snacks), let Heather know. If you would like to provide snacks, but not make the coffee/tea, Heather will work with you to share with someone else who may not want to do the snacks. ~ Mary Charters

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 16th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by
Debbie Allison, Barb McGuigan & Lois Paterson

February 17th ~ **Offices Closed for Family Day Stat Holiday**

February 23rd ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by
Marg Leonard

March 2nd ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by
Beth & Shawn Meister

March 4th ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5th ~ Ash Wednesday Service

MUSIC OF HER SOUL - You are invited to Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 512 Charlotte Street on February 21st at 7:30pm to hear beautiful music written by women composers; Fanny Mendelssohn, Helene Fleury Roy, Clara Schumann, and Louise Adolpha Le Neau. Presented by Natalia Delacroix on Viola, and Nicolas Roy on Piano. Tickets are \$20 online at delacroixclassix.com or \$25 at the door. Tickets are also available at St. Paul's office Monday-Thursday between 8am and 3pm for \$20 each.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES - An invitation is extended to all to attend the World Day of Prayer Services in Fredericton. 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: St. Mary's Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street, Fredericton on Friday, March 7th, 2025 at 2pm. Storm Date: Sunday, March 9th at 3pm.

Southside: St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Church, 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton on Sunday, March 9th, 2025 at 2pm. Storm Date: March 16th at 2pm.

BULLETIN & ENEWS SUBMISSIONS

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

ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday – Thursday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program
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 ~ Bible Study from 6-7pm ~ *All are Welcome!*
Thursdays ~ Choir Practice from 7-8pm ~ *All are welcome!*
Fridays ~ Community Outreach ~ Breakfast 2 Go from 8:30-10am

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Custodian: Doug Newman | **Ministers Emeriti:** Rev. Doug Blaikie

& Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery
