

St. Paul's United Church

January 27, 2013
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Prelude Reverie Faulkes

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV 18

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come before your God with praise and thanksgiving.

All: *The joy of God is our strength.*

One: Join with the heavens and the earth in telling the goodness of our God.

All: *The joy of God is our strength.*

One: Come let us worship God who revives our souls.

All: *The joy of God is our strength.*

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God,

***whose son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your son our LORD,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,***

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**Keep up to date on upcoming activities
and stay in touch in between Sundays!**
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Minister:	Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles
Organist & Director of Music:	Alexis Ervin
Choir Accompanist:	Iris Kim
Children & Family Ministry:	Julie Heslop
Office Administrator:	Cathy Simpson
Sexton:	Joe Robicbeau

Weekly Activities

Mon., Wed., Fri.	12–1 p.m. Exercise Group—Gym/Hall
Monday-Friday	11:30–1:00 p.m. AA—Youth Lounge
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 Quilting—Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	8–9 p.m. AA—Youth Lounge

Tuesday, January 29

10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study—Ladies Parlour
10:00 a.m.	Play Group—Gym
6:30–8:00 p.m.	Cubs—Gym
7:00–8:30 p.m.	Ladies Eve. Bible Study—Quilter's Parlour
7:30–9:30 p.m.	Fredericton Choral Society

Wednesday, January 30

9:00–11:00 a.m.	The Pantry
10:00 a.m.	Wed. Discussion Group—Quilter's Parlour
6:30–7:30 p.m.	Beavers—Gym

Thursday, January 31

7:15 p.m.	Senior Choir Practice—Hall
Saturday, February 2	Youth Leadership (10 a.m.—4 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 12

5:45 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Hall
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Love Yoga: The ultimate goal of yoga is to contemplate the Divine. Our greatest Commandment in the Hebrew / Christian faith is to Love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Integrating the Yoga Align approach from Hawaii, we will practice loving, breathing, laughing, stretching, posture and muscle toning. We meet on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. In the Hall. Free Will Offering – donated to The Pantry. Everyone is welcome: all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities! Facilitated by Barbara Cull-Wilby.

Hearts for St. Paul's Valentine's Dinner and Auction



Back by popular demand! A prime rib dinner and silent auction will be held in the Fraser Memorial Hall on Thursday, February 14th in support of the St. Paul's Foundation. Dinner tickets are priced on a sliding scale to promote charitable donations. Ticket prices are as follows:

- \$25 for dinner
- \$50 for dinner plus \$25 tax receipt
- \$75 for dinner plus \$50 tax receipt
- \$100 for dinner plus \$75 tax receipt

For tickets or table reservations, please contact Ralph Simpson (452-2446). Tickets will also be available in the Fraser Memorial Hall after church on Sundays.

We are seeking donations of quality items (fine art, collectables, services, etc.) for the silent auction—contact Kara Hart at 459-3529. Donors will be issued tax receipts for

Hymn

Praise With Joy the World's Creator

VU 312

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

***Almighty and everlasting God,
you call us to be your presence,
your body in this world,
but too often we get caught up
in being a hand or a foot
and lose sight of the overarching mission
you set before us.
We fracture into pieces.
We go our separate ways,
forgetting we need each other to be whole.
You have given us your law to be our guide,
but we turn our backs
on what we see as rules and restrictions,
fearful that we will not live up to your expectations.
Help us see with new eyes,
and hear with the ears of our heart,
the liberating spirit of the law.
that strengthens and revives and enables us to be
and do all you call us to be and do.
O God of liberation and justice,
help us to be faithful witnesses
to your law of love and unity. Amen.***

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear the Good News: God's Spirit is upon us. God has called us to bring good news and liberation to the poor, to the marginalized, and to all who are in need every where. God's joy is our strength. Through God we can do all things. God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love.

All: We are a forgiven people, thanks be to God.

Children's Time

THE WORD

The First Reading	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Jean Cull
Responsive Reading	Psalm 19 (VU 740, Refrain 1)	

Gloria Patri (Unison)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

The Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Jean Cull
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Anthem	He is a Mighty Lord	Althouse
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The Gospel	Luke 4:14-21
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Sermon

Profession of Faith	A New Creed	VU 918
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THANKSGIVING

The Offering

Offertory	Come Holy Spirit	Smith, arr. Betty, Iris Kim
Dedication Verse		VU 227 (vs 2)

*In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.*

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Hymn	O Day of Peace	VU 682
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Benediction

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to the following members of our church family:
 to Florence Bartlett and family in the death of her brother Ernest Jones. (uncle to Janis Violette)
 to Grace Donald and Jean Sewell in the death of their brother Albert Sewell.
 also to the family of Sandra McNeilly who passed away on Tuesday, January 22.

PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is pantry Sunday, (1st Sunday of each month) if you are able to donate any of the following items it would be greatly appreciated:
 bottled pasta sauce, regular coffee, all purpose flour, relish, ketchup, pancake syrup, brown sugar, medium size dry cereal, cookies or paper towels. Many thanks for your contributions.

Contributions

If you are new to St. Paul's and would like to use weekly offering envelopes to track your donations please speak with Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183. We are also able to receive your special donations by Visa and MasterCard now by calling the office with your information. We continue to encourage the use of PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance) which can also be set up through the office.

Your 2013 Offering envelopes are available in the Hall—please take the time to pick yours up today. I ask that you please use the 2013 box of envelopes instead of using up your old one as some of the numbers have been changed. Thank you—Cathy

PLAY GROUP

Did you know that St. Paul's has a play group that meets here each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30? An opportunity for moms/dads/grandparents to get out and spend some time with other adults while allowing the children to interact with each other. Babies to kindergarten—come try it out!