

March 2nd, 2025 Transfiguration Sunday.

Thought to ponder: *"God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world."*— Desmond Tutu

Prelude: MV #180 verse 1

**Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing oh people as one voice!
Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing of God, Each heart rejoice!
Sing! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, as one voice! Sing!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah, all rejoice!**

Welcome

**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church
Acknowledgement of the Territories
Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you
All: And also with you

Call to Worship:

One: The call of the Holy One has brought us together.
All: We have been called to pray and to praise.
One: We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

**All: May the light of Love burn brightly
in us.**

One: May it transfigure and transform our
hearts and minds.

**All: May it become a beacon of hope
for others.**

Hymn: VU #104

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

**We have come
at Christ's own bidding
To this high and holy place,
Where we wait
with hope and longing
For some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
That our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples
For a sign both clear and complete.**

**Light breaks in upon our darkness;
Splendour bathes
the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
As the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
How the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments
drenched in brightness,
Stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
Fearful lest our faith decline,
We like Peter find it tempting**

**To remain and build a shrine.
 But true worship gives us courage
 To proclaim what we profess,
 That our daily lives may prove us
 People of the God we bless.**

Words Carl P. Daw jr. music: Cyril Vincent Taylor reprinted under
 OneLicense A725110

Gathering Prayer

**God of mountaintops and valleys and
 everywhere in between, we thank you
 for meeting us where we are. We
 thank you also for leading us to this
 place of prayer and renewal. Enlighten
 our minds, radiate our hearts, and
 ready us for Your Word of Love. Let it
 shine in and through us, lighting a
 path of grace, hope, and joy. May the
 same transfiguring power, shown in
 Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the
 good of the world. Amen.**

Children's time: SHINE!!!!!!

Hymn: MV #180 Sing, Sing Out!

**Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
 Sing oh people as one voice!
 Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
 Sing of God, Each heart rejoice!
 Sing! Hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, as one voice! Sing!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah, all rejoice!**

**Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
 Sing oh people for rebirth!
 Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
 Sing of God in all the earth!
 Sing! Hallelujah!
 Hallelujah for rebirth! Sing!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah, all rejoice!**

Words & Music: Jim Hannah 2003 reprinted under OneLicense A-725110

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses is radiant as he comes down the mountain

Psalms 99 God rules and delights in justice

Luke 9:28-36 Jesus is transfigured

Ministry of Music: Shout to The Lord

Reflection: On Top of the Mountain

Hymn: MV #82 Bathe Me in Your Light

**Bathe me in your light,
 O God of All, Creator;
 Let it shine upon my soul
 with healing and with grace.
 For love will set us free.
 Be to me a beacon bright through
 shadows of life's wounding,
 Showing me the way to live in faith,
 in your embrace.**

**Bathe me in your love,
 O Source of Awe and Wonder;
 Help me walk the sacred path
 of harmony and peace.
 May I be attentive to
 the musings of your presence,
 Drinking from the well of hope
 that brings the heart release.**

**Bathe me in your grace,
 O One of Spirit's longing;
 Teach me of your gentle ways
 that fill the soul with strength.
 Guide me on the pilgrimage
 that leads to truth and wholeness
 Fill me with your promise
 of a love that knows no length.**

Words John Oldham, Music Ron Klusmeier 2002 reprinted under
 OneLicense A-725110

Prayers of the People

One: God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom
 come, thy will be done on earth as it is
 in heaven. Give us this day our daily
 bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass
 against us; and lead us not into
 temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication

O Spirit of Life, shine on us again and again that we may become the blessing you intend. Keep awakening us to Your holy mystery and sacred call. Bless these gifts we bring so that Your love may be shared with others and offer the light of a new beginning. By this, and more than we can name, continue to transfigure us and the world. Amen.

Hymn: He Is Exalted

**He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high
We will praise him.
He is exalted
forever exalted
And I will praise his name.
He is the Lord
forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted
the King is exalted on high.
He is exalted
the King is exalted on high.**

Benediction:

**Sung Benediction: Shine Jesus Shine
Shine Jesus Shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word,
Lord and let there be light.**



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

4 Morrison Avenue, Sussex, N.B. E4E 1P5

Phone: 506-432-1114 Email:

stpaulsunitedsussex@rogers.com

Minister: Rev. Jennifer Brown

ministerstpaulsucc@gmail.com

506-612-0543 or 506-756-3340

Director of Music - Karen Gallagher

Choir Director - Mary Lea Stafford

Office Administrator – Al Brown Custodian – Marty Adair

Treasurer – Linda McBride treasurerstpaulsucc1@gmail.com

Church Family Ministry Team – Coleen Corbett, Lisa Folkins,
Shari Brennan

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 – 3:00

Announcements

March 2nd, 2025 Transfiguration Sunday

Reader for this week: Daniel Carmichael

Reader for next week: Eunice Keirstead

Greeter this week: Cheryl and Robin

Greeter next week: Elaine and Tom

Tellers this week: Paul and Brenda

Tellers next week: Kevin and Janice

A/V this week: Lloyd

A/V next week: John

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Wednesday 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

7:10 Board Meeting

Thursday 2:00 Circle of Friendship

Friday 2:00 World Day of Prayer at
Salvation Army church.

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
 10:00 Sunday Service via
 Facebook and Zoom
 Coffee and conversation after the service

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday 6:30

Game night: Join us for Game Night in the fellowship hall. Thursday March 6th starting at 6:30.

A Lenten Program is available: if you would like a copy of the book 31 short spiritual practices, please contact the office to get your copy. It can be electronic or printed.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church

for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

M&P: The M&P committee exists as the supervisory committee for staff at St. Paul's. If you have a compliment or complaint that you wish to have discussed, please submit it in writing to the M&P committee by putting it in a sealed envelope and leaving it in their mailbox. The M&P committee: Shirley Keith, Tom Belyea, Judy Candy, Cheryl Hughes, Bob Ness, Denise Murphy

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

[pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown