

# St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. December 21st, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

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** Une Vierge Purcelle Le Begue

## \*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

**Murphy 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)*

Our second candle was lit for Peace.

*(as the third candle is lit)*

Our third candle was lit for Joy.

This week we light our candle for the last Sunday of Advent, the candle for Love.

*(as the fourth candle is lit)*

This is the Love we search for:

***the Love that gives without counting the cost, the Love that weaves compassion and justice together, the Love that endures when the going is rough, the Love that was revealed in the life and sacrifice of Jesus,***

the Love that lights up the family circle, the Love that searches out and defines our faith community,

***Love that hugs a family close, Love that breaks out in laughter, and is felt in the silence of friendship,***

Love within us,

***Love around us,***

Love that builds us up,

***a Love that shines out as we act for the powerless and the innocent, and work for a world renewed in the spirit of Christ. AMEN***

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

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**StPaulsUnitedFredericton**



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## Regular Weekly Activities

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	11:30–1 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	12–1 p.m.	Exercise Group - Gym
	1-4 p.m.	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b>	8–9 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
<b>Monday</b>	6:30-8:30 pm	ShoeBox Dance - Gym
	7 p.m.	Men's Study—Ladies Parlour
<b>Tuesday (will resume in January)</b>		Ladies Bible Study - Parlour
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Advent - Love Yoga
	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. AM Discussion
<b>Thursday</b>	7 p.m.	Ball Hockey—Gym
	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall

## December Worship Services

**Sunday, Dec. 21:** 4th Sunday of Advent  
 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion  
 Sunday School Pageant  
 7:00 p.m. Longest Night service at St. Paul's United  
 with Leadership provided by Rev. Ellen  
 Bearisto and Rev. Richard Bowley

### Christmas Eve Services

7:00 p.m. Family Service  
 11:00 p.m. Holy Communion

### Sunday, Dec. 28:

11:00 a.m. Joint Worship at Wilmot United Church  
 leadership provided by St. Paul's & Wilmot  
 clergy

### Financial Contributions for December 7, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget	
Envelopes	4,135.80
Loose	289.00
PAR	<u>1,810.85</u>
	6,235.65

\$5,700.00  
  
 + \$ 535.65

### Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

2014 (12 months) offering budget	\$240,000
Received to December 7, 2014	<u>\$210,270</u>

**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)

**Your 2015 Offering Envelopes** are ready and waiting for you to pick them up in the Narthex. Should you need a set of envelopes or are interested in going on PAR please contact Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183.

**Introit** "Hope is a Star" VU 7(vs 4)  
*Love is a flame that burns in our heart,  
 Jesus has come and will never depart.  
 When God is a child, there's joy in our song.  
 The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
 and none shall be afraid.*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Prayer

**\*Opening Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" VU 60

### Prayer of Reconciliation (*Responsive*)

Compassionate, forgiving God, we trespass on your mercy and take your favour for granted.

***We think only of ourselves.***

We forget the lessons of those who came before us, and ignore our responsibility to those who will follow us.

***We grow proud and seek power.***

We do not see the destruction of our actions and how it distances us from you.

***We do not recognize our hunger for what it is, or where it leads us.***

We grow faint.

***Bring us home to you, our Beloved.***

### Assurance of God's Love

### Communion (*see insert*)

**Children's Choir** Ring Out the Bells Mark Patterson

### Sunday School Presentation

**Gift of Music** Come To Bethlehem Viner

Offertory The Coventry Carol arr. Southbridge

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\*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.

\*Dedication Prayer (Unison)

Bless these our offerings, O Giver of all things, that they might bring about healing in this world, and turn the dream of your Kingdom of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love into a reality in our lives. AMEN.

Scriptures

Romans 16:25-27 Mary Dingee Jacobs
Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem And The Glory Shone Around Tate, Hannibal, Paige
Message

\*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard On High" VU 38

\*Commissioning (Unison)

God of Light and Hope, in whom there is no darkness, cause your light to shine on us and through us to others, that they may know of you and of your Love. Let us witness to your gift of Jesus who came and taught us how to live as children of Light. Go in peace, dear friends, and know that the God of light, hope, peace, and joy goes with you. AMEN.

\*Benediction

\*Choral Closing I Am Walking a Path of Love (X2) 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.

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



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Marian MacKay in the death of her son-in-law Keith Keleher.

The following donations have been made to St. Paul's in memory of Jeff McGuigan

St. Paul's Foundation: David & Judy Thorne
St. Paul's Operating: Lois Walker
Ron & Lynne Naugler

Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary in loving memory of Jeff

The McGuigan and Fox families want to express our deep appreciation for the love, prayers and support shown us these past few days. We are completely overwhelmed and want all to know how much this has made our burden lighter and easier to carry and will be ever remembered.

A donation has been made to the "Memorial Chimes Fund" in memory of Marion Blackmer by her son, John and family.

A donation has been made in memory of our Parents, Frank and Mary Hallett by daughters, June & Roberta.

A donation has been made to the Foundation and the Pantry in loving memory of Ralph Dingee by his daughter, Mary Dingee Jacobs.

Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed in loving memory of Ralph Dingee, by his daughter Mary Dingee Jacobs and his grandchildren Melinda and Michael.

Thank you for supporting the Children's Wish Tree and for your donations on White Gift Sunday. Your gifts of toys, games, books and other items through the Children's Wish Tree angel tags will bring happiness to 40 children being looked after by the Fredericton Food Bank this Christmas. Your White Gift contributions have been shared with the Salvation Army for its Christmas food hamper program, a portion has also been given to the Minister's Benevolent Fund to help those who seek our assistance during the year. Thank