

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED

Fredericton, N.B.

October 27th, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Reformation Sunday

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

PRELUDE: Prelude on "May the Mind of Christ My Saviour"

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Come, Children, Join to Sing*

VU 345 vs1

*Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

Come to this place together:

Left: We come to listen for God's voice

Right: We come trusting that God listens to us

Come into this time together:

Left: We come to focus on the One who cannot be contained in our places

Right: We come trusting the one who cannot be limited by our words

Come, for God is present:

All: and we trust we will meet God here.

HYMN: *Joyful, joyful we adore you*

TBoP 410

*Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*All your works with joy surround you;
earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
join to praise you joyfully.*

*You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour;
lift us to your joy above.*

*Morning stars, awake the chorus;
Mortals, join with every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Responsive)¹

Ever-present God,
your grace is beyond our capacity to understand,
reaching out into the world,
extending past our boundaries and insisting all are included.

When we begin to think you're confined to these holy places, forgive us.

**When we focus more on the spaces where we meet you than on the life you call us to live,
forgive us.**

**When our love for our buildings is greater than our love for our neighbor,
forgive us.**

**When our vision is narrowed to our own preferences and traditions rather than relationship,
forgive us.**

In all the past generations,
you have been faithful,
and in all the future generations,
you will be faithful,

and so today we join our voices

**with all who have prayed to recognize your goodness in the land of the living
praying to be ancestors who create something beautiful for those still to come.**

We seek you, O God, and your forgiveness

that we may be made and re-made in your image,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MV 97

*Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:41-46

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126

VU 850

When God brought Zion's captives home,
it seemed to us like a dream.

**But then our mouths were full of laughter,
and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations:

'God has done great things for them.'

**Truly God has done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoice.**

Restore our fortunes, O God, as streams refresh the Negev.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed for sowing,

**shall come home with songs of joy,
bringing in their sheaves.**

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 5:1-6, 8:22-30, 41-43, 52-60a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: For Where Love Is, There Is God ~ Wagner

MESSAGE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

HYMN: *Let Us Build a House*

MV 1

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: (In Unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison)

We desire to be part of the building up of your house, and kingdom, so we pray that you take these offerings made today and those given by PAR and bless them for your purposes. Combine these financial resources with our time and talents, so that your love will be known and way shown through this ministry and beyond. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

VU 481

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.*

*With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC: "Spirit Song"

~ John Wimber

*O let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "All Creatures of Our God and King"

¹ Adapted from Rev. Teri Paterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, October 27, 2024

Scripture Readers: Narrator 1 & 2 – Rebecca Jonah, Jesus – Barbara Cull-Wilby, Lord – Cat Wilson Akwar,
Soloman – Debbie West

Greeters: Rebecca Jonah & Mary Stickles **Audio Visual:** Glynis Martin

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 & SAINT ANDREW'S OFFICE HOURS

St. Paul's regular office hours: Monday to Thursday from 8am-3pm and Friday from 8am-1pm.

Saint Andrew's Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 2-6pm.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Would you like to help with the choir but can't sing, or don't want a long-term commitment? Sharon needs 3 or 4 people to help with an anthem, one to play a drum and 2 or 3 to ring bells. If interested, please email Dr. Sharon Pond at sharonpond47@gmail.com.



ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry items needed this week are dish detergent, Mr. Clean, Comet, crackers, cookies, granola bars, pancake mix & syrup, mayo, jam, relish, vinegar, pudding cups, spaghetti, macaroni, white rice, cake mix, sardines, and waxed paper. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!

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.

SIGN UP FOR FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS

We are hoping to have a mix of people from both congregations come together to support our fellowship hour after service on Sunday. To make or bring snacks, make coffee, serve and clean. Please sign up on the pink paper on the buffet outside of the hall.

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

Those wanting to add an announcement to the bulletin and/or eNews, please send an email to Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com and Joanna at sapcfred@gmail.com by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will run for a 2-week period unless otherwise requested.

SAINT ANDREW'S MISSION TREE UPDATE

Each Autumn leaf currently on our tree has a requested donation on the back. We are also asking for donations of nutritional supplements (Ensure & Boost), and Pantry items such as canned meats, instant potatoes, pudding cups, granola and fruit bars, pasta sauces, toiletries and toilet paper. Items can be left under our Mission Tree or on the kitchen island. Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. Many thanks for you continued support of Saint Andrew's Outreach Program.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Activities

Monday – Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program in St. Paul's Office during regular office hours

Tuesdays ~ Tuesday Morning Ladies Group at 9:30am ~ *All are welcome!*

Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ Quilting from 1-4 ~ *All are welcome!*

Wednesdays ~ Community Outreach ~ Pantry Program from 9-11am

Thursdays ~ Choir Practice from 7-8pm ~ *All are welcome!*

Fridays ~ Community Outreach ~ Breakfast 2 Go from 9-10:30am

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 27th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Marg Leonard, Chris Grant & Ann Raper

October 31st ~ M&P Committee Meeting at 1:30pm

November 3rd ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends ~ Clocks Fall Back

November 3rd ~ Service at 10:30 ~ **Fellowship Hosts Needed!**

November 4th ~ Joint Worship Committee Meeting at 10:30am

November 4th ~ Meeting of Session at 7pm

November 6th ~ Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting at 1:30pm

November 10th ~ Remembrance Day Service at 10:30 ~ **Fellowship Hosts Needed!**

UNITED CHURCH MODERATOR IS COMING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Across the country, the United Church Moderator the Right Reverend Carmen Lansdown, has been inviting people to join with her in exploring what it means to be a flourishing church. It is now our turn on **November 9th**. This is a great opportunity to join with other United Church people from across our region. The gathering is at Visions United in Moncton. Registration Deadline is November 5th. To register click here:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=qLUYz3gmEUCTEhXw9xV1dC15iUSbxN1CqdLiNwjtK9RUN1U3VUNBWDIKQkRSMVdBQ1dYUUQwOFhMUi4u&route=shorturl> Want to carpool, reach out to Rev. Michelle.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT NASHWAAKSIS

We invite you to our bazaar, being held at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street on Saturday, **November 16th**, 9am-Noon. There will be a Silent Auction table, Craft and Bake tables and much more. Free admission.



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Church Administrators: Meghan Roebuck & Joanna Price

Custodian: Doug Newman | **Clerk of Session:** Janet Higgins

Ministers Emeriti: Rev. Doug Blaikie & Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery