

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

Fredericton, N.B.

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Lent 1

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:** Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier

~ Bach

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT:** *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

MV 85

*Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me. R*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Responsive)* <sup>1</sup>

Come, for Jesus invites us into this house of worship,

**Let us go to the Lord's house!**

Come, to learn from Jesus as he calls us to bear fruit for his kingdom.

**We come seeking his way, looking for peace, and a place of refuge.**

We come to worship, with those gathered here today,

**We worship in that long tradition, passed to us by those who came before.**

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *The Church's One Foundation*

TBoP 479 vs 1,2,5

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.*

*Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
one charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
one holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.*

*We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,  
and share, through faith, communion with those whose rest is won.*

*Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**You are a God of love and challenge,  
and we confess that some of your teachings are hard for us to hear, and even harder to live.  
We are often caught up in the ways of this world, neglecting your call to come together and  
build up your beloved community. Forgive us when our lives neglect to shine with your glory  
and we refuse to follow your ways.**

**Forgive us when our witness is so muted that it fails to inspire others to come, see and  
experience your love. By your Spirit Lord, draw us together as your diverse community and  
help us to create a welcoming place for all in your love. Amen**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE** <sup>1</sup>

### **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

## **STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

### **THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** *(In Unison)* <sup>1</sup>

**O God, we turn to the Scripture to seek your wisdom and your truth.  
Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to receive your  
Word for our lives and our times. Equip us to follow Jesus Christ, your  
Living Word.**

#### **RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.

**To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers.”**

**For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, “Peace be within you.”**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
**I will seek your good.**

#### **FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM:** What Wonderous Love

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## **MESSAGE**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: *We Are One***

VU 402 vs 1-3

*We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.*

*We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.*

*We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.*

*We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.*

*We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.*

*We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING <sup>1</sup>**

**DOXOLOGY: *Now Thank We All Our God***

TBoP 457 vs1

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom God's world rejoices,  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(In Unison)* <sup>2</sup>**

**Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them  
Into compassion for others, community for the lonely  
And hope for the church and the world. Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: *One Bread, One Body***

TBoP 540

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. R*

*Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. R*

*Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. R*

*Fruit of the vine, gathered and crushed,  
Poured out and blest for all. R*

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

The Lord be with you

**And Also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

We come to this table, humbly part of a generation's old conversation of faith, with our questions and our doubts about who God is and who we are – this conversation stretches all the way back to the beginning of Creation...

And so today we sing God's praise together:

**SUNG RESPONSE: *Sanctus and Benedictus***

**MV 203**

*O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!*

To speak of faith is to join a conversation larger and longer than any lifetime...

And so together we sing the mystery of our faith together:

**SUNG RESPONSE: *Memorial Acclamation***

**MV 204**

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!*

We remember all who you would have us share this feast with...

Send O God, your Holy Spirit amongst us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may taste your life story, to sit at table together in humble conversation, knowing faith's first language is life, and that you continue to offer us new life in Christ, through Christ and with Christ.

In response, we sing the great Amen together:

**SUNG RESPONSE: *Great Amen***

**MV 205**

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)**

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

**SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In Unison)**

**In this sacred feast, we have been fed,**

**and joined ourselves to the sacred story that is ongoing.**

**May this sacrament of your love touch us so deeply that**

**it shapes our lives, spurring us to offer ourselves in service to the Lord.**

And through our witness may others be drawn to come and see the goodness of our God.  
This we pray in the name of the one who sustains us, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

### **GOING FORTH WITH GOD**

CLOSING HYMN: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

VU 481

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.  
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: *Through These Lenten Days and Nights*

TBoP 196 vs 1

*Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.*

POSTLUDE: He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him

~ Bach

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<sup>1</sup> The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, March 23, 2025

<sup>2</sup> Rev. Maya Landell

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***Thank you to our Volunteers today!***

*Scripture Readers: Psalm Leader – Debbie West, Narrator – Murray McEachen, Jesus – Cathy Davis*

*Greeters: Mary Stickles & Heather Wright*

*Audio/Visual: Beth & Shawn Meister & Glynis Martin*

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## **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>



## ST. PAUL'S OFFICE CLOSURE

St. Paul's office will be closed from March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup> while Meghan is on vacation. Please contact Joanna in Saint Andrew's office at [sapcfred@gmail.com](mailto:sapcfred@gmail.com) or 506-455-8220 Monday-Friday from 2-6pm or Rev. Michelle at [michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com) or 506-259-7602 for emergencies or concerns. The office will reopen on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY

Just a friendly reminder that daylight saving time begins this Sunday. We spring forward, so don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour Saturday night before bed. You don't want to be late for Service Sunday!

## 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 salt, dish and laundry soap, Mr. Clean, Comet, cheese whiz, ketchup, coffee, tea, granola, cookies, ritz crackers, molasses, mayo, jam, tomatoes, 1L orange juice, canned milk, sardines, white sugar, flour, cake mix, tin foil, plastic wrap, apple sauce, and puddings. 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](mailto:michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com). Drop-in office hours are Sundays and Mondays from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Debbie West

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ World Day of Prayer Service at St. Andrew's at 2pm

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Heather Labadie

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Chris Grant & Mary Stickles

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by the Mission Committee

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

An invitation is extended to all Women and Men 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.)

**Southside:** St. Andrew's Presbyterian & St. Paul's United Church, 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton on Sunday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Storm Date: March 16 at 2:00 PM.

## "SPRING WITH AN IRISH TWIST"

Lintuhtine Singers present a fun, fun, fun concert "Spring With an Irish Twist" at the Hazen Centre in Oromocto on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Special Guests: Sidney Murgatroyd (Strings), Andrew Somerville (guitar, vocals), and Sparra (Dance troupe). Director: Helen MÓrag McKinnon, Accompanists: Lynn Mills and Conrad Levesque. Fun, fun, fun!!!! Monetary (\$) donation at the door to cover concert & needed outreach costs.

## 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** ~ 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

## BULLETIN & ENEWS SUBMISSIONS

Please send announcements to Meghan at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) by noon Wednesday.



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