

St. Paul's United Church

November 16th, 2014

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 *

Prelude Ave Verum Elgar

*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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Introit** O God we Call (X2) VU 411

**O God we call, O God we call.
From deep inside we yearn
From deep inside we yearn
From deep inside we yearn for you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We lift our eyes to the Lord.

God created the heavens and the earth

We raise our voices in songs and speech

We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace.

***Opening Hymn** The Church's One Foundation VU 331

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

Giving and forgiving God. In your grace and love you have gifted us with so many blessings. In your eternal trust and faith is us, you have called us to be your hands and feet in the world. But far too often we hide those gifts you have given us, thinking what we have to offer isn't good enough.

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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	10 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Parlour
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 p.m.	Fredericton Choral Society
Wednesday	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. AM Discussion
	6:30- 8 p.m.	KidSing - Gym
Thursday	5:30 - 7 p.m.	KidSing - Gym
	7 p.m.	Ball Hockey—Gym
	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall
Friday (Nov. only)	12—1 p.m.	Exercise Group—Gym

Are you new to the congregation or wish to change your method of donating. PAR and Offering Envelopes are available by contacting Cathy in the office at 458-1183. Please keep Cathy informed if you have a new email address, change of address or phone number. Also, if you are new to the congregation please forward the information to Cathy by email at cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com



Children's Offering Envelopes are also available in the Narthex—Bright Yellow "I feel good when I thank God" (remember to put your name and envelope # on it) This money goes straight to the Sunday School budget allowing them to purchase curriculum, supplies and every once in a while—a treat!

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>

There will be a **Turkey Supper & Bake Sale** on Saturday, 22 November, from 4 - 6 p.m., at Forest Hill United, Kimble Court. Tickets at the door – \$12:00 for adults, \$5:00 for ages 6 to 12, 5 or under free. Gluten-free (Celiac) meals and takeouts will be available.

"An authentic **Indian Curry Dinner** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Saturday, November 22 at 6:00 PM. Tickets \$25 per person are available through Sarah at 457-7086 or the church office Mon to Fri 9 AM to 4 PM. Net proceeds will go to support the Bolivia Mission Tour.

And far too often we don't answer when you call us to action in the world, thinking that we are too small or too few. Open

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our ears that we might hear the words of Christ this day that we might truly live out our Christian call.

Assurance of God's Love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn Don't Be Afraid (X2) MV 91
***Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,
 My love is stronger than your fear.
 Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,
 And I have promised, promised to be always near.***

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** Be Thou My Vision VU 642

Offertory Canzonet Landon

***Dedication Verse** VU 541
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures high and low
 Give thanks to God in love made known.
 Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

***Dedication Prayer** (Unison)
Holy God, just as you gave us life and a calling, so too we offer you these our gifts of time, care, money, and ourselves. Accept these gifts and use them and us for your work of love in this world. AMEN

Scriptures 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Jennifer Petryshen
 Matthew 25:14-30 Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem My Saviour Leadeth Me Price, Besig
 Patrick Simpson—violin

Message

*Hymn God of the Bible MV 28

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***Commissioning (Responsive)**

As we go from this place let us hear Christ's call to not hide ourselves from the world.

We go ready to be the hands and feet of God in this our troubled world.

***Benediction**


*Choral Closing Peace Be With you MV 215

***Peace be with you, peace forever,
Peace be with you my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.***

Postlude Postlude on "Hiding Place" arr. Birchwood

*We invite you to stay and enjoy
the Postlude as part of our Worship service*

Today's Greeters: Hope & Andrew Steeves (Laura & Graham)

 **Coffee Hour Nov. 23:** Quilters

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

The bulletin covers for today's service have been donated in loving memory of Rev. Harold Kingston by Jean and the family.

New Member Sunday: Nov. 30th As we celebrate a new church year with the beginning of Advent, we will welcome those wishing to become members of this faith community. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member,



Financial Contributions for November 9, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget \$5,400.00

Envelopes 2047.75

Loose 91.25

PAR 1,769.40

3,908.40

Anniversary Offering 1,140.00

- \$1,491.60

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

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

Received to November 9, 2014 \$183,006

Received to November 10, 2013 \$175,541

The Covenanting service for Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles and the Oromocto Pastoral Charge will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00 pm, at Oromocto United Church. Rev. Brian MacDonald will be the speaker. There will be a potluck supper afterwards.



Christmas Wish Tree Alert!

Every year the people of St. Paul's share their Christmas spirit and generosity by buying gifts for children. Next Week - November 23rd - the Children's Wish Tree will be set up at the front of the sanctuary. 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, buy a gift and return it to the Church by November 30th. Many of you look forward to sharing in this tradition. We hope we can count on your support again this year.

**St. Paul's 25th Annual Advent Carol Festival
December 3rd (7:30 pm)**

