



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

April 1, 2018

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Listen... Love... Lead.*

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME: This Is the Day X2 #122 More Voices

CALL TO WORSHIP

With the growing rays of dawn a new day has begun, new light springs from an empty tomb.

An EMPTY tomb? What can that mean?

Christ has been raised! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

As we gather to wonder at this news we light a candle to shine like the light from the tomb.

Christ is alive! The light overcomes the darkness!

GIFT OF MUSIC: Christ is Risen, Alleluia! *Sr. Choir*
**Please join with the choir at Alison's cue.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

Here we gather on land that has been occupied for centuries. Long before Alexander Forbes claimed this site for a Presbyterian church the land was used by First Nations people: the Beaver, the Cree, the Métis. Now we share the land together as Treaty People.

We honour and thank those who cared for this land before us. We pledge to work as partners as we move into the future.

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

This is the day that God has made!

We will rejoice and be glad!

God of new life and new hope, today you do a new thing!

With the dawning of the new day you have brought a new creation into being!

As we celebrate the resurrection today,

empty the tombs and dead spaces in our lives,

renew our hope for the future,

remind us that the coming Reign of Love, Peace and Justice may be slowed but can never be stopped.

As we run to the tomb with the Peter and the other disciple

open our eyes to the power of resurrection.

As we see the wonder of new life,

empower us to live as a resurrection people. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen

Gathering Hymn: Roll the Stone Away

See insert

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:

GIFT OF MUSIC: This Blessed Easter Day *Jr. Choir*

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

SILENT REFLECTION

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle and stir in our souls)

SERMON *April Fool's?*

GIFT OF MUSIC: A Gaelic Easter Celebration

Sr. Choir

WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation: His Eye is on the Sparrow

Bell Choir

Dedication Offering Hymn: God Says

Vs. 3&4

#172 More Voices

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Celebration of Communion

Hymn: Thine is the Glory

#173 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

This is the day that God has made!

We will rejoice and be glad!

We have heard the wonderful news!

Christ is Risen!

We go to live resurrection hope!

**Bringing words of life in place of fears of death, sharing the promise the God's
Reign wins out, that God has the final word.**

In the name of the God who makes us,
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.

We go in God's love and promise always.

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song
POSTLUDE: Great Things He Hath Done

#213 More Voices
Bell Choir

Thank you to all our musicians this morning
Choirs, Bells, Laurie and Paula Anderson, Scott Maitland,
and Mason White

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Offering Envelopes - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your givings. If you don't have a set of offering envelopes, and would like some, please contact Carla in the church office. Also please make sure you have envelope # on your givings so it can be record to the correct person.



JUST A REMINDER...

For those parents with small children, please be reminded there is a nursery available when your children need more room to run around, or are upset and inconsolable. The nursery is conveniently just down the hall across from the Friendship Room.

ATTENTION ALL HOUSEHOLDS

Have you joined St. Paul's Recyclable program yet?

St. Paul's has an easy fund raiser to help with the Church renovations. All you need to do is bag up all your empty bottles, cans and milk jugs and put our **church id # 1468-2415** visible on each bag and drop them off at the bottle depot on Resources Road and before you leave, check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags/boxes on bottles/can you dropped off.

***** \$727.40 has been brought in since January 1, 2017****

Planning for New Banners and Community Building Please meet after immediately after church in the sanctuary on April 15 to find out how you can participate. We have a plan for a work bee beginning Thursday May 10th to Saturday May 12th at St. Paul's that could include many roles. You can contribute your time, talents and funds to bring this project to life. (We need cutters, sewers, pressers, coffee makers, sandwich makers, visitors, encouragers and FUNDERS!) If you have questions call Linda Wagner 780- 532-9759, Beryl Alstad 780-830-7242, Sherry Alstad 780-568-4679, Alice Lorenz 780-532-4004.

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson

Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

Sunday School: Holly Loughead

Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke

Music Director: Alison White.



Our Prayers are offered for, Allison Blanchard and Family , Art Macklin and Eathyn Anderson and Family

Church Office Hours!

~~Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm
*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.~~

**** Please note the Church office will be closed from March 30 – April 8th. ****

If you have a prayer request, please write it down in our prayer book on the table at the entrance into worship. Your needs will be added to our community prayer.

Thank you

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel"

Top of The Morning To You - Thank you to everyone that helped put together the March 17th "Embrace Your Inner Leprechaun" St. Patrick's event. Our event was successful in food , fun and financially to the tune of \$4000. Thank you again to everyone for working and playing together and giving St. Paul's budget a little boost so we can continue to be present helping in our community. Thanks again Sherry and Neil Alstad

Would you like to put an announcement in the Sunday bulletin? Please have them to Carla in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** in order to have them in for the current week's bulletin.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

St. Paul's Council is seeking a Treasurer and a Member at Large.

If you are interested in please contact Karen Scott or Rev. Gord.

THANK YOU!

St. Paul's Explorers and CGIT want to express our gratitude for your support of our recent Bottle Drive.

We raised, through bottle collection and some cash donations, \$517 towards our Mission Project "Change for Children".

Your ongoing support of our groups is greatly appreciated, thanks so much! Warm Fuzzies! Explorers and CGIT

Vacation Bible School - please contact Holly (780-933-9937) to volunteer for this week of fun! We will announce the dates and other details in the near future, so stay tuned.

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! When locking the church doors please make sure that the door is actually latched. Thank you!

Moved?? New to the Church??

If you have moved, or you are new to the Church, please stop by the church office or send Carla a quick email (secretary@stpaulsuc.ca) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

Thursday is "coffice" day! Remember that on Thursday afternoons from 1-4 pm Gord can be found at the West end Starbucks. Join him for a drink and a chat.

Parents – If your children are using the nursery, please tidy it up before leaving.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from March 1- 29 we gave out 10 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$685.00 from** our local outreach fund. Please consider donating "in good used condition" warm clothing such as mitts, gloves, socks, toques and bath towels for the Saint Lawrence Center. Thank you for your continued support.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation

an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm

April 22, and May 20th

JUBILOSO! Bells of Concordia from Concordia University of Edmonton will be featured in Concert **April 7, 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church [10206 - 100 Avenue, Grande Prairie](#)**. The theme "Bells from the Silver Screen" features a wide spectrum of music from the Sound of Music, Star Wars, The Mission, Shrek, Lion King, The Muppets and other popular movie standards. Tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for Students. Children 14 and under FREE when accompanied by an adult. Tickets available in advance or at the door.

P&M breakfast / work meeting Saturday, 8:00 a.m., April 15th.

Think De-Clutter, Think GARAGE SALE

"May 2-5, 2018."

Book these important days OFF right now!

Tell your friends to tell their friends about the Amazing St Paul's Garage Sale. Start sorting!

We are in need of Scripture Readers and Door Greeters every Sunday.

Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help during the worship services.

New to the church? Want a photo directory? See Carla in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

At St. Paul's We Are So Fortunate to have a church that is busy and full of life please be sure to check with Carla in the church office before you expect a room will be free for your use. Rooms booked with Carla in the office will have first priority.