

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED
SUNDAY MARCH 2ND, 2025



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Fredericton, N.B.

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Transfiguration Sunday

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: Jesu, Joy of Men's Desiring

~ Bach

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 away and look — turn your attention
past the chaos of this world, and all that wears you down.

We come to get a glimpse of the Holy, shining showing us a new way.

Come in and look — turn your attention
past the constant call to competition and all that overwhelms you.

**Here we see the people Jesus has put right in front of us,
fellow travellers and helpful guides.**

Come to worship and look —

Amazed and encouraged,

our perspective is changed as we offer praise and prayer.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

TBoP 187

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(Responsive)* ²

You overwhelm our senses, O God,
with light and love, with power and glory, with vision and truth.
We so often see only dimly,
clouded or dreamlike and uncertain,
weighed down and slow to recognize and respond.

**We confess that we heard you tell us who you were,
and we heard you tell us who we are,
but we haven't decided if we believe both truths yet or not.**

You have given us enormous power,
**and we confess we have mostly ignored that part of the story,
believing instead that we can't do anything about the giant problems
of the world.**

We are too small, and they are too much for us.

Forgive us when we have allowed evil spirits to flourish,
because we were too afraid to confront them.

**Forgive us when we have simply waited for you to intervene,
because we weren't sure exactly the right words to say and so we said
nothing.**

Forgive us when we have looked away,
because we couldn't fix everything at once, so we pretended not to see.

**Forgive us, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the times the world has looked to us to reveal your presence,
power, and purpose,
and we have shrunk back to our narrow ways and comfort zones
instead.**

Fill us once again with your Spirit,
and send us out empowered to bear your healing presence
to this world so desperate for good news.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ³

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)*⁴

God of all wisdom and truth,

we seek your guidance as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted today.

Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts, to give us fresh understanding,

and a renewed commitment to follow your Word. Amen

RESPONSIVE PSALM: 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!

FOCAL READING: Luke 9:28-45

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Come Down Lord

~ Bethel

MESSAGE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

TBoP 376

INVITATION TO OFFERING ⁴

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

**Transformational God, you work in us and through us.
May the offerings we present today, and those given by
PAR, shine forth our love for you and be a token of our desire to be
your body of light in this world. Pour out
your blessings on these offerings, our financial gifts and our lives,
so empowered they will extend your
grace into the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER: *(In Unison)*¹

(You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your heart, and the words that ring deep in your soul.)

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *Go to the World*

VU 420

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: Alleluia

~ Handel

¹ Adapted from Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, March 2, 2025

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³ Adapted from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, March 2, 2025

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Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Scripture Readers: Psalm Leader, God & Jesus – Magenta Watson,
Narrator – Cathy Davis, Peter & Man – Tony Watson

Greeters: Andrew Steeves & Margie Penney

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!

SHROVE TUESDAY - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper by St. Paul's and Saint Andrew's in the hall at 512 Charlotte St on March 4th at 5:30 pm. Menu: pancakes, sausage, baked beans, tea, coffee, and dessert. Spaces are limited. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please reach out to Beth or Shawn Meister for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - On March 5th we mark the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Our reflective service will take place at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. Grounding ourselves and setting our intentions for the next 40 days kick-off this season right with worship and prayer!

SAPC COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE ASAP! - It's that time of the year again! All SAPC committee chairs need to submit their 2024 annual reports to the office asap. Many thanks, Joanna.

ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM – The Pantry will focus on white sugar and dish soap in March. Other items needed are macaroni, spaghetti, jello, tomatoes, white rice, flour, mayo, vinegar, salt, pancake mix, 1L orange juice, plastic wrap, tin foil, laundry soap, syrup, and ketchup. Thank you for your ongoing support!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

March 4th ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30pm

March 5th ~ Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30pm

March 9th ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 9th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Debbie West

March 9th ~ World Day of Prayer Service at St. Andrew's at 2pm

March 16th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Heather Labadie

March 23rd ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Chris Grant & Mary Stickle

March 30th ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by the Mission Committee

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE – Direct Office Line: 506-455-0639, Cell: 506-259-7602 or Email: michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com. Drop-in office hours: Sunday 1-2:30pm and Monday 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

ESM WORSHIP COMMITTEE - The Ecumenical Shared Ministry Worship Committee is our first fully integrated committee! We are looking for more people to join this dynamic group, especially if you are Presbyterian, as currently we are weighted towards the United Church. Take a moment to ask God if this is where you are being called to help your church. If so, reach out to Mary Charters or Roger Miller. Next Meeting is Monday, March 3rd at 10:15am.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES - An invitation is extended to all to attend the World Day of Prayer Services in the 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 – Friday ~ 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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