

**SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN & ST. PAUL'S UNITED**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**



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Fredericton, N.B.

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 AM

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*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:** Peaceful Meditation

~ Fey

**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.  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Responsive)*

We come to this sanctuary seeking God's light for our lives,

**In our struggles we come, seeking God's strength and wisdom.**

We come to this sanctuary seeking to offer worship,

**In our joy we come, offering praise and thanksgiving.**

In our coming to this sanctuary, we are greeted by the Holy One,

**We experience God through this community of faithful people.**

So we gather in this place, where mercy and justice, hope and healing can be found.

## **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *O Lord My God! / How Great Thou Art*

**TBoP 332**

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

God, whose name is love,  
we confess our faults and failings,  
knowing you know us through and through.  
You tell us that love is patient and kind,  
and you know when our patience and kindness fall short.  
You tell us love is never rude or selfish,  
and you see the times we insist on our own way.  
You tell us to reach out in love for the healing of our world,  
yet you know when we withdraw into ourselves and refuse to shine.  
Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable  
just like yours. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON <sup>2</sup>**

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

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (In Unison) <sup>3</sup>**

God of wisdom, your Word brings life and hope.  
By the power of your Spirit, open our minds to understanding,  
teach our hearts to love,  
and strengthen our wills to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

**RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 119:105-112**

Your word is a lamp to my feet,  
**and a light to my path.**

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
**to observe your righteous ordinances.**

I am severely afflicted;  
**give me life, O Lord, according to your word.**

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,  
**and teach me your ordinances.**

I hold my life in my hand continually,  
**but I do not forget your law.**

The wicked have laid a snare for me,

**but I do not stray from your precepts.**

Your decrees are my heritage forever;

**they are the joy of my heart.**

I incline my heart to perform your statutes

**forever, to the end.**

**FOCAL READING:** Luke 7:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** The Grace Divine

~ Price

**MESSAGE**

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

VU 271

**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>4</sup>

**God of life and love, we are grateful for all you have given us in Christ and in creation,**

**in community and in the Church that bears Jesus' name.**

**We offer our gifts to you in love, trusting you will bless them and us.**

**May all that we offer become tangible expressions of your love at work in the world for Christ's sake. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:** *(In Unison)*

*(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:** *Go Forth for God*

VU 418

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

***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: Trumpet Tune No. 5**

*~ Fey*

<sup>1</sup> *Adapted from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, February 2, 2025*

<sup>2</sup> *Adapted from Teri Peterson, Bibleworm Liturgy, February 9, 2025*

<sup>3</sup> *The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner, Feb 23, 2025*

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***Thank you to our Volunteers today!***

***Scripture Readers:*** Psalm Leader & Friend – Murray McEachen,  
Narrator – Alanna Palmer, Jesus – Debbie West

***Greeters:*** Mary Stickles & Jean & Alan Boudreau

***Audio/Visual:*** Beth & Shawn Meister & Glynis Martin

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**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>

***Please join us in the hall following the service for  
fellowship, tea, coffee, and treats!***

**ST. PAUL'S 2024 TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE!** – St. Paul's 2024 Tax Receipts are available for pick up. They will be in the back of the church until Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, then the remaining envelopes will be mailed. Please contact Meghan at 506-458-1183 or [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com) if you have any question regarding your annual contribution amount.

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** - Thursday Evening Bible study will be from 6-7pm in Rev. Michelle's office. This is a Lectio Divina style engagement with the scripture reading for the coming Sunday.

**PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS** - Winter of 2024 Presbyterian Connections is now available in the church and Hall entries. See page 20 for a familiar face.

**ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM** - The Pantry items needed this week are white rice, Rice Crispies, Corn Flakes, icing sugar, juice boxes, paper towel, tin foil, waxed paper & plastic wrap. Thank you for your ongoing support!

**BOOKING MEETING SPACE** - As the use of our space gets busier, please remember to book your meeting space through the offices. 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.

**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS** - Heather Labadie is coordinating 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

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Service at 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hosted by  
Patty Trail & Cathy Davis

**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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES** - An invitation is extended to all Women and Men to attend the World Day of Prayer Services in the Fredericton area. 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:** The World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street, Fredericton on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2pm. Storm Date: Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**Southside:** The World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Church, 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2pm. Storm Date: March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**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 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.

## ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Monday – Friday** ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program  
**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

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