

ST. PAUL'S & WILMOT UNITED CHURCHES
JOINT SUMMER SERVICES
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 15, 2012

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
 At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Three Quiet Preludes (Rowley)

Choral Introit: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400

Announcements

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
calling us by name,
calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new.

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.
Amen.

We Light The Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

Wondrous God:
 you touch our lives with healing and with justice;
 new life is your gift.

We praise you for the Good News
 which is ours through Jesus Christ.

May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray in Jesus' name, our Source and Saviour. Amen.

* **Hymn:** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise VU #444

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into our family: ***Gwen Sydney MacTavish***, daughter of Brent and Nancy MacTavish. We ask God's blessing upon her, her family, the friends and loved ones who are here today to celebrate her life.

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands and the Choral Benediction

The presentation of a candle to the parents and the presentation of Gwen to the congregation.

Reception of New Member

Statement of Purpose

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit. We gather to celebrate God's presence, to discern God's truth, and to follow the way of Jesus. By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church. We exercise this membership in the denomination to which we belong, which for us is The United Church of Canada, and within the context of a local community of faith.

We are now to welcome into this congregation one who is already a member of the church of Jesus Christ.

Presentation

Shirley Cleave - Chair of Official Board

On behalf of Wilmot United Church congregation, I present ***Sally Ann Elizabeth Grace*** whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith.

Commitment of New Member

Sally, will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

Response: I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to Sally our support and care.

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.

We pledge to you our love and our support.

With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Corporate Profession of Faith

All may remain standing to profess their faith together. VU 918

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Blessing and Sending Forth

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.
Amen.

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Illumination: (Unison)

Neil Thorne

*O God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth
in faith and love. Amen.*

Scripture: John 4: 1 - 42

Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Solo: As the Deer Pants for the Water

Alexis Ervin

Sermon: Jesus Offers Living, Life-giving Water

Rev. R. Gaskin

Time For Silent Reflection

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

VU #236

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Music

* Doxology

VU #541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

* Prayer of Dedication

*We bring our gifts to you, God.
Here is the work of our hands,
and here is the love of our hearts.
Accept them and use them,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

*O Mystery beyond our defining and confining:
Come and infuse your creation with life
and connect all the parts with one another and with you.*

*O Snowdrop, God embodied in fragile form:
Come and break through hard earth,
to bring us new life and beauty.*

*O Water of Life, you fall to renew the earth,
you spray and splash, bubble and flow in river and ocean,
you are still and deep, and quench the thirst of all creation:
Come, refresh us, cleanse us, satisfy our thirst.*

*O Rainbow, sign of hope, continuity, and renewal:
Come and open our eyes, break into our awareness,
and enable us to rejoice in the diversity of your creation.*

*O Candle of calm and peace, symbol of ancient light,
lending your beauty and wonder to our darkened corners:*

*Come and share your halo of light with us,
to soothe, comfort, and guide us on the way.*

*O Star of Night, lead us to new dawns,
guide our journey to our deepest desires,
banish doubts, free us from fear, guide us to all fullness.
Amen.*

The Last Word:

* **Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

* **Commissioning**

*Be the living expression of God's kindness:
kindness in your face,
kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile,
kindness in your warm greeting.
In the slums we are the light of God's kindness
to the poor.
To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely,
give always a happy smile.
Give them not only your care,
but also your heart.*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Postlude: Toccata in G Major (Pachelbel)

You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service. A special welcome to our friends and neighbours from St. Paul's United Church.

SUMMER WORSHIP: Services of Worship for the month of July will be held at Wilmot and at St. Paul's for the month of August and Sept. 2nd. Time of worship is 10:30 am.

SYMPATHY: Our love and condolences are extended to **Derek Ness** on the recent death of his Grandmother, Freda Ness who passed away on July 10th.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Gayle MacDonald** on her recent appoint as Assistant Vice-President (research) at St. Thomas University.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, July 16th while Marlene takes a vacation day.

PRESBYTERY VISIT: All congregations are required to have an oversight visit from Presbytery every 3 years. We have one tentatively planned at Wilmot for Wednesday July 25th. The review team will meet separately with the minister, the Ministry & Personnel Committee, and the Official Board/Congregation. Everyone is invited to attend the session with the Official Board/Congregation that will held at 7:30 in the Church Parlour. This visit will be confirmed by Sunday 22nd July.

HOUSECLEANING AT WILMOT will be held during the last week of August. Reserve some time to come and help us. Thank You!

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: You are invited to celebrate with Joyce and Cliff Moase and their family in the Wilmot parlour on Saturday, July 21 from 2 - 4 pm. No cards or gifts please. Instead, you are welcome to bring a contribution for the Fredericton Food Bank.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY "AT HOME" - 25 July. You are all invited to our "Family At Home" in the Wilmot parlor on Wednesday, July 25 from 3 - 5 pm. Best Wishes only. A donation to the Food Bank would be appreciated.

Bob & Johanne Jones

PLEASE NOTE: Check out what is happening within the Maritime Conference by going onto their webpage at: Maritime Conference - The United Church of Canada

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Aug 27th - 31st, 9 am - 11:30 am at St. Paul's United Church. Children ages 4 yrs - 10 yrs (helpers ages 11 yrs+) are welcome to explore this year's theme **Music Machine!** Offered jointly by Wilmot United and St. Paul's United, your support is appreciated through donations. Please speak to Kelly Ebbett regarding registrations, donations or volunteering. Contact kelly@wilmotuc.nb.ca or phone 472-7716.

SUPPER AND AUCTION at Knox Presbyterian Church - Harvey on Saturday, July 21st. Supper 4 - 6 pm. Menu: Barbequed chicken breast, potato & pasta salads, homemade rolls, tea/coffee and assorted, homemade pies. Cost: \$12 for adults and \$6

for children 12 years old and under. Yard Sale 4 - 7. **AUCTION** - a fun-filled evening of good buys and entertainment by our auctioneer begins at 7 pm.

SEPTEMBER 15: Faith Baptist Church in New Maryland is presenting Beth Moore with worship by Travis Cottrell Live Simulcast, September 15, 10 am to 5:15 pm. Doors open at 9 am. Are you ready to see God's Word in a new way? There's nothing quite like worshipping the Lord with Bible teacher Beth Moore, worship leader Travis Cottrell, and a church full of women. If you've never experienced Living Proof Live, join us for a time of life-changing worship and one-of-a-kind teaching. Tickets (\$25 (individual) or \$20 for group of \$10) available at The Lighthouse or email register@faithbaptistchurch.ca

Ministers:

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

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Rev. Ellen Beirsto

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**Ministers Emeriti: Rev. Cliff Moase, Rev. Vic Moriarty
and Rev. Bob Jones**

Organist: Virginia Leiter

Choir Director: Steven Peacock

Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips

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Church Office: 458-1066

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CHURCH PARKING STICKERS: Current Wilmot members and adherents who wish to use our parking lot on Carleton St. for church purposes may now obtain new numbered white stickers from Marlene in the church office, for \$10 each, to recover the cost of printing the stickers. The new stickers are valid until August 31, 2017 and replace the gold stickers which expired at the end of 2011.

SUMMER CONCERT - Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Thursday, July 19th at 7:30 pm. Featuring Maple Syrup, Traditional Barbershop, and more! Donation at the door. Reception to follow.

CAN YOU HELP? St. Paul's would appreciate 1 or 2 adult volunteers with an interest in Scouting to be part of a Group Committee. The commitment requires a police record check, willingness to adhere to the aims and principles of Scouts Canada, take training and have the time to attend 2 meetings a month. There are returning youth and leaders who meet on a regular weekly basis on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and an upcoming parking fundraiser in September. The adult registration process must be completed by the end of August in order for youth meetings (Beaver, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers) to begin in September. If you are interested in volunteering to assist these Scouting groups that St. Paul's has sponsored since 1946 or for further information, please call Helen Craig at 472-4886.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL: As part of Marysville's 150th Anniversary, the Marysville United Church will host a Strawberry Social in the Boss' Café, 351 Canada Street on Sunday, July 22, noon - 2 pm. Cost is \$8/person which includes casserole, oven-baked ham, strawberry shortcake, tea and coffee. All are welcome.

PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP: When: Saturday, September 22nd, (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Where: Forest Hill United Church, Fredericton. Registration: \$25. Lunch: Available (free will offering). Pastoral Care has been defined plainly as "reaching out". With this understanding, it is clear that the need for pastoral care in society is limitless, and that the responsibility of pastoral care is not a solo function, but one that involves a larger community. Dr. Darlene Brewer will lead participants in the basics of effective and responsible pastoral care. Learn what pastoral care is and what it is not, and its connection to worship and outreach. Learn how to set boundaries and manage expectations, and discover true personal enrichment in helping others. To register: contact Marilyn Lohnes at (506) 455-9272, or by email: ffolk@rogers.com.