

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

191 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, and serving others in Christ's name

September 22nd, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ~ Luke 6:35

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: When Morning Gilds the Skies ~ Payne

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

VU 400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

Created in God's image, we are beloved, just as we are right now.

And we are grounded in this community God creates.

Look up and look around, and look beyond:

God is telling a bigger story than we could imagine.

Whatever may come, in this world God so loves,

We will trust in God's goodness.

We gather now to give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Together we proclaim God's kindness as we worship.

HYMN: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past ~ Psalm 90*

VU 806

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure,
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*Time like an ever-rolling stream
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

OPENING PRAYER

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34, 50:15-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy ~ Turner

MESSAGE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

HYMN: *When Painful Mem'ries*

MV 74

*When painful mem'ries haunt each day
and dreams disturb the night,
when life is washed with shades of grey
and phantoms fill our sight,
Christ, stay beside us
and embrace the child who dwells within;
come, Healer, touch our lives with grace;
restore our lives again.*

*When dreams at last bring peace and rest,
and fear has lost control,
when, tried by struggle, we are blessed
with rightful mind and soul,*

*stay close beside us as before,
to guide us all our days.
Christ, take the lives that you restore
and fit them for your praise.*

INVITATION TO TIME OF OFFERING ²

DEDICATION VERSE: *As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought*

VU 518 vs 1

*As those of old their first-fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first-fruits bring:
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(In Unison)*

Holy God, our offerings are a statement of our faithfulness to you and your ways. Receive what we have offered in your name, the financial resources, the commitment of our time, and the ways we use our talents. Send your blessing upon us and these gifts, so that your love and kingdom may be seen here on Earth. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *My Life Flows On*

VU 716

*My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing:
It finds an echo in my soul -
how can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
My Saviour still is living.
What though the shadows gather 'round?
A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging:
since Love commands both heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing:
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging:
when friends by shame are undefiled,
how can I keep from singing?*

*I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
and day by day this pathway smooths,
since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing:
all things are mine since I am Christ's -
how can I keep from singing?*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC: *As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought*

VU 518 vs 2

*A world in need now summons us
to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.*

POSTLUDE: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor ~ Bach

¹ Adapted from Rev. Teri Paterson, *BibleWorm Liturgy*, September 22, 2024

² United Methodist Church, *Discipleship Ministries, Offertory Prayers and Invitations for August 2017*

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Ron Naugler, Joseph/Jacob – Cathy Davis,
Brother – Debbie West, Reuben/Judah – Barbara Cull-Wilby
Greeter: Ron Naugler **Audio Visual:** John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE! May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in person and by Zoom.

ST. PAUL'S SALE FOR MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS.

St. Paul's is hosting a rummage sale for members and adherents on **Sept 28th** from 10am-4pm and **Sept 29th** from 12-2pm. Come check out a variety of items including arts & craft supplies, children's toys & games, candles, glassware, linens, furniture, Christmas trees & décor, books, housewares, picture frames, and more. The sale is in the lower gym. Please enter through the Charlotte Street door.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **proteins with flip top lids**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: fruit cups, apple sauce, juice boxes, rice, Shake'n' Bake, macaroni, spaghetti, cake mix & icing, white & brown sugar, canned milk, canned meats, flour, jam, mayo, canned tomatoes, relish, pancake mix & syrup, cereal, ketchup, tea, cookies, granola bars, dish and laundry soap, Mr. Clean, Comet, paper towel, and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

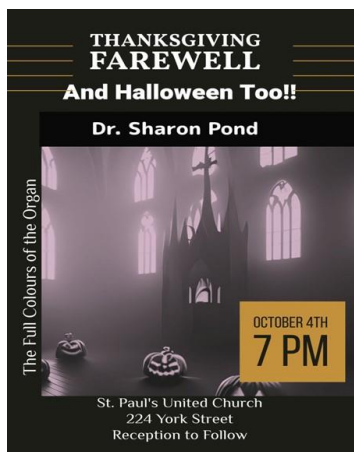


FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

Interested in hosting Fellowship Hour for the congregation? Get a few friends or committee members together to volunteer. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board outside of the Brown Bag room. Thank you in advance!

THE FULL COLOURS OF THE ORGAN

Thanksgiving, Farewell, And Halloween Too! October 4th at 7pm. A farewell organ recital by Dr. Sharon Pond celebrating St. Paul's United Church and their wonderful Casavant organ, featuring my favourite crowd-pleasing music and special surprises. Everyone Welcome! Reception to follow. Freewill offering for the Food Bank. Facebook Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/thanksgiving-farewell-and-halloween>



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 22nd ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Lois Walker & Bill & Lois Paterson

September 29th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour hosts needed!

October 4th ~ Dr. Sharon Pond's Organ Recital ~ 7pm

October 6th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Ann Raper

October 13th ~ Thanksgiving Sunday & Communion Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosts needed!

October 14th ~ Office Closed for Thanksgiving Stat Holiday

THE MODERATOR IS COMING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Mark your calendars because The Right Reverend Carmen Lansdown our current moderator will be hosting an event in Moncton on November 9th. More information to come.

MODERATOR'S BOOK CLUB RETURNS

Over the last year our moderator has hosted a virtual book study exploring a wide range of books and topics. September the book club will be gathering again to explore and discuss the book Maximus Canada by Doug Saunders on September 26th. For more information and to sign up check out <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/organization-and-governance/moderator/right-rev-dr-carmen-lansdowne-44th-moderator/flourishing-project/mods-book-squad>



SIMPLY COUNTRY PRESENTS

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 22nd, 2-4pm**, as we welcome back Simply Country – “The Women of Country”, singing country gospel and old-time hymns. This event will be held in the sanctuary of Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street and the cost is \$15.00 at the door. Hope you can join us!



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT SERIES AT ST. PAUL'S

Fever is presenting a Candlelight Concert Series in the sanctuary at St. Paul's. Two Concerts on **September 27th** feature 1) Vivaldi's Four Seasons (**SOLD OUT**), 2) A Tribute to Taylor Swift, and two on **November 9th** featuring 1) A Tribute to Coldplay, and 2) A Tribute to Abba. Tickets are ONLY available online. For more information and to purchase tickets [CLICK HERE](#).

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH OF FREDERICTON

The Women's Inter-Church of Fredericton will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on **September 28th** at Wilmot United Church, 473 King Street, Fredericton at 2:00 PM. The Theme is "Shining the Light". The entrance off Carlton Street has a lift device and fewer stairs and easier to get into the sanctuary. We will have the honour of Catherine MacKeil, Executive Director of the Women's Inter-Church of Canada and Shirley DeMerchant, Past President of the Women's Inter-Church of Canada present at our celebration. Following the Service there is a reception downstairs. All are welcome. Deborah Heustis, Publicity for the Women's Inter-Church of Fredericton.

NATALIA DELACROIX AND STEVEN PEACOCK AT GALLERY 78

Please plan to join violist **Natalia Delacroix** and classical guitarist **Steven Peacock** for **Concert Bachiana Brasileira** at Gallery 78, at 796 Queen Street in Fredericton, on Saturday, September 28th at 7:30 p.m. The varied and exciting program blends baroque music by Bach, Loeillet, and Vivaldi with 20th-century works from Brazil, Argentina and Spain by Villa-Lobos, Azuma, Piazzolla and Granados, among others. Advance tickets at \$20 are available at Gallery 78. For ticket reservations and more information, go to delacroixclassix.com or contact delacroixclassix@gmail.com. Tickets at the door are \$25.



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