

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. February 8th, 2015
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*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: O Word of God Incarnate Broughton

*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.

Introit

VU 25 (vs 1)

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah,
God appears on earth to reign.**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.

We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.

God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

Praise be to God who has called us here.

Thanks be to God for God's eternal love. AMEN

Words of the Prophet: Isaiah 40:21-31 Noreen Barwise

***Opening Hymn** Praise to the Lord VU 220

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

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Rev. Richards's Office Hours:

Sunday: Afternoon By Appointment
Monday: 8:30—noon, 1:00-4:30
Tuesday: 8:30—noon
Wednesday: 1:00—4:30
Thursday: By appointment

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	7—9 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
Monday	6:30-8:30pm	ShoeBox Dance - Gym
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
Thursday	6 p.m.	Ball Hockey—Gym
	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Feb 17 at 5:45 PM; usual menu of pancakes, beans, sausages, bread and pies for dessert. No cost but voluntary donation plates will be available at entrances to dinner.

Thank you Lord: For the 6th year, St Paul's is offering **Thursdays in Lent, 12 – 1 pm, February 19 – March 26.** You are invited. We are one. Your voice is important. The themes we will be exploring are: Week 1–Covenant, 2–Faith, Week 3–Courage, 4–Love, 5–Mystery, 6–Passion. Come, bring your lunch and share in Fellowship exploring the mystery of our faith in Jesus Christ.

2014 TAX RECEIPTS are ready for you to pick up as well as your **2015 Offering Envelopes.** Should you need a set of envelopes or are interested in going on PAR please contact Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183.

New to the congregation? Please advise Cathy (458-1183) of your mailing address, telephone number and email address. This allows Cathy to forward any church information along to you.

Looking to **volunteer** some time at St. Paul's? We are presently in need of tellers who count the collection after church on Sunday mornings (1/2 - 1 hours) and bulletin folders who come in on Friday afternoon for approximately 1/2 hour to fold the bulletins for Sunday's service. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please call Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183.

February 21st, Coldest Night of the Year

On February 21 Fredericton will be joining 80+ cities across Canada in hosting a family-friendly, non-competitive walk aimed at raising funds and awareness for homelessness related projects. The funds raised in Fredericton will be for Youth in Transition (Chrysalis House) and the John Howard Society of Fredericton: two agencies that work closely with the street effected populations through the provision of housing and support services. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more information or contact Faith McFarland at 450-2750.

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? It's beauty and majesty is overpowering! Yet we often take all that you have given us for granted. We treat the world with indifference, using its resources carelessly, with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on the weak, believing that someone else will care for those in need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live: in honour and peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of both our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn Dance With The Spirit (x2) VU 156

*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way!*

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community Donna Chauvin: UCW

*Hymn Let My Spirit Always Sing MV 83

Offertory Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me arr. Paxton

*Dedication Verse For The Gift of Creation VU 538

*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.*

***Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

We bring these offerings to you, O Lord, not because you need

them, but because you are holy. Through these resources we ask that he who is without a cloak be clothed, and she who is hungry be fed. We bring these offerings before you and ask that they be used to fulfill your holy purposes. AMEN

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Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem Precious Lord, Take My Hand arr. Ringwall

Message

***Hymn** Great is thy Faithfulness VU 288

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

We are being sent into a world in need of healing.

We have been given all that we need to be God's messengers of peace.

Go now into the world, rejoicing in God's presence with you.

We bring the news of peace and hope to all we meet.

AMEN

***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 The Church's One Foundation arr. Mansfield

We invite you to please stay and enjoy the Postlude

Greeters: Dorothy Dauphinee & Audrey Embree

Coffee Hour Feb 15: Worship Committee - Roger Miller

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us for conversation and refreshments in Fraser Hall following the service.

Prayer Request Binder can be found in the Narthex of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bud Bird on his appointment as honorary president of the YMCA for a two year period.

Last call for Confirmation - Are you or do you know of someone who is a youth 13+ who is looking to join the church? Confirmation

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ANNUAL MEETING: February 22 following Worship Service

Dinner for One Hundred

We still have 38 tickets to sell to meet our goal. We are also looking for silent auction items for the tables. Thank you to those who have already supported this St. Paul's Fundraiser by purchasing dinner tickets or through donations of money and silent auction items. Only with your help can we reach our goal.

Financial Contributions for January 25, 2014

2015 Weekly Budget	
Envelopes	1,545.25
Loose	43.00
PAR	<u>1,879.00</u>
	3,467.25



Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

The following schedule indicates DONATIONS by various level of dollars for 2014 and 2013:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Over \$10,000	1	1
Over \$5,001 less than \$10,000	10	8
Over \$3,001 less than \$5,000	5	16
Over \$2,001 less than \$3,000	27	22
Over \$1,001 less than \$2,000	46	42
Over \$500 less than \$1,000	36	30
less than \$500	65	78
Total donors	190	197

Women of St. Paul's : You are invited to attend the **Bible Study** for the **World Day of Prayer** on Mon., Feb. 16 at 10.30 am in the church hall. Program this year is written by the women of the Bahamas and the theme is "Do You Know What I Have Done for You ?" from John 13, 1-17. It will be led by Maj. Judy Goudie from the Salvation Army.