

Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

This week I had the pleasure to worship with St. Paul's United Church in Sussex, NB and offer greetings and gratitude on your behalf.

Unfortunately Rev. Jenn Brown was sick on Sunday and unable to be present. I suggest she still led worship in the way she co-creates a climate where confident lay people can take the lead on such occasions.

As such, Lisa Folkins, a member of the Church Family Ministry Team, was able to step in and lead worship. Lisa got the call early Sunday morning and without skipping a beat, prepared a reflection and very confidently led us all in a meaningful worship. Music led by Director of Music, Karen Gallagher and Choir Director, Mary Lea Stafford greatly enhanced our worship experience.

St. Paul's invested in up to date technology to enable worship to be live streamed. Thank you to Al Brown for making us look and sound good.

Lisa embodied the message she shared as she, like Samuel, Philip and Nathanael of the scripture readings, responded to the early Sunday morning call from Jennifer, with "Here I Am" - the words of Lisa's mother's favourite hymn

While this is St. Paul's story, I know that worship happens across the Region and beyond, thanks to a multitude of Spirit filled people, clergy and lay, who confidently share their gifts and answer, "Here I am." Thank you.

Please hold St. Paul's and all our ministries to the Divine Light.
For pictures check out [FSLDW Facebook](#).

Lisa invited all of us to make the words of Samuel, (when he finally heard the mysterious Holy voice), "Speak, for your servant is listening" our prayer for 2024. May this be our prayer.

In Peace,

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