

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

Fredericton, N.B.

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: St. Paul's Anniversary Sunday, All Saint's Sunday

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

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 "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" ~ Bach

## **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)*

Today is a day of celebration

St. A's: **Today is the day of the Lord**

St. P's: **And it is the 192<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of our congregation's witness**

We gather here to sing praises and rejoice at what God has done for us all

St. P's: **Giving thanks for God's faithfulness that has sustained us**

St. A's: **Giving thanks for the Holy Spirit that guides us all**

We come before God seeking renewal, transformation and life.

All: **Come let us worship!**

**HYMN:** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

VU 240 vs 1-3, 5

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favour  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*Like a loving parent caring,  
God knows well our feeble frame;  
gladly all our burdens bearing,  
still to countless years the same.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
All within me, praise God's name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of grace!*

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

### **TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison)<sup>1</sup>**

God of all life, you care for us even when we forget how to care for one another,  
and you guide us into a still more excellent way.  
When we are caught up in the moment,  
and don't think about the consequences of our words and actions,  
forgive us and lead us into reconciling community.  
When we are in pain and look for someone to blame,  
forgive us and help us to rebuild trust.  
When we dig into our differences, insisting there is nothing good in those on the other side,  
forgive us and open our hearts to recognize your image in every face.  
Living God, with you all things are possible,  
even turning enemies to neighbours,  
even hope in the midst of despair,  
even strangers coming together to seek your purpose.  
May we be changed by your grace,  
made new and empowered to bring new life to the world,  
one loved neighbor at a time.  
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 4:23-26**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 146

Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live I will praise God.

**Yes, as long as I have life I will sing praises to God.**

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any mortal,  
for in them there is no help.

**When they breathe their last they return to dust;  
then their plans come to nothing.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,**  
the One who keeps faith for ever,  
**who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.**

God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the blind.

**God straightens those who are bent;  
loves those who are just.**

God cares for the stranger in the land,  
and sustains the widow and orphan;  
**but the way of the wicked God turns to ruin.**

God shall reign forever, O Zion,  
**your God for all generations.**

**THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY****FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Kings 17:1-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Jubilate ~ Bedford**MESSAGE****RESPONDING WITH PRAISE****HYMN:** *Seek Ye First*

TBoP 625

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

*We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

## 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)*<sup>2</sup>

God of all the generations, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the inheritance of faithfulness we have received as followers of Jesus. Bless these gifts so that today's ministries may flourish and provide an inheritance for those who come after us, as you guide us all into a future only you can see. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

### WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

### HYMN: *Go to the World*

VU 420

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## 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: Jig Fugue ~ Bach

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Rev. Teri Paterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, November 3, 2024

<sup>2</sup> Worship Planner November 3, 2024 The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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**Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Brad Webb, Jesus – Rose Carolyn Smith, Elijah – Jane Banks, Lord – Magenta Watson,  
Widow – Cathy Davis

**Greeters:** Arlene MacDonald & Mary Stickles **Audio Visual:** Glynis Martin, Beth & Shawn Meister

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## 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. *Can't make it in person, join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: 2023*

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

A gentle reminder that daylight saving times ends this Sunday, **Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**. To ensure you are not early for Sunday service, please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before heading to bed!



### ST. PAUL'S & SAINT ANDREW'S OFFICE HOURS

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

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

### REV. MICHELLE'S EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE NUMBER

A friendly reminder that Rev. Michelle is available after hours for emergency pastoral care.

Please call her cell phone at 506-259-7602.

### ST. PAUL'S OFFICE PHONE

Some folks have called St. Paul's office and noticed that there is no voicemail option. Please bear with us while we work out the technical glitches with the phone lines. To contact the office during regular hours, when Meghan is unable to answer the phone, please send an email to [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) and request a call back. Very sorry for this inconvenience.

### DROP OFF & MAILBOX

In response to folks inquiring, St. Andrew's does have a mail slot in the main doors to the hall. This mail slot can be used as a drop off for folks wanting to leave envelopes or items outside of regular office hours for St. Paul's as well. Although it doesn't look the same, this is our official mailbox!

### 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](mailto:sharonpond47@gmail.com).

### ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry items needed this week are Mr. Clean, dish and hand soap, toothpaste, tin foil, plastic wrap, ketchup, salt, tomatoes, large juice, pancake mix, syrup and canned fruit. 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.

### 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 your continued support of Saint Andrew's Outreach Program.



## BEWARE OF SCAMS!

Do not get taken in by a scam. Please remember Rev. Michelle will NEVER ask you to send her or others gift cards or e-transfers. All donation requests on behalf of the church will come through official communications and will be received through regular offerings or the church offices. If you are ever asked to make a donation, tell the person you need to think about it and then check it out with the person directly. As people of faith, we care and have big hearts, so it is important to also be wise and attentive in identifying the wolves in sheep's clothing.

## ANGEL TREE PROGRAM 2024

Once again, Greener Village Food Bank is seeking our help in making Christmas wishes come true for 40 local children whose families are being looked after by the Food Bank this year. The people of St. Paul's have been generous in their support of this program for several years just as the congregation of St. Andrew's has made Christmas merrier for mothers and their children through a similar program at Liberty Lane. (Details on the Liberty Lane program will be available in a few weeks.) On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will see a Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. The tree is decorated with 40 angels each identifying a child, their age and gift request. The angels are available in values of \$25 (each requesting a **Regent Mall gift card** usable at all stores), as well as \$30 and \$50. Please select an angel, fill out a card to indicate which angel you took, buy the gift or gift card and **return it to the church by November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Further information/guidelines can be found on the pink slip "**Now what do I do...**" If you need help shopping or would like to have your gift picked up, please call Carole Peacock at 506-452-1016.



## TUESDAY MORNING LADIES GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Group is a group of women who work hard on behalf of our church and our community and are eager to welcome anyone interested in coming to our weekly meetings. We meet on **Tuesday mornings at 9:30** in the church hall, socialize with coffee and a snack, and our meetings consist of a short devotional, update on those who are sick or shut-in, our next fundraising or other projects, (stay tuned for Christmas bazaar information!) sometimes include special speakers, and last for about an hour or so. We are a hard-working circle of women who enjoy being together and would love include more ladies from our shared churches.



## FUNDSCRIP

There will be no FundScrip order in November but start thinking about your Christmas order. There will be an order in time for Christmas shopping and gift-giving. Stay tuned!

## SIGN UP FOR FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with fellowship in November and December! There are still a few spaces available. We are hoping to have a mix of people from both congregations come together to support our fellowship hour after service on Sundays. To make or bring snacks, make coffee, serve and clean. Please sign up on the pink paper on the buffet outside the hall.

## FOUR-PART ADVENT STUDY SERIES

Join us for this group discussion format Advent study focusing on the book *Ponder These Things* by the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Prof. Rowan Williams. It is a collection of four meditations that invite the church to explore the meaning of Christ's incarnation and ministry by focusing on a story and three icons of Mary and the Christ

Child. In these meditations, Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury) reflects on the drama of God’s love in Christ that the images and stories reveal.

The study is part of the Presbyterians Read series and includes an accompanying study guide available online by November 7, 2024 at <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>. We will begin the study during the last week in November. Let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Erin Webb at [horncastle2732@gmail.com](mailto:horncastle2732@gmail.com) or 506-260-1629 (feel free to text) or Bev Bramble at [bbramble1@gmail.com](mailto:bbramble1@gmail.com) or 506-458-8311 (not set up for texting). Meeting times will be determined by the group.

## 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 1-4pm ~ *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

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends ~ Clocks Fall Back

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Mary Hossack, Sheila Dickson & Chris Grant

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Joint Worship Committee Meeting at 10:30am

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Meeting of Session at 7pm

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Remembrance Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Heather Labadie

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Rose Carolyn Smith

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hour hosted by Roger Miller

## SIMPLY COUNTRY PRESENTS...

Simply Country presents “The Men of Country”, Sunday **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 2-4pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. \$15 at the door.

## UNITED CHURCH MODERATOR IS COMING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Across the country, the 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 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. To register click [here](#). 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 16<sup>th</sup>**, 9am-Noon. There will be a Silent Auction table, Craft and Bake tables and much more. Free admission.



Nashwaaksis United Church

# Christmas Bazaar

46 Main St, Fredericton  
Saturday, November 16, 2024  
from 9:00am - 12:00pm

Silent Auction, Bake Tables,  
Craft Tables and much more!

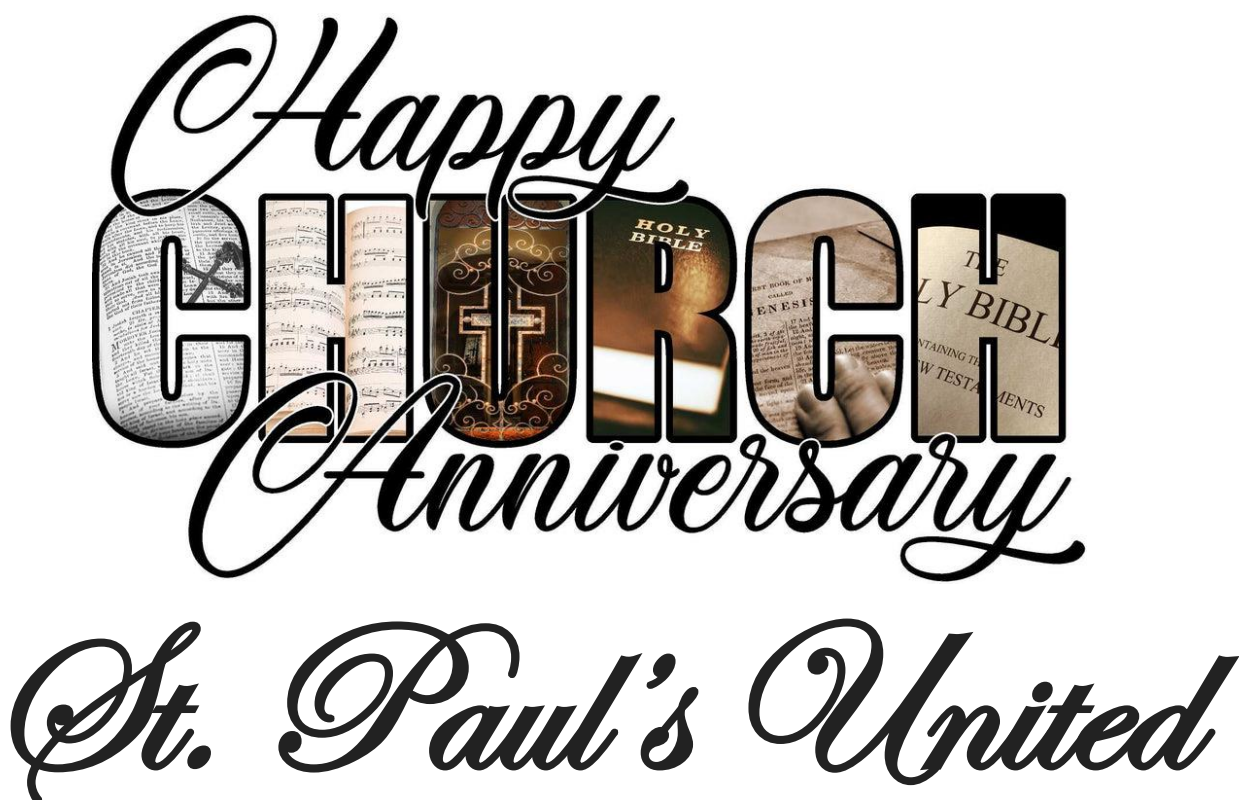
Free Admission



## 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](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) and Joanna at [sapcfred@gmail.com](mailto:sapcfred@gmail.com) by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will run for a 2-week period unless otherwise requested.

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**Joanna's Office Hours:** Monday- Friday from 2-6pm  
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**Minster:** Rev. Michelle Armstrong | **Organist:** Dr. Sharon Pond  
**Church Administrators:** Meghan Roebuck & Joanna Price  
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**Ministers Emeriti:** Rev. Doug Blaikie & Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery