

ST. PAUL'S & WILMOT UNITED CHURCHES
JOINT SUMMER SERVICES
July 21, 2013

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Musette (Vaughn-Williams)

Announcements

Call to Worship:

People of God,
look around and see the faces of those we know and love—
neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers—
a community of kindred hearts.

People of God,
look around and see the faces of those we hardly know—
strangers, visitors, forgotten friends—
the ones who need an outstretched hand.

People of God,
look around and see all the images of God assembled here.
In me, in you, in each of us,
God's spirit shines for all to see.
People of God, come. Let us worship together.

Welcome to the Church

We Light the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires, known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VU #220

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:

God of all creation,
you love us into being,
yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation.
We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us,
and dominate the richness of the natural order.
Forgive our greedy grasping.
We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home,
mirrored in the violence of cities,
and the brokenness of hearts.
Forgive and restore us, O God.
Nurturing God, remind us of other ways to live
and of a place called home,
where creation reflects your goodness
and each thing lives in balance with all others.
Come and find us, set us right again,
and take us home.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

* Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See

VU #371

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Joan MacDonald

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Reading: Luke 10: 38-42

Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Guitar Interlude

Steven Peacock

Sermon: The Importance of Sabbath

Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time for Silent Reflection

* Hymn: O God beyond All Praising

VU #256

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Music

Doxology:

VU #541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication:
Ever-present God,
with this offering, we present also ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are,
and all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. E. Beirsto

* **Closing Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision VU #642

* **Commissioning**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Postlude: Prelude to a Te Deum (Charpentier)

If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service. A special welcome to our friends and neighbours from St. Paul's United Church. Thank you to **Jeanette Hall** and **Gail Wylie** for hosting today's time of fellowship and refreshments.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. PAUL'S: Emergency Pastoral Care for St. Paul's will be provided by Rev. Ellen Beirsto for the month of July. To reach Rev. Beirsto please phone 206-1943, leave a message at 454-2157 or phone our Office Administrator, Marlene Phillips at 458-1066.

OUR CONDOLENCES are extended to Shirley (Beirsto) Springer, Doug and Jack Beirsto on the recent death of *Frank Springer*.

CHURCH HISTORICAL NOTE: In the late 1940s famous Canadian artist Alex Colville designed the stencil decoration in the Wilmot Church sanctuary, and determined the colour scheme of a dull red, a mid-blue and a somber brown for the painted woodwork to emphasize the gothic architecture. The Hon. W. J. West, former Chief Justice, commissioned Colville. West's daughter, artist Mary West Pratt, said that then, as a young artist, she found the scheme "exhilarating" but, "The old guard was upset." Pratt said that Alex was "astounded to be asked and very pleased", because he hadn't expected to be treated as a professional in the Maritimes, and he was surprised to be paid. He trained the late Jean Anderson and some other amateur artists how to mix the paint. Colville said, "A former professor of mine had done the decorative scheme for Fawcett Hall at Mount Allison, and I thought if he did something like that, possibly I could." In October of 1994, Colville, in Fredericton to deliver a lecture, returned to Wilmot. He was pleased and quite surprised, he said, that his colour design was still in use. (From Wilmot's website) Alex Colville died peacefully at home in Wolfville NS on July 16th, 2013.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED: The Wilmot Drop-In Centre has organized an excursion to Shediac and Moncton for Saturday, August 10. If you could help out by driving one of the rented vans, please contact either Norman Laverty (455-3349) or Chris Colwell (455-1782). Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES NOW ONLINE: The 88th Maritime Conference Annual Meeting minutes are now online. Go to <http://marconf.ca/marconf-2013-88th-annual-meeting/> to read or download them.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU: The Worship Committee (at Wilmot) is offering you an opportunity to learn something new. We would like to build a small team of trained individuals to operate the sound system for Sunday services after the summer is over. This will mean that the responsibility for every Sunday will not be on one or two people all year. We will provide training to those interested. To learn more, please contact Carlinda Daigle at carlinda@nbnet.nb.ca or 450-4319.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- AUGUST 26 – 30
TOGETHER WITH ST. PAUL'S and HELD AT WILMOT

“*Everywhere Fun Fair*” is this year's program where Biblical neighbors will teach children how to be friendly, giving, bold, forgiving and welcoming. It will take the children on a global celebration with the feel of a “World's Fair” stopping by 5 countries – Japan, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, Mexico and Australia. The children will discover that God's love can be found everywhere including their own neighborhoods. The week will be filled with interactive storytelling, global games, 'rockin' music, cool crafts and more! To register your children (to help us with our planning) call Ellen or Marlene.

CAMP WOOLASTOOK IS FOR SALE

This is to advise all church members or other interested people that our United Church Camp Woolastook, 2170 Kintore Road in Victoria County, New Brunswick, has been listed for sale. This property contains approximately 6 acres, has 11 cabins, a Cathedral/Dining Hall, boys and girls bathrooms and showers, trailer hook-ups, in-ground pool, basketball court and playground. All situated along the beautiful Muniac Stream. A perfect, affordable retreat. Asking \$125,000. A temporary web site is available at woolastook-presbytery.ca/camp for the sole purpose of expediting the sale. Interested people should contact Ruth Shaw, Manager of Thompson Real Estate Ltd. 506.392.6734.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES:

During the month of July we will have combined worship services with our friends from St. Paul's. Worship services will be held here at Wilmot beginning at **10:30 am.** August and the first Sunday in September we will worship at St. Paul's.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Wilmot August 26 - 30.