

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. December 7th, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.

May there be a blessing for you in this house today.

* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer *

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Prelude Break Forth, Oh Beauteous Heavenly Light Thygerson

*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

and also with you.

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Smith Family

(as the first candle is lit)

On the first Sunday of Advent we lit a candle for Hope.

(as the second candle is lit)

Today we light a candle for Peace. This is the Peace we search for: Peace of mind that enables us to think clearly and act with confidence,

Peace in our hearts that enables us to feel calm and share compassion,

Peace in our spirits that puts us in touch with God's Love and Christ's Way.

Peace in our homes, peace at work and school, Peace when we are among friends, Peace within the family circle.

Peace within us,

Peace around us,

A Peace to hold us strong,

A Peace that encourages us to work as Jesus did, for justice and sharing. AMEN

Introit Hope is a Star

VU 7(vs 2)

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,

Giving a promise of safety and worth,

When God is a child, there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,

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

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Regular Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	11:30–1 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
Tuesday & Thursday	12–1 p.m.	Exercise Group - Gym
	1-4 p.m.	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	8–9 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	ShoeBox Dance - Gym
	7 p.m.	Men's Study—Ladies Parlour
Tuesday (will resume in January)		Ladies Bible Study - Parlour
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
Wednesday	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. AM Discussion
Thursday	7 p.m.	Ball Hockey—Gym
	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall

Sermons are now available online! From now on, the message from each week will be posted to the St Paul's United Church website. You can find them by going to the website and clicking **Podcast** in the navigation bar, or by going to the following address: <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca/podcast.php>

Can you help the nursery? Currently we have a very small volunteer base for the nursery which means they don't get to participate in the wider worship on Sunday mornings. If we spread the load and rotate it might only take a Sunday a month on your part, but it can make a big difference to the kids and to the volunteers.

The Fredericton Choral Society and the Fredericton Chamber Orchestra, with conductor Heather Dunham, will present **Seasonal Favourites**, featuring highlights from Handel's *Messiah*, *Winter* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, and selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, with guest artists Signa Love (soprano) and Nadia Francavilla (violin). Sunday, December 7th, 7p.m. at Wilmot United. Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, students \$10. Tickets are available in advance from performers, and Read's Newsstand & Café on King Street or at the door on the evening of the performance.

McAdam's Funeral Home will be having it's annual **Memorial Tree Lighting Service** on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 pm.

The **UCW of Marysville United** are pleased to invite you to an evening of hospitality, Dec. 12. From Victorian charm to modern, we have 4 homes that will enchant and inspire you. Tour the homes, learn the history of each house, feel the magic as you enter, then join us back at the church for refreshments. Two tours starting at 6:30pm with the other tour at 7:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets are available at Reads Newsstand, Northside Pharmasave and the church office by calling 450-3082

Everyone is invited to **Greenwood Drive Baptist Church**, 150 Greenwood Drive on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m., for the presentation of the Christmas Cantata "We're Glad You Came" by Faith

and none shall be afraid.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** There's a Voice in the Wilderness VU 18

Prayer of Reconciliation (*Responsive*)

God of love and kindness, you have promised to renew our lives, to be with us in a new heaven and new earth—a realm where steadfast love and faithfulness embrace forever.

We are afraid of your promised coming. We cling to rules we understand: the rules of privilege and power.

We are afraid of a world of true justice and peace, afraid that you will change the way things have always been.

As we wait for you to live among us, we confess our unwillingness to see that you have always been here.

Assurance of God's Love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn Dance With the Spirit (X2) MV 156
Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for a new life a-bornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way!

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community Stewardship - Lois Walker

***Hymn** When Hands Reach Out MV 169

Offertory (Iris Kim) The Shepherd's Song Guilman

***Dedication Verse** VU 55(vs 4)

**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.**

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***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

Giver of the most precious Gift of all, we return to you this day our thanks represented in these gifts and in the lives of all these dear people. Bless these gifts and all these people that they may be lights of your love in our dark world. AMEN.

Scriptures	Isaiah 40:1-11	Dorothy Irving
	Mark 1:1-8	Rev. Richard Bowley
Anthem	Let the Christ Child In	Althouse & Albrecht

Message

***Closing Hymn** Hark the Herald Angels Sing VU 48

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

Go out to a world that hungers for righteousness.

We go to prepare the highway for God: to make ready the paths of peace.

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing** I Am Walking a Path of Peace (X2) MV 221

***I am walking a path of Peace,
I am walking a path of Peace,
I am walking a path of Peace,
lead me home, lead me home***

Postlude In Excelsis Deo arr. Ellis

We invite you to please stay and enjoy the Postlude

Coffee Hour Dec. 14: Worship Committee



A warm welcome is extended to all who are with us this morning. Please come join us for conversation and refreshments in Fraser Memorial Hall following the service.

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Financial Contributions for December 7, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget		\$5,700.00
Envelopes	3,253.25	
Loose	88.45	
PAR	<u>1,810.85</u>	
	5,152.55	

- \$ 547.45

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

2014 (12 months) offering budget \$240,000

~~Received to December 7, 2014 \$201,828~~

Observer renewals: Anyone interested in ordering the Observer should let Cathy Simpson in the office know by Dec. 21 by calling 458-1183. Special cost for the year is \$10 (normally \$20)

Children's Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex—Bright Yellow "***I feel good when I thank God***" (remember to include your name and envelope #). This money goes to the Sunday School budget allowing them to purchase curriculum, supplies, etc. **This is a positive tool to teach your children about supporting their church and learning the importance of stewardship.**

Collection is received at Sunday School each Sunday.



**Wednesdays in Advent -Early Morning Devotion
LoveYoga**

Dec. 3 – Dec. 24, 7 – 7:45 a.m. Led by Barbara Cull-Wilby 455-0877 Information hand out sheets have been placed in the Hall and on the Bulletin Board.

The 25th **Annual Advent Carol Festival** was held on Wednesday. Twelve local church and community choirs with 300 singers presented a program of familiar and new Christmas music. **\$4,600** was raised for the Fredericton Food Bank. The event has raised more than \$105,000 for area food banks over the past 25 years. Many thanks to Rev. Richard, Alexis, our Choir Director, to Iris, the accompanist, the Senior Choir, our security personnel, tellers, ushers, decorators, those on food prep, others who helped in anyway, and also to those who attended for making this such a successful event.