

# St. Paul's United Church

November 24th, 2013

Reign of Christ

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

**Prelude** Reverence Hughes

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

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit** Dance With the Spirit MV 156  
*Dance with the Spirit early in the morning'  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn** Rejoice, The Lord Is King VU 213

## Prayer of the Day (Responsive)

Come with us and worship God,

**who has created and is creating,**

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

**to reconcile and make new.**

In times to come, we will tell our children:

**once we were slaves, but now we are free;**

once we were no people, but now we are God's people.

**Out of death to resurrection,**

out of chaos to rebirth,

**out of faithfulness to faith,**

**come with us and worship God.**

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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>	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

Bel Canto Singers will present 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.

"I'll be Home for Christmas" dinner theatre at Fredericton Inn Nov., 29th, 6:30 pm. Swinging Christmas music set in 1941, when the radio was the centre of the home and the community. Tickets at Fredericton Inn \$32. See the poster outside Fraser Memorial Hall.

## Community News

The Stan Cassidy Foundation invites you to help “Light Up a Life” this Christmas season. Watch your household mail, visit stancassidyfoundation.ca or 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.

**Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers** are selling wreaths. 12” balsam fir undecorated for \$12, decorated for \$14. Please contact Sue Short at 455-5377, Anna Goddard at 459-8771 or Nancy MacGarvie at 455-3026. Proceeds go to Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho Campaign. **Deadline for orders is today.**

**Wilmot's Prayer Shawl Ministry** invites St. Paul's to join them next Sunday evening for a Prayer and Healing Service to be held at 7:00 pm. This service is open to everyone - a time of prayer, reflection and blessing. Healing was such an integral part of Jesus' ministry and there are so many healing stories throughout the scriptures. We hope that this time of prayer and healing will be meaningful for everyone. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

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

November 30th from 2-4 pm at Wilmot United church a **Dessert Buffet and Cultural Show** presented by the participants of Canada World Youth. This is a fundraiser for development projects

**The Lord’s Prayer**

VU 959

**Time for All Ages** Jesus the King

**Transfer of Membership**

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**Moment for Community**

Greg Morton

**Prayers of the People**

**Offertory Hymn** All The Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

**Offertory** Repose Hesse

**Dedication Verse** VU 540

***Grant us God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.***

**Offertory Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 23:1-6 Bob Miller

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

**Anthem** Nothing Left to Say Angerman & Martin

**Sermon** An Unlikely King

**Hymn** Take My Life and Let It Be VU 506

**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**

Sing Unto the Lord

Price

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

Your **MINCE MEAT PIES** are ready for pick up in the Hall

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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.

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Luke and Carol Morrison in the death of Luke's mother, Jean Morrison who passed away last week.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's United in memory of Jean Morrison by Lois Walker.

**UCW Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale: Nov. 30, 10 a.m.**  
 Please join us for our annual sale with coffee and muffins in the church hall. There will be tables with baking, Christmas ornaments, fancy bows, crafts, jewelry and 'new to you' items.

New this year will be a table of all kinds of craft materials such as yarn, knitting needles, buttons, quilting materials, pattern books, and much more. For \$5 you can fill a small bag with any of these items.

All items baked or otherwise will be gratefully accepted. Please have items for the sale at the hall after 1pm on Fri., Nov.29

This morning we warmly welcome Corey and Leah Murphy back into St. Paul's family through transfer of membership following their return from Pembroke, Ontario. We want to also welcome Quinn and Ronan back into our Sunday School family.

**Financial Contributions for November 17, 2013**

Operating	\$ 2,402.25
Loose	62.25
PAR	<u>1,879.98</u>

**Share the joy of Christmas with a child.** Check out the Children's Wish Tree at the back of the sanctuary after the service today. On it, you will find gift tags bearing Santa wishes from 40 children whose families are being looked after by the Fredericton Food Bank this Christmas. Select a tag for a boy or a girl, a tot or a teen. Buy the gift the child would like and return it to the Church by **December 1**.

If you prefer, you can help by making a monetary donation in the White Gift envelope which will be included in next week's bulletin. Please make cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church. This money will be used to brighten the Christmas season for families being helped by the Salvation Army and the Fredericton Food Bank.

If you would like more information on these projects, please call Judy Thorne at 459-8521.

St. Paul's has always been generous in helping those who have little. Let us continue this tradition as we celebrate this wonderful time of year.

**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.

**The Pantry** -- Christmas season is fast approaching and our pantry shelves need extra stock. Following the offering this morning other plates will be passed containing names of items needed. If you wish to donate an item you may take a name from the plate. In this way we will receive those items which are most requested by our clients.

The volunteers in The Pantry and their clients sincerely thank the congregation for their wonderful support. May God bless you all for your kindness shown to the less fortunate in our com-

## Transfer of Membership

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace that is given to us in the sacrament of baptism. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." In baptism we proclaim that God has acted to save us. God washes us in living, cleansing waters of forgiveness and adopts us into God's family, into the living Body of Christ. When our baptism was as an infant, we give opportunity for a renewal of baptismal faith later in life. We celebrate this confirmation of baptismal faith this morning through the transfer of membership and Profession of Faith.

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

(Elder) I present to you *Corey & Leah Murphy* who seek to transfer their membership to St. Paul's United Church.

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Minister: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you before God and this congregation:  
are you prepared to renew your baptismal faith?

**Candidates: We are.**

Minister: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**All: *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.***

Minister: Will you join us in this faith

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

Minister: God calls us to be the Church:

**All: *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.***

Minister: Will you join us in this calling?

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

Minister: We are the Body of Christ, joined together by God's love.  
We seek to make that love real for one another.  
Will you join us in this mutual ministry?

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

Minister: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the promises of these people.  
Do you now promise to support them, love them, and encourage them to share their gifts for the mission of God in the world?

**All: *We do.***

Minister: Having made these promises, let us proclaim our faith.

**All: *In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership