



St. Paul's United Church

December 15, 2013

Advent III

"Joy"

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

Prelude Still, Still, Still arr. Edwards

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

Lighting the Advent Candle (Back Cover) The Heslop Family
Kevin, Julie, Haley and Emma

Introit MV 221

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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn There is a Voice in the Wilderness VU 18

Prayer of the Day (Responsive)

God of Joy.

**Sometimes our world does a better job of showing us
disasters than the joy that exists in the world.**

Through love created; born a child.

**In this Christmas season we await the birth of a child,
but also we look for signs of hope, peace, joy and
love.**

God of power, whose Spirit you have sent,

flowing through the water of baptism, coursing

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



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Weekly Activities

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

Youth Group has finished up for the season and will commence in January. Have a Merry Christmas - Barbara

Christmas Office Hours: We will be open on the morning of December 24th, closed on December 25th and 26th, we expect to be back in for at least the morning on the 27th (depending on how busy we are...), open for the morning (noon) on the 31st to accept donations for year end receipts and closed on New Years Day..

Our **Annual Advent Carol Festival** was able to raise \$4,361.33 for the Fredericton Food Bank. Many thanks to all who attended, to the volunteers and to our Senior Choir for helping to make this happen.

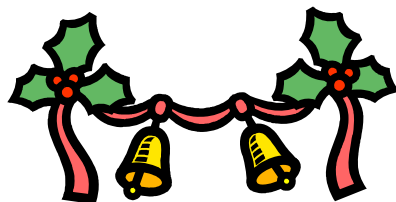
Thank you to our awesome decorators—the Sanctuary looks amazing, snow flakes in the Hall and the church office is looking festive too!

Community News

Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Northumberland and Connaught, will present a **Celebration of Christmas Praise** on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 PM. The program will feature selections by the Celebration Orchestra, Sr and Jr Choirs, solos, vocal ensembles, instrumentals, and congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: The congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist Church invites you to join them for the annual Candlelight service – an oasis of peace in the midst of the Christmas rush! Sunday, December 15, 6:30 pm. Includes music by choir, soloists, instrumentalists and preceded (6:10 pm) by a mini-concert by Steven Peacock (guitar) and Yvonne Kershaw (flute). The offering goes to support the Community Health Clinic on Brunswick Street.

There will be an informal service of Service of Comfort and Hope for those who have lost a loved one December 19th at 7:00 pm in the Family Room at Brunswick Street Baptist Church.



through the blood in our veins.

As we prepare for the coming child, fill us with your wisdom.
***So that we can be aware of the life that never goes away.
May we be surprised by life in new and unexpected places.***
And may we live in Joy, for where there is life...
there is Joy. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Choir Anthem Dancing Into the Promise Beall

Time for All Ages Joy

Sacrament of Holy Baptism please see insert

Charles James Feltmate
Son of Patrick Feltmate and Kimberly Butler

Moment for Community The Pantry Lois Walker

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn Like a Healing Stream MV 144

Offertory Offertory on a French Carol arr. Broughton

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

Church Calendars: I only have 2 church calendars left (\$6). Call Cathy at 458-1183 or drop by any day between 9 and 4.

2014 Weekly Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex this morning. Please remember to pick yours up and take them home with you. If you wish to turn over a new leaf in 2014 and try our PAR program please contact Cathy in the office at 458-1183—**we'd love to hear from you!!**

Anyone wishing to donate bulletin covers in 2014 for a Sunday are asked to please contact Cathy to make arrangements. There is a form on the bulletin board outside Fraser Hall to show the weeks still available. 458-1183

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 Jacob LeBlanc
James 5:7-10 Jacob LeBlanc
Matthew 11:2-11 Rev. Lori Beth

Anthem A Shoot Shall Come Forth Horn

Sermon Walking a Path of Hope

Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing U 48

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 Advent Noel Chauvet arr. Ryan

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 please join us for refreshments and conversation following the service in Fraser Memorial Hall.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's in loving memory of our parents; Robert & Marjorie Davis and Emery & Viola (Logan) Walker by Robert & Etta Davis.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's Foundation in loving

Financial Contributions for December 8, 2013

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| Operating | \$ 3,091.25 |
| Loose | 72.20 |
| PAR | <u>1,879.98</u> |
| | \$ 5,043.43 |



Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

Upcoming Christmas Services & Events

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

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Presentation of Candidate Elder Derek Grant

Vows of Baptism

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

Will you share your faith with Charles James, growing with him 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

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