

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

Fredericton, N.B.

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 AM

*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.*

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**PRELUDE:** All Things Bright and Beautiful

~ Rutter

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT:** *Open our Hearts*

MV 21

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Responsive)*<sup>1</sup>

Come with your faith and your hope.  
Come with your questions and your doubts.  
Come with your wondering and your certainty.  
Come with your expectations and your open mind.

**We come to see what Jesus is doing,  
We come to hear the Good News,  
We come to let the Word grow and live in us.  
We come to Worship!**

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

TBoP 348

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*First, let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.*

*Tell me about the disciples from far and near,  
and I will listen among them eager to hear.  
Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless,  
showing the people God's tenderness?*

*Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
and how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows and hushed the wind.*

*Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is King!*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION <sup>1</sup>**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** *(Responsive)*

God is the love that is over and around us  
the grace that is totally unearned;  
and the healing that makes the earth whole.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.**

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

### **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

## **THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** *(In Unison)*

**God, you are the source of wisdom and understanding for us.  
In the midst of all that distracts us, help us listen in stillness.  
In the midst of competing voices, may we hear your Word for our lives and our times.  
By your Spirit, help us discern Jesus' call to follow him. Amen.**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 146:5-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God,**  
who made heaven and earth,  
**the sea, and all that is in them;**  
who keeps faith forever;  
**who executes justice for the oppressed;**  
**who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**the Lord loves the righteous.**  
The Lord watches over the strangers;  
**he upholds the orphan and the widow,**  
**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever,  
**your God, O Zion, for all generations.**  
Praise the Lord!

### **FOCAL READING:** Luke 7:18-35

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *There's a Spirit in the Air*

TBoP 764

*There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'*

*Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!*

*When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.*

*Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!*

*When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world*

*May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
live tomorrow's life today.*

*There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING <sup>2</sup>

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 mystery and mercy,  
We come before you today carrying hopes and dreams,  
the burdens and blessings of our lives.*

We bring all that is on our hearts and minds to you,  
seeking your comfort and strength,  
listening for your guidance,  
grateful that you hear us when we pray.  
Faithful God,  
Hear our prayer.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison) <sup>3</sup>**

*(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.)*

Faithful God,  
Hear our prayer.

**WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY**

**HYMN: *Are you a Shepherd?***

**MV 126**

*Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?*

**Refrain**

*Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.*

*Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
challenging students to offer their best?*

*Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
lead all you children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight.*

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING MUSIC: *When Jesus Came to be Baptized***

**VU 100 vs 4**

*O Spirit help us be like Christ:  
to live in love and charity,  
to walk in truth and justice now,  
and grow in Christian dignity.*

**POSTLUDE**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Teri Peterson, *BibleWorm Liturgy*, February 16, 2025

<sup>2</sup> *The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner*, February 16, 2025

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## Thank you to our Volunteers today!

**Scripture Readers:** Psalm Leader & Jesus – Leanna Smith, Narrator – Jane Banks, John’s Disciples – Jean Boudreau

**Greeters:** Carole Peacock & Rose Carolyn Smith

**Audio/Visual:** Beth & Shawn Meister & 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.

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

View anytime on **YouTube** here: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulsunitedchurch984/videos>

## ST. PAUL’S 2024 TAX RECEIPTS

St. Paul’s 2024 Tax Receipts are in the mail. Keep your eyes open for yours! Please contact Meghan at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) or 506-458-1183 if you have any questions regarding your annual contribution amount.



## ST. PAUL’S PANTRY PROGRAM

This month, the Pantry will focus on 2.5 kg of flour, ketchup and dish detergent. Other needs are vinegar, mayo, puddings, white & brown rice, syrup, molasses, coffee, and Mr. Clean. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Heather Labadie is coordinating our Coffee/Fellowship Hour volunteers. Thanks to those who have already responded to her. If you would like to get involved too, please contact her at [heather.labadie@gmail.com](mailto:heather.labadie@gmail.com). You could offer to do a complete “hour” yourself, or you could volunteer to help someone else out. If you are new to this “task”, Heather will pair you up with someone who is experienced. If you would like to volunteer to just look after the coffee and tea (and not the snacks), let Heather know. If you would like to provide snacks, but not make the coffee/tea, Heather will work with you to share with someone else who may not want to do the snacks. ~ Mary Charters

## BOOKING MEETING SPACE

As the use of our space gets busier, please remember to book your meeting space through the office. Drop by in person, call 506-455-8220 or 506-458-1183 or email [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) and [sapcfred@gmail.com](mailto:sapcfred@gmail.com). Both offices use a shared online calendar so we can ensure space is available for your meeting.

## THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Evening bible study will take place from 6-7pm in Rev. Michelle’s office. This will be a Lectio Divina style engagement with the scripture reading for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome!



## ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Monday – Thursday** ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program in St. Paul’s Office

**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** ~ Bible Study from 6-7pm ~ *All are Welcome!*

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

**Fridays** ~ Community Outreach ~ Breakfast 2 Go from 8:30-10am

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Debbie Allison, Barb McGuigan & Lois Paterson

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Offices Closed for Family Day Stat Holiday

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Marg Leonard

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ Ash Wednesday Service

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ *Fellowship Hosts Needed!*

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ World Day of Prayer Service at St. Andrew's at 2pm

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Heather Labadie

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by Chris Grant & Mary Stickle

## MUSIC OF HER SOUL

You are invited to Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 512 Charlotte Street on **February 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:30pm to hear beautiful music written by women composers; Fanny Mendelssohn, Helene Fleury Roy, Clara Schumann, and Louise Adolpha Le Beau. Presented by Natalia Delacroix on Viola, and Nicolas Roy on Piano. Tickets are \$20 online at [delacroixclassix.com](http://delacroixclassix.com) or \$25 at the door. Tickets are also available at St. Paul's office Monday-Thursaday between 8am and 3pm for \$20 each.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

An invitation is extended to all Women and Men to attend the World Day of Prayer Services in Fredericton. The World Day of Prayer for 2025 was prepared by the Women of the Cook Island. The theme is "I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139: 1-18.)

**Northside:** St. Mary's Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street, Fredericton on Friday, **March 7<sup>th</sup>**, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 PM.

**Southside:** St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Church, 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton on Sunday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Storm Date: March 16 at 2:00 PM.

## CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

Rev. Michelle can be reached on the main office phone lines, her office directly at 506-455-0639, by text or call to her cell at 506-259-7602 or via email at [michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com). Drop-in office hours are available Sundays between 1-2:30pm and Mondays from 1-2:30pm. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

## BULLETIN & ENEWS SUBMISSIONS

Please send announcements to Meghan at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) by noon Wednesday.



**MUSIC OF HER SOUL**

Music written by women composers

Fanny Mendelssohn, Sonata Fantasi  
Helene Fleury Roy, Fantasie

Clara Schumann, Romance  
Luise Adolpha Le Beau, Sonata

NATALIA DELACROIX  
VIOLA

NICOLAS ROY  
PIANO

**FEB 21, 07:30 PM  
FREDERICTON**

SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton, NB, E3B1M2

TICKETS  
Online 20\$ At the door 25\$  
[delacroixclassix.com](http://delacroixclassix.com)



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

**Custodian:** Doug Newman | **Ministers Emeriti:** Rev. Doug Blaikie & Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery