



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, February 23, 2025

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Music Director: Linda Giddens

Today's speaker Rev. Dr. Brad Little

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

Take delight in the Lord;

For God will give us the desires of our hearts.

Trust in the Lord;

For God will give us security and strength.

Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.

Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.

Worship in Music: BP 247 (vv. 1-3) – O for a thousand
tongues to sing

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

**Faithful God, You have gathered Your people in faithfulness
throughout many generations. You have offered Your
blessing to us through their examples, and led the Church
through many changes and challenges by Your**

**Spirit. Draw near to us this day to guide us in these
uncertain times. Root our faithfulness in the compassion
and courage we meet in Jesus. Renew us through Your
steadfast love so that we may dare to trust our future to
You. All praise and honour are Yours, O God: Father, Son and
Holy Spirit. You are with us, even in our failings. Hear us as
we confess our sins so that we might be able to begin again
with You. Gracious God, You test the mind and search the
heart, so You know the thoughts and intentions we keep
hidden. Trusting in Your wisdom and mercy, we confess the
ways we have failed to love one another, the times we
looked the other way when someone needed help, and the
ways our actions betrayed Your goodness. Forgive us for
missing opportunities to share Your love, and carrying
grudges that keep us from offering the forgiveness we hope
for. Renew us with Your mercy to become more merciful to
others we meet, in the example of Christ our Lord. It is in his
name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear and believe the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a
new creation. The old life is gone, and new life has begun.
Trust that you are forgiven by God's generous love, and have
the courage to forgive one another for Christ's sake.

Worship in Music: SoG 92 – It is well with my soul

GOD'S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

First Reading: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

1 Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of
those who do wrong;

**2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants
they will soon die away.**

3 Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

6 He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

9 For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

10 A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

11 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

39 The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

40 The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Third Reading: Luke 6: 27–38

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Sermon: “The Plan Beyond the Plan”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Worship in Music: BP70 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer

Confession of Faith: BoP 616 – The Apostles Creed

Worship in Music: BoP 403 (vv. 1–3) – Amazing grace
Benediction and Choral Amen

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, February 23

Within the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, there are many diverse communities, including farming, mining, and forestry, along with three First Nations communities, rural and urban populations, and a growing number of newcomers to Canada. At the heart of each congregation within the ministry is a genuine desire to be good neighbours and to improve the lives of those around them, even in small ways. This commitment is expressed through various initiatives, such as children’s camps and programming, a senior’s ministry serving nursing homes and shut-ins, and regular food distribution, as well as providing warm clothing and blankets for the homeless and facilitating access to addiction treatment centers. Through their outreach efforts, the congregations bear witness to their faith and actively fulfill Christ’s mission in the region.

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Upcoming Services

Mar 2 – Maryann Skinner

Mar 9 – Bob Lyle 1st Sunday in Lent

Mar 16 – Brad Little 2nd Sunday in Lent

Mar23- Maryann Skinner 3rd Sunday in Lent (Fellowship)