

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

Fredericton, N.B.

November 17th, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost

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: Sheep May Safely Graze

~ 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)* ¹

Left: Come into the presence of the Holy

Right: Come to sing your praise

Left: Come to offer your prayers

Right: Come into the presence of the Holy

All: We worship together knowing God is here!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

VU 315

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: *(Responsive)* ¹

Holy One, we dare to come before you,
aware that there is nothing we can say.
Our hands are so full of things that are empty,
our hearts distracted,
our minds and mouths bearing words that reveal our brokenness.

What can we say, in the face of your holiness?

What can we say, in the presence of your goodness?

All we have is our silence,
our recognition that things are not as they ought to be,
and our awareness we are part of that wrong, one way or another.
In this community of prayer,
we seek you even as we tremble at the possibility of being seen.

Cleanse us, O God.

Heal us.

Forgive us.

In your gracious love, receive our silence as prayer

and bring us ever closer to you until we hear your whisper cutting through the noise.

Make us holy as you are holy, Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

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 5:5-11

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16

VU 737

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I have said to God, 'You are my God;
from you alone comes all my prosperity.'

**All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land,
and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods,
their troubles shall be multiplied.

**Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods,
nor will I take their names upon my lips.**

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;

you yourself have cast my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed I have a noble heritage.

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;

at night also you teach my heart.

I keep you always before me;

you are on my right hand,

therefore I shall not fall.

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

for my body shall also rest in safety.

For you will not surrender me to the Grave,

nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.

You will show me the path of life.

In your presence is fullness of joy;

and from your right hand flow delights

for evermore.

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 6:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

~ Schweizer

MESSAGE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

HYMN: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

TBoP 592

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.*

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

*I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.*

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R*

INVITATION TO OFFERING ²

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) ²

We offer these gifts to you O God with gratitude and joy, for by your grace, we live and through your love, we are blessed. Take what we have to offer, the rewards of our labour, and the work of our hands, so that others may know your goodness and experience your love. We pray in the name of Christ, our friend, and our Saviour. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

(We recognize a variety of ways to pray the Lord's Prayer, you are invited to pray using the words that speak to you and the language of your choice.)

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*

VU 274

*Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the heavenly feast.*

*And this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Through many days of darkness,
through many scenes of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard your people's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by earth and heaven,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

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: Toccata in D Minor

~ Dubois

¹ Adapted from Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy, November 17, 2024

² Adapted from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner November 17, 2024

Scripture Readers: Narrator & Lord – Rose Carolyn Smith, Simon & Isaiah – Alanna Palmer,
Jesus & Seraphs – Debbie West

Greeters: Mary Stickles, Alan & Jean Boudreau

Audio Visual: Glynis Martin & Beth Meister

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

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Many thanks to everyone who took an Angel... or two... or even, three... from the Wish Tree. Your generous support ensures there will be Santa gifts under the tree for these children on Christmas morning. Please remember to take your gift to the church office this week or bring it to church on Sunday, **November 17th**. If you are unable to return your gift by this date or would like to have it picked up, please call Carole Peacock at 506-452-1016.



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 or 506-260-1629 (feel free to text) or Bev Bramble at bbramble1@gmail.com or 506-458-8311 (not set up for texting) **by Nov 17th**. Meeting times will be determined by the group.

WREATHS 2024

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers are selling wreaths again and Nancy Macgarvie is selling them from her porch 83 Grey Street. Double sided balsam fir, decorated with a bow \$18, UNDECORATED \$15. **Deadline for orders is Sunday November 17th** and Pickup Sunday November 24. Call Nancy at 455-3026 or email Nancymacgarvie@rogers.com PLEASE NOTE: MY ORIGINAL SUPPLIER HAS RETIRED (mum and pop operation) This year I will be using a commercial supplier who has been supplying other GHG sellers for years. Proceeds support African grandmothers in conjunction with Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho. Their needs are as great as ever.

Examples, Successes, and Progress

Helping Children...Laying the foundation for the next generation

• Millions of orphans are back at school	• Feeding Programs
• Solar and Kerosene lights for homework	• Play therapy and counselling
• School supplies and uniforms	• Visits to struggling households

Helping Communities

• Support for grassroots groups	• Kitchen gardens
• Income generating collectives and market development <i>e.g. mushroom cultivation, saving and loans information</i>	• Crafts to make and sell <i>e.g. Beaded animals, jewelry,</i>
• Skills development and training	• Programs to eliminate the stigma of HIV

32ND ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL

Brunswick Street Baptist Church presents the 32nd Advent Carol Festival on Wednesday **December 4th** at 7:30pm. 161 York St, Fredericton. Featuring local church and community choirs with congregational singing. Freewill offering kindly welcome for CBC Feed a Family Campaign to support local food banks. Sponsored by the Fredericton Organists' Association.

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

You can reach Rev. Michelle on the main office lines, call her office directly at 506-455-0639, text or call her cell at 506-259-7602 or via email at michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com.

REV. MICHELLE'S OFFICE DROP-IN HOURS

Rev. Michelle has office hours available for drop-in on Sundays between 1-2:30pm and Monday from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred as she is sometimes out of the office or otherwise busy.



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161 York Street, Fredericton, NB
Tel: 506.458.8348

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St. Paul's United & Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
@ 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday December 7th
10am-1pm

Baking
Coffee & Muffins
Crafts
Puzzles
Books

ST. PAUL'S & SAINT ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our churches will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday **December 7th** from 10am-1pm. Come and check out the crafts, baking, puzzles and books. Donations of baking can be dropped off at the church on Friday December 6th between 9am and noon.

ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry items needed this week are sugar, salmon, baking soda, ritz crackers, large juice – orange & apple, tuna, sardines, orange juice boxes, canned mushrooms, macaroni, spaghetti, ketchup, brown sugar, cereal, Mr. Clean, laundry soap, Comet, Kleenex, single toothbrushes, toothpaste, paper towel and toilet 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.

FREDERICTON LADIES CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Fredericton Ladies Choir presents their Annual Christmas Concert at St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church on **December 10th** at 7pm, with special guest, Don Bozze Jazz. Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$20, available at Westminster Bookmark, at the door or from choir members, Patty Trail and Debbie Seymour.

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 by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will run for a 2-week period unless otherwise requested.



FREDERICTON LADIES CHOIR

Director: Sally Dibblee
Pianist: Carolyn Wagner

ANNUAL Christmas CONCERT

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 - 7:00 pm
St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church
Corner of Regent and Brunswick Streets, Fredericton - Doors open at 6:15 pm

Special Guest:
Don Bozze Jazz

Tickets \$20.00
(Available at Westminster Bookmark, from choir members, and at the door)



COLOURS OF ADVENT FUNDRAISER

Purple or pink? You choose! As a visual symbol of the season, Rev. Michelle will be dying the bottom of her hair either purple or pink, depending on what colour gets the most donations. Purple is the colour of penitence & penance, symbolizing how to prepare ourselves for God's presence. Pink is the colour of Joy, reminding you to rejoice in the Lord. Make donations in the jars at the back of the sanctuary or through the office – noting your colour choice, via cash or e-transfer to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com (auto deposited). Donations will be credited to your annual contributions. **Deadline is Nov 27th.**

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.

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

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.

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 17th** ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Rose Carolyn Smith & Tammy Coughlan
- November 24th** ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hour hosted by Roger Miller & Debbie West
- December 1st** ~ Advent 1 ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Mary Leonard
- December 1st** ~ FundScrip Orders Due
- December 7th** ~ St. Paul's & Saint Andrew's Christmas Bazaar ~ 10am-1pm
- December 8th** ~ Advent 2 ~ Services at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Mission & Outreach
- December 15th** ~ Advent 3 ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship hosted by Shawn & Beth Meister & Kim Keech
- December 22nd** ~ Advent 4 ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Alanna Palmer & Cathy Davis

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT MARYSVILLE UNITED

The Marysville United Church UCW are having a Christmas Bazaar and Turkey-a-la-King take-out. Friday, **November 29th**. The bazaar will be open and supper pick-up ready, between 4 and 6 p.m.

BREAKFAST & CHRISTMAS MARKET AT GIBSON

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St. will be hosting a "Breakfast & Christmas Market", Saturday, **Nov. 30th**, 8-11am Breakfast will be served 8-10:30am - \$12/person. Market tables will feature cards by Lori Donovan & Noreen Wetmore, baking, pickles, knitting and gently used books & puzzles. Everyone Welcome!



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Meghan's Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm & Friday 8am-1pm

Minster: Rev. Michelle Armstrong | **Organist:** Dr. Sharon Pond

Church Administrators: Meghan Roebuck & Joanna Price

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

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