St. Paul's United Church

December 29th, 2013 1st Sunday After Christmas

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

Prelude Coventry Carol arr. Livingstone

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

and also with you.

Lighting the Advent Candles

The light shines in the darkness!

The praising angels around the shepherds at Bethlehem proclaim that light.

The light shines in the darkness!

The vulnerable babe, with his mother Mary, is the incarnation of the light.

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The powers of darkness, symbolized by Herod, cannot dim the light.

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The Way of Jesus Christ, just, courageous, forgiving, full of love, is an eternal beacon of light.

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

St. Paul's Contact Information

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



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Weekly Activities

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
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs—gym
Wednesday	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. Morning Discussion
Wed & Thurs	6:30—8:30 pm	B-Boying—gym

Christmas Church Hours:

The church will be open for the morning (until 11 a.m.) on the 31st to accept donations for year end receipts - closed on New Years Day.

Happy New Year

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Message Jesus: Lord of the New Year

UNB Ecumenical Chaplain Kevin Bourque

Hymn Good Christian Friends Rejoice VU 35

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

Postlude In Excelsis Deo arr. Ellis

Thank you to Kevin Bourque for being our guest speaker today, we appreciate the time and effort it took to bring us this special message.

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.

Church Calendars: I 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, 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 form 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

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, with the angels, we too sing glory to the new born King, ever marvelling at the magnitude of your love for us. A love prepared to take on our flesh and be born in the humblest of circumstances. Each year the breadth of your love brings forth from us a response of praise. A response expressed in and through worship, as we sing traditional carols and as we hear familiar words of scripture. We praise you for your great gift of love - Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord - who brings to birth in us love for you, O God, and love for one another. Accept our prayers and praises for we make them in Jesus' name. Amen

Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing VU 48

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for All Ages The New Year

Moment for Community

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn See Amid the Winter's Snow VU 76
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

Scripture Mark 1:14-15

Revelations 21:1-5

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