

# St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. November 30th, 2014

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

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:** Advent Noel Chauvet, arr. Ryan

## \*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 – Green Family

Today we light a candle of hope. This is the Hope we search for:  
Hope found in times of a new beginning,

**hope for the coming of Jesus is clearly ahead of us,**

hope found in the time of getting ready,

**hope reflected on the smiles on our faces as we prepare  
and anticipate celebration,**

hope found in a time for thinking things over,

**hope woven as we plan our Christmas carefully, hope  
found in the coming of Jesus, hope calling us to give  
generously and share freely.**

*(The first candle is lit)*

This is the candle of hope, hope for which we search. In its glow,  
the powerless, the downhearted and the poor will take courage.

**And we will take courage too. AMEN**

\*Introit Hope is a Star VU 7(vs1)

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.**

**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

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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

The Fredericton Sunrise Rotary Club, Rotarian Jean Street and GSE Team Member Kelly Watson are most grateful for the donation from Anne and Bob Forbes of St. Paul's United Church towards this humanitarian project in India. This project has to raise \$30,000 to bring potable water to 8 villages in rural Maharashtra, India. Sunrise in conjunction with 8 other Rotary Clubs in district 7810 will raise this money. Jean and Kelly visited personally one of these villages and had tea with the Head Lady of the village. We will keep you posted on progress of this project and thank you so much for your support, it is very much appreciated.

**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 **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 Pharmacy and the church office by calling 450-3082

**\*Opening Hymn** O Come, O Come Emmanuel VU 1 (vs 1-5)

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### **Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)**

***It's starting already, Lord. It is only the first Sunday in Advent, and we are caught up in the pressures and stresses of the holiday season. Pursued by the temptation to spend our funds, our energy, our spirits, we feel that there is no peace or rest in the world. Lord of light and peace, shine on us this day. Forgive us when we have so easily succumbed to the anxieties and fears and temptations of the season. Slow us down. Calm our spirits. Give us an awareness that this is the season of waiting and of preparation. Give us Hope for a future, for peace in our lives and help us to be bearers of hope to others. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. AMEN.***

### **Assurance of God's Love**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

VU 959

#### **Children's Choir**

Candle, Candle Burning Bright

Lee Dengler

### **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**

### **Holy Sacrament of Baptism and Welcoming of New Members**

#### **\*Hymn**

Spirit, Open my Heart

MV 79

#### **Moment for Community**

Bob Miller - Worship

#### **Offertory**

Offertory on a French Carol

arr. Broughton

#### **\*Dedication Verse**

VU 55 (vs4)

***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)**

*Holy God, triumphant liberating savior of all, receive these gifts and the hopeful hearts that offer them as part of your bountiful harvest. Strengthen and sustain us through our hungers and our fears until your unexpected advent. Help us as we wait to*

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*know each day that we are a part of your generous, expectant household, the body of Christ. AMEN*

<b>Scriptures</b>	Isaiah 64:1-9	Julian Walker
	Mark 13:24-37	Rev. Richard Bowley
<b>Anthem</b>	Dancing Into the Spirit	Beall & Carter
<b>Message</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	Hark the Glad Sound	VU 29

**\*Commissioning (Responsive)**

As we go out to meet a hungry world, know that God will give us what we need.

***We go forth to make ready as we wait.***

The Holy One, whose love turns fear aside, will show us what to do

***Keep watch! The risen Christ is on the way!***


**\*Benediction**

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**\*Choral Closing** I Am Walking a Path of Hope (X2) MV 221  
*I am walking a path of Hope, I am walking a path of Hope,  
 I am walking a path of Hope, lead me home, lead me home.*

**Postlude** O God, Our Faithful God Paxton

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

 **Today's Greeters:** Brenda & Alan Rayner  
**Coffee Hour Dec. 7:** Congregational Board

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.

**Congregational Meeting, Dec. 7** to appoint the JNAC committee.

**Financial Contributions for November 23, 2014**

2014 Weekly Budget		\$5,400.00
Envelopes	2,859.25	
Loose	87.90	
PAR	<u>1,769.40</u>	
	4,716.55	

- \$ 683.45

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

2014 (12 months) offering budget	\$240,000
Received to November 23, 2014	\$190,640
Received to November 24, 2013	\$185,680

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Thank you for supporting our Children's Wish Tree! (gifts are due back today). You may also help by making a donation through the White Gift envelopes. 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.

**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)

The final balance of the **UCW Christmas luncheon and sale** is \$4715.95. Our sincere thanks to all who supported this great event.

**Dec. 7th is Pantry Sunday** and we **thank you** for your generosity.

We are in need of the following items:

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| juice (large/boxes) | tea            | coffee (instant & ground) |
| jam                 | flour          | sugar                     |
| pancake syrup       | toilet paper   | Kleenex                   |
| laundry detergent   | dish detergent | garbage bags              |
| Cheese Whiz         | cookies        | soda crackers             |
| flakes of chicken   | canned salmon  | Ragu spaghetti sauce      |

**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**