

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. March 8th, 2015—Third Sunday in Lent

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 by Iris Kim Der Tag, Der Ist So Freudenreich Bach

*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 Take, O Take Me As I Am (X2) MV 85

**Take O take me as I am. Summon out what I will be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Come all who need justice.

All: God weaves in us the path of life.

One: Come all who need peace.

All: God weaves in us the way of truth.

One: Come all who need comfort,

All: God weaves in us a sure hope.

One: Come all who need healing,

All: God weaves in us the promise of wholeness.

One: Come all who need community,

All: God weaves in us the love of Christ.

One: Come all who need God.

All: God weaves in us the heart of the Divine.

**Opening Prayer

O God, may this be a place to celebrate Your Presence.

May we tell stories

of You finding us when we are at our lowest,

of You reaching us when we feel excluded,

of You holding us when everyone else has let go,

of You bringing us in when we feel apart.

May this be a place to celebrate Your Presence

St. Paul's Contact Information

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Keep up to date on upcoming activities

and stay in touch in between Sundays!

<http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsunitedfredericton>



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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 (Lent break)	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
	7 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge

Season of Lent: Activities & Services

Feb. 19-Mar 26 @ noon	Thursday's In Lent
March 29, 10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday
April 2, 6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper
April 3, 2:30 p.m.	Good Friday
April 5, 7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service , followed by Breakfast at Wilmot United
April 5, 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Communion Service

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, hold party events, etc. **This is a positive tool to teach your children about supporting their church and learning the importance of stewardship.** Collection is received each Sunday.

St. Paul's 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>

New to the congregation? Please contact Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183 if you would like to use envelopes to track your tax receipts or if you wish to begin on our PAR program (pre-authorized remittance). Also.... if you have a change or address or your email address has changed. This information helps to keep us up to date with you and your family while allowing us to keep in touch with you when we send out emails with announcements, etc.

Forest Hill United Church in Fredericton will be hosting an **interactive workshop** titled "...and God, about my family..." on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Marlene Michael, marital & family therapist will lead participants in a faith-based day designed for adults seeking deeper and more meaningful family relationships. Cost is \$25. Lunch is provided (free will offering). To register, please contact Marilyn Lohnes at 455-9272 (evenings), or

and show the world Your steadfast love. Amen

***Opening Hymn** Throughout These Lenten Days VU 108

Prayer of Reconciliation (*Unison*)

God, You have given us the challenge of following Your law. There are times when we see such injustices and wrong in the world. Open our eyes so that we may know Your will, and give us strength to follow You and serve one another. Amen

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Five candles burning,
the darkness grows around us.
God calls us to where we should go
promising to ever walk beside us.

Response Kindle A Flame(X2) VU 19
Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

third candle is extinguished

Three candles not burning, with Spirit-filled hearts
we suffer, endure and yet we are sure of what God imparts
Christ died to redeem us, Our joy will increase
by ending all strife with eternal life and giving us peace.

The Lord's Prayer VU 959
Children's Choir Jesus Loves Even Me Philip Bliss
Time For All Ages Hymn Jesus Bids Us Shine VU 585

Listening To God's Word

Prayer for Understanding
Scripture Readings Exodus 20:1-17 Laird Ferguson
Psalm 19 (Refrain 1) VU 740
John 2:13-22

***Hymn** All Beautiful the March of Days VU 530

Reflection *The Gifts of the Psalms* Rev. Ellen Beairsto

Our Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

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Anthem I Thank You, Lord Martin

Offertory Christ, Thou Art Our Day and Night Boehm
***Dedication Verse** VU 542

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gifts may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

Offertory Prayer (Unison)
*Gracious God, with thankfulness, we come offering ourselves.
We commit ourselves to Your way of peace and justice,
compassion and love. May these gifts of money that come
from our hands and our hearts be transformed into action,
commitment and faithfulness. In the name of Christ we pray.
Amen.*

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

***Commissioning & Benediction**

***Choral Closing** God Be With You VU 422

**God be with you till we meet again.
Loving councils guide uphold you.
With a shepherds care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.**
Till we meet, till we meet.
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude Come, Thou Almighty King arr. Martin

We invite you to please stay and enjoy the Postlude



Greeters: Emily, Mya & Elias McAllister
Coffee Hour March 15: UCW: Donna Chauvin

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

Reverend Richard will be off from March 4th until March 10th. A special **thank you** to Rev. Ellen Bearisto for leading us in worship today in Rev. Richard's absence.

World Day of Prayer this afternoon at 2pm in the Sanctuary. Presented by Women's Inter-Church Council and written by the women of the Bahamas. All are welcome. Please remember to wear a hat!

Financial Contributions for March 1, 2015

2015 Weekly Budget		\$4,200.00
Envelopes	2,134.25	
Loose	77.00	
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	4,017.19	

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

The **UCW** will meet on Wednesday, March 11th at 10 a.m. Please answer Roll Call with wieners (hot dogs) for the Soup Kitchen.

The UCW are looking for **Card Tables** to borrow for the Bridge Luncheon on March 26th. Please telephone Donna Chauvin at 458-5885 if you have any to loan out.



Next Family Night!

If you're a Minecraft lover, come out for some collaborative building on March 13th from 5:30—8:00 p.m.!

If you lean more towards crafts than mining, that's great too! We're preparing some craft projects for you to do.

The event will be in Fraser Memorial Hall and we're going to have some pizza and a few snacks. If you're playing Minecraft, you will need your portable device with the game already installed and it's a good idea to bring your charging block and cord too!

Cost: please help us support our much needed brown bag lunch program if you are able! Suggested items include: a pull top canned meal/soup, granola bars, easy open fruit cups, etc.

An RSVP will be needed so we know how many to expect, prepare and purchase food and supplies for.