



# St. Paul's United Church

December 1, 2013

Advent 1

*The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.  
May there be a blessing for you in this house today.*

**Prelude** Holy Is The Lord arr. Leatherman

**Greeting:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
*and also with you.*

### Lighting the Advent Candle

LeBlanc Family- Ann, Jacob & Henry

Advent is a season of waiting.

***But we do not wait alone.***

God is with us.

***We gather with those who have seen the signs,  
heard the whispers, felt the tugs in their hearts.***

We light this candle as a sign of God's gift of hope, and as a reminder that even as we wait for Emmanuel, God is with us always.

***Let us worship with hearts open to Hope***

**Introit** MV 221

I am walking a path of hope,  
I am walking a path of hope,  
I am walking a path of hope,  
lead me home, lead me home.

### Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn** Let There Be Light VU 679

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Keep up to date on upcoming activities  
and stay in touch in between Sundays!



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## Weekly Activities

<b>Mon., Wed., Fri.</b>	12-1 p.m.	Exercise Group—Gym/Hall
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Ball Hockey—gym
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	11:30-1 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 p.m.	Quilting—Quilter's Parlour
<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b>	8-9 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Advent Bible Study
	2:30 p.m.	Love Yoga
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs—gym
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. Morning Discussion
	5 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b>	6:30-8:30 pm	B-Boying—gym

A **White Gift** envelope has been included with your bulletin today. Donations received will be used to brighten the Christmas season for families being helped by the Salvation Army and the Food Bank. Please make cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church. Thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas.

Bel Canto Singers presents a concert of beautiful Christmas music on Sat., Dec. 7th at 7:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral. The featured selection Marc-Antoine Charpentier's "Midnight Mass for Christmas", accompanied by a string quartet and flutes. Tickets available at Westminster Books, choir members and at the door.

## Community News

**Lintuhtine Music Academy of Oromocto** presents "**The Christmas Story**" Sunday, Dec. 1 at 7:00 pm - Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church featuring the academy's choirs along with special guests - Becky Banks MacLean, Catherine Harrop, David Berry (organ), Katherine Moller (violin, oboe). A monetary donation at the door go to the Fredericton Food Bank.

**The Order of St. Luke Healing Ministry**, will hold a Healing Service led by the Rev. Canon Jon Lownds at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 7 pm. Holy Communion, anointing with oil, laying on of hands and prayers for healing will be carried out by members of the Order of St. Luke. Everyone is Welcome.

**"The Free the Children"** Group at F'ton High has organized a Christmas House Tour the evening of Dec. 5 in support of their goal to raise enough money to build a school in Kenya. There are 6 houses participating, refreshments and door prizes. Tickets \$15 and will allow you to tour all six houses. Tickets can be purchased at St. Dunstan's Catholic Parish during office hours.

The Stan Cassidy Foundation invites you to help "**Light Up a Life**" this Christmas season. Call the foundation at 452-5753 for more info. Stan Cassidy was a St. Paul's member and has left a wonderful legacy. The Stan Cassidy Rehabilitation Centre is now a leading North American rehab.

**Caroling/Prayer Walk December 10, Noon** Assemble in front of City Hall; walk, carol and pray along Queen St. to the Legislature. Musicians will lead us in singing and our Gideons will help us with the walk. We stay on the sidewalks. The theme of the walk is: 1 Timothy 1:1,2 Our singing and praying is solely dedicated to our secular and our spiritual leaders, including our Mayor, Spiritual Leaders, the Army, Police, Fire Department, First Nations People, our Judiciary, Employment, our Youth, the Food Bank, the Less Fortunate, the Premier and Parliament, and

### Prayer of the Day *(Responsive)*

Loving God, speak to us gently at this Coming of Jesus time, for his presence touches our hearts;

***tell us of his lowly birth in utter powerlessness, remind us of his healing touch for the distressed.***

Speak to us gently;

***bring to mind his heartening words to the poor, his comfort to those despised and rejected.***

Speak to us gently;

***recall for us the way Jesus weaves people together into faith community.***

Speak to us gently;

***bring home his message of hope for our own tough times.***

Loving God, speak to us gently at this Coming of Jesus time,

***and grant to us all, faithful listening. Amen.***

*(Used with Permission written by David Sparks in Prayers to Share Year A)*

### The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

### Time for All Ages

Being Prepared

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

please see insert

### Ivy Arianna Demers

daughter of Eric Demers & Mandy Liston

### Moment for Community

### Prayers of the People

#### Offertory Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

VU 242

#### Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. Johnson

#### Dedication Verse

VU 55

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

### Offertory Prayer

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**Scripture Reading** Matthew 24:36-44      Bexie Simpson  
Isaiah 2:1-5      Rev. Lori Beth

**Anthem**      Sounds Of Advent      arr. Dengler

**Sermon**      Walking in Hope

**Hymn**      Go, Tell It on the Mountain      VU 43

### Commissioning

**Sung Benediction** Peace Be With You      MV 215  
*Peace be with you, peace for ever,  
peace be with you, my friends.  
Till we meet again, may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.*

### Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

**Postlude**      Praise The Lord, Who Reigns Above      Ritter

We invite you to remain for the Postlude as part of our Worship Service.

An invitation is extended to all who are worshipping with us today to join us for refreshments and conversation following the service in Fraser Memorial Hall.

This morning we welcome Ivy Arianna Demers, daughter of Eric Demers & Mandy Liston into our St. Paul's family through the sacrament of Baptism.

**Christmas Wreaths** from the Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers will be ready for pick up today after church and all afternoon at the same location as in the past: the home of Nancy

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### Financial Contributions for November 24, 2013

Operating	\$ 3,454.75
Loose	51.00
PAR	<u>1,879.98</u>
	\$ 5,385.73

*Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts*

### Upcoming Christmas Services & Events

December 1      First Sunday in Advent      **"Hope"**  
December 3      10 a.m. Advent Bible Study begins,  
Led by Rev. Lori Beth  
December 4      24th Advent Carol Festival—Sanctuary, 7:30 pm  
December 8      Second Sunday in Advent      **"Peace"**  
December 9      UCW Potluck Supper, 11 Veteran's Drive,  
Marysville  
December 13      Youth Group, Open Mike Night (Pot Luck),  
6:30—8:30 p.m. Fraser Hall  
December 15      Third Sunday in Advent      **"Joy"**  
December 22      Fourth Sunday in Advent      **"Love"**  
Sunday School presentation, Youth Choir  
December 24      7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service  
Gather with your family and celebrate Christmas Eve!  
Everyone is welcome! Let's truly make this a family affair!  
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service  
December 29      10:30 a.m. Joint Service with Wilmot United  
at St. Paul's United

**Advent Carol Festival:** The 24th Annual Advent Carol Festival held each year at St. Paul's United Church will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. Twelve local church and community choirs with 300 singers will present a program of new, as well as familiar Christmas music. This is a fundraiser for the Fredericton Food Bank; a freewill offering will be received. The event has raised \$100,000 for area food banks over the past 23 years.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ivy Arianna Demers

daughter of Eric Demers & Mandy Liston

### Statement of Purpose

I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

### Presentation of Candidate

Elder Jane Blakely

### Vows of Baptism

Do you believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

***We do.***

Will you share your faith with Ivy Arianna, growing with her in faith, hope, and love?

***We will, God being our helper.***

### Congregational Commitment

*The congregation stands, as they are able, and provides witness and support to the sacrament of baptisms.*

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the parents and the child about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

***We do, by the grace of God.***

Declaration of Faith: A New Creed

VU 918

***We are not alone, we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,***

***to reconcile and make new,***

***who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

***We trust in God.***

***We are called to be the church:***

***to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,***

***to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil,***

***to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,***

***God is with us. We are not alone.***

***Thanks be to God.***

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

### The Act of Baptism

### Blessing

### Marking with the Sign of the Cross

### Passing of the Light

Receive the light of Christ;

you have passed from darkness to light.

***You have been enlightened by Christ.***

***Walk always as children of the light.***

### Welcoming

Choir Blessing

VU 454