

# St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. March 15th, 2015—Fourth 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** Cantilena Lau

## \*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)

God loves us with a steadfast love.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**

God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

**Let us believe and have eternal life!**

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

**Let us have faith to receive this grace!**

**Gospel Reading:** John 3:14-21 Alanna Palmer

**\*Opening Hymn** Bless Now O God The Journey VU 633

### Prayer of Reconciliation (Responsive)

God, we so often work against you. We have spoken against you and your servant Jesus.

**We have lied. We have cursed you and others. We have been consumed by doubt.**

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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

<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>	7–9 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
<b>Monday</b>	6:30-8:30pm	ShoeBox Dance - Gym
<b>Tuesday (Lent break)</b>	10 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Parlour
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 p.m.	Fredericton Choral Society
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. AM Discussion
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Thursdays In Lent
	6 p.m.	Ball Hockey—Gym
	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall

**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.

This message is sent to advise our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Order of St. Luke Healing Ministry, Fredericton Chapter will hold a Healing Service led by the Rev. Canon John Lownds at St. John's Anglican Church, Main Street on Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Holy Communion, anointing with oil, laying on of hands and prayers for healing will be carried out by members of the Order of St. Luke.

Forest Hill United Church in Fredericton will be hosting an **interactive workshop** titled "...and God, about my family..." on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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 by e-mail: [ffolk@rogers.com](mailto:ffolk@rogers.com).

We have been bitten with the venom of hatred in our world.

***We have oppressed the helpless. We have been intolerant of others. We have delighted in violence. We have squandered the gift of this world.***

Please, God, forgive us our missteps and missed opportunities. Heal us that we may readily welcome you.

**AMEN**

### **Lenten Candle Liturgy**

Four candles burning and midnight closes in.

***Farthest from dusk. Farthest from dawn.***

Where do we turn to seek new light?

***As light dies around us, let us strengthen the light within.***

**Response** Kindle A Flame(X2) VU 19

***Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.***  
*fourth candle is extinguished*

Four candles not burning makes darkness increase.

***O God, make our light be burning so bright that darkness would cease.***

We all would be sleeping and night would befall.

***But then light would show up all that we know. Christ shine of us all!***

**The Lord's Prayer** VU 959

### **Time For All Ages**

**Hymn** There Is Room For All (X2) MV 62

***There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing,  
"My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."  
There is room for all, there is room for all.***

### **Prayers of the People**

\*Hymn 574 Come let us sing if a wonderful love VU

Minute for Mission

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Offertory Ave Verum Haydn VU 542

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

\*Dedication Prayer (Responsive)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love in Christ endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love gave us salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love has not left us to perish.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love provides eternal life.

Hebrew Scriptures: Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 107 (VU 831 parts 1 & 2) Rev. Richard

Anthem On Christ I Stand Harlan

Message

\*Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

\*Commissioning (Unison)

God's great love and rich mercy have made us alive in Christ. Let us depart to live lives of grace, and to do good works.

\*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.

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Greeters: Cathy White Coffee Hour March 22: Ministry & Personnel - Ross Mathers

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



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Cathy and Danny King in the death of Cathy's cousin Kenneth Gallaher.

Financial Contributions for March 1, 2015

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Type and Amount. Includes 2015 Weekly Budget (\$4,200.00), Envelopes (2,023.50), Loose (10.00), PAR (1,805.94), and a total of 4,017.19. A circled value of -60.56 is shown.

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

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.

We need more volunteers to work in the Pantry on Wednesday mornings, 9:00 to 11:00. There are 3 people working each day so you are never left alone. It is very easy and rewarding work. Please contact Lois Walker at 459-1458 or email: ljwalker@nbnet.nb.ca. The pantry is also very low on supplies so if you are able to donate anything it would be much appreciated.

Season of Lent: Activities & Services

- Feb. 19-Mar 26 @ noon Thursday's In Lent
March 19 ~ Mystery
March 26 ~ Passion
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