

St. Paul's United Church

November 23rd, 2014

Reign of Christ Sunday

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: Jesus Loves Me arr. Paxton

*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)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Worship God with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

*Opening Hymn Are You a Shepherd? MV 126

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

Holy One, we are like sheep that stray from your fold. We are the perpetually hungry, ever in spiritual need, and at times in physical want. We are the naked, with wounds exposed and bleeding. We are the sick, fevered, chilled, and in pain. We are the strangers, separated from others and even from

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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

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 children about donations.**

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.



Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers are selling wreaths. Undecorated balsam fir wreaths \$12/decorated \$14. Contact Sue Short at 455-5377, Anna Goddard at 459-8771 or Nancy MacGarvie at 455-3026. Proceeds to Stephen Lewis foundation and Help Lesotho.

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

ourselves. Hear us now as we confess our brokenness and our need. AMEN

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

Baptism of Liam Kohta Johnston (see insert)

***Hymn** Worship the Lord VU 401

Offertory Magnify the Lord, My Soul Peterson

***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 One, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. Through these gifts and in our lives, help us be the shepherds and healers and lovers that you are calling us to be. AMEN

Scriptures Ephesians 1:15-23 Patty Trail
 Matthew 25:31-46 Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem Holy Manna arr. Raney

Message

*Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ VU 468

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*Commissioning (Responsive)

Come, you who are blessed! Inherit all that is prepared for you!

We leave this sacred space to claim the riches and glorious inheritance that are ours through Christ.

Go out into the world to share your blessings with all in need.

*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 A Psalm of Trust Paxton

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

Today's Greeters: Dolores Blackmer
Coffee Hour Nov. 30: Patty Trail & Carole Peacock



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 after the service.



This morning we welcome **Liam Kohta Johnston** into St. Paul's church family through the sacrament of Baptism. Liam is the son of Ryan & Shiho Johnston and brother to Alicia.

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

Financial Contributions for November 16, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget		\$5,400.00
Envelopes	4,579.25	
Loose	107.00	
PAR	<u>1,769.40</u>	+ \$1,055.65
	6,455.65	

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

2014 (12 months) offering budget	\$240,000
Received to November 16, 2014	\$187,693
Received to November 17, 2013	\$177,846



Christmas Wish Tree Alert!

Share the joy of Christmas with a child. Check out the Children's Wish Tree at the front of the sanctuary after the service today. 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 for a boy or a girl, a tot or a teen. Buy the gift the child would like and return it to the Church by **November 30**. If you prefer, you can help by making a monetary donation in the White Gift envelope which will be included in the bulletins next week. St. Paul's has always been generous in helping those who have little. Let us continue this tradition as we celebrate this wonderful time of year.

The **25th Annual Advent Carol Festival**, organized by our Music Director Alexis Ervin and members of St. Paul's choir, will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 3 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Twelve local church and community choirs with 300 singers will present a program of familiar, as well as new, Christmas music. This is a fundraiser for the Fredericton Food Banks; a freewill offering will be received. The event has raised more than \$100,000 for area food banks over the past 24 years. We look forward to your continued support.



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

Dec. 3 – Dec. 24, 7 – 7:45 a.m. Led by Barbara Cull-