



# St. Paul's United Church

December 22, 2013

Advent IV  
"Love"

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

**Prelude** Advent Noel Chauvet, arr. Ryan

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

**Lighting the Advent Candle** (Responsive) The Green Family  
Bradley, Jennifer, Claire and Kate

We light the candle of love.

***The old carol tells us that the one who is to come is the  
Son of God, love's pure light. Advent is the season of  
love.***

We light the candle of love.

***God comes to this world not as a powerful monarch, but  
as a child. God comes to the world not in privilege but in  
poverty. God comes to the world to bring not destruction,  
but love.***

We light the candle of love.

**Introit** MV 221

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

## Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn** Angels We Have Heard on High VU 38

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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
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b>	6:30-8:30 pm	B-Boying—gym

**Christmas Church Hours:** The church will be open on the morning of December 24th, closed on December 25th and 26th, open on the 27th and open for the morning (until 11 a.m.) on the 31st to accept donations for year end receipts - closed on New Years Day.

# Merry Christmas

### Financial Contributions for December 15, 2013

Operating & Loose	\$	0
PAR		<u>1,879.98</u>
	\$	1,879.98

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



### Upcoming Christmas Services & Events

- 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

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** for supporting the Children's Wish Tree and for your donations on White Gift Sunday; almost \$2000 was raised to help children and families in need.

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

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** 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, Dec., 22, 6:30 pm. Includes music by choir, soloists, instrumentalists and preceded (6:10 pm) by a mini-concert by Steven Pea-

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

God of love.

***Sometimes our world does a better job of showing us disasters than the love 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 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 love, for where there is life...

***there is love. Amen.***

### Moment for Community

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Choir Anthem

Dancing Into the Promise

Beall & Carter

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

please see insert

**Charles James Feltmate**

Son of Patrick Feltmate and Kimberly Butler

**Hailey Elizabeth Fitzgerald**

Daughter of Jason and Melanie Fitzgerald

**Chase David Fitzgerald**

Son of Jason and Melanie Fitzgerald

Youth Choir

Ring Out The Bells

## A Christmas Nativity Pageant

The Sunday School

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**Offertory Hymn**    **O Come, All Ye Faithful**                      VU 60  
**Offertory**            Welcome the Child of Light                      Hayes  
**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

**Communion Hymn:**    Unto Us a Boy is Born                      VU 54 vs 1 &2

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**                      (Please turn to the insert)

**Hymn:**                      Unto Us a Boy is Born                      VU 54 vs 4 &5

### 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 Advent Candles

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**Postlude**                      Fantasia on "Adeste Fideles"                      arr. Smith  
We invite you to remain for the Postlude as part of our Worship Service.

This morning we welcome the following children into St. Paul's family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Charles James Feltmate,**  
son of Patrick Feltmate and Kimberly Butler

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Ralph Dingee, by his daughter Mary and grandchildren Melinda and Michael Jacobs.

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 memory of our parents; Frank & Mary Hallett from daughters, June Hallett and Roberta Watson.

A donation has been made to the Memorial Chimes Fund in memory of Marion Blackmer by her son and family.

A donation has been made to the Operating Fund in memory of Harold Forbes, James Cameron and Janice Cameron-Gionet by Barbara Forbes.

**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

## ***Sacrament of Holy Baptism***

### **Charles James Feltmate**

Son of Patrick Feltmate and Kimberly Butler

### **Hailey Elizabeth Fitzgerald**

Daughter of Jason and Melanie Fitzgerald

### **Chase David Fitzgerald**

Son of Jason and Melanie Fitzgerald

## **Statement of Purpose**

### **Presentation of Candidates**

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, Hailey Elizabeth, Chase David growing with him/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 children 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**

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

One: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God, our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Sung: O come, o come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel.**

One: God, most holy.... a love that will hold us for as long  
as time exists.

**Sung: O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who orders all things mightily,**

One: We need your Wisdom, God.....All who listen and  
speak your love.

**Sung: O come, o come, great God of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height,**

One: Because we didn't always ....Alive in the world!

**Sung: O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
form every foe deliver them**

One: Wholly God and wholly human...Not only to us...  
but to all creation! Alleluia!

**Sung: O come, O Dayspring, from on high,  
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;**

One: On the night before he was taken to his death on a  
cross, Jesus gathered with his disciples. No... he  
gathered with his friends. He shared with them a meal  
of remembrance and freedom. After an act of utmost  
humility and hospitality – washing their feet – He  
blessed the bread and broke it, saying,

**All: "Take this and eat it.**

**This is my body, given for you.**

**Each time you eat bread, remember me!"**

One: As the meal drew to a close, he blessed a cup of wine  
and passed it to them, saying,

**All: "Take this and drink it.**

**This is my promise in my life's blood  
that sins are forgiven.**

**Each time you drink, remember me!"**

One: So we eat, we drink, and we remember!

Holy God, send your Spirit upon us, and upon these  
gifts, That they – and we – might truly be Christ's body  
and blood – Alive in the world!

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory is yours, God most holy,  
Now and forever. Amen

**Sung: O come, Desire of nations,  
bind all peoples in one heart and mind;**

One: We pray all these things to you, God – Creator,  
Redeemer, Sustainer – Because we know that you are  
like a Mother who gives us life, You are like our

**All: Father, who art in heaven...Amen.**

**Sung: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive  
Israel that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son  
of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
come to thee, O Israel!**

One: The gifts of God, for all Creation!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*The Bread and Wine are shared.*

**All: With this taste of the Bread of Life,  
With this taste of the Cup of Love,  
Send us into the world, God –  
So that we might whisper your coming,  
So that we might sing your Advent,  
So that we might live your birth,**