



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 15, 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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

On a first day Creation began.

God spoke and there was light.

On this first day Creation begins again.

God speaks, the stone rolls, and the tomb is empty.

Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed!

In this Easter season, we join the early church, celebrating Christ's resurrection

We experience the joy of Easter and ask how it might change our world...and us.

As worship begins we greet our neighbours with words and signs of Christ's peace.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Easter Season of new life and new hope,

may the light of this candle remind us that light and life have the victory over death and darkness.

Gathered as followers of the Risen Christ, we quiet our hearts for worship.

GIFT OF MUSIC: Who Will Feed God's Lambs?

Jr. Choir

Jubiloso Concert

Thank you to St. Paul's Council for approving this event at our Church. Thank you to the congregation for supporting and attending this concert. The audience was a huge part of the success of this concert and the members of Jubiloso were thrilled with your warmth and enthusiasm for their music. A big thanks to Jubiloso for traveling to Grande Prairie and sharing their musical talents with us. Thank you to Sharon Adams who designed the posters and tickets, to those who put up posters, asked their family and friends to come, and filled the pews! Thank you to those who billeted our guests, thanks to those who made the tickets, and to those who sold the tickets and our front of house volunteers. Thanks to Carla & Gord who answer all the questions and keep everything flowing. Thank you to Laurie for accompanying a bell soloist as last minute changes were made - thank you Laurie for your musical talents and flexibility. Thank you to the bell ensembles for bringing an amazing potluck supper, which was eaten together with bell ringers from Jubiloso and our 2 bell ensembles. Thank you to the UCW who supplied a fantastic lunch to Jubiloso ringers to send them on their journey back to Edmonton. It was a mighty team effort and there are so many to thank! Jubiloso members were very impressed with the people of St. Paul's and the hospitality that they were shown. The Church service on Sunday morning was a highlight for them - they felt so welcomed and included in the service.

The concert was a fundraiser for St. Paul's and Jubiloso (to pay for their expenses in getting here). St. Paul's made \$1070.00 from this event. That is a celebration too! I sincerely appreciate all of the work by all of the people involved. Thank you for making the whole event a wonderful success. Jeannette

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!

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

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

Attention all ladies of St Paul's! UCW is holding our Spring Gathering on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00pm in the basement! We will be doing a “sound bath” a part meditation, part listening exercise, sound baths are healing musical performances played with singing bowls, crystal bowls, and or chimes. Bring a yoga mat and pillows/blankets if you'd like to lay on the floor or you can sit in a chair if you'd rather and let the waves of sound wash over you. All are welcome. Admission by donation.

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

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.

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!

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.

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.

OPENING PRAYER

God of Easter's Promise, we gather for worship,

hoping that you will reveal to us the possibilities of Resurrection Life.

God of Easter's Challenge, we gather for worship,

hearing you push us to be transformed, to do new things, to do old things in a new way.

God of Easter's Reverberations, at the end of the time of worship,

lead us back into the world to love and care for your sheep.

WE pray in the name of the Risen Christ, who encourages us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: I Danced in the Morning

#352 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God of Grace, you ask us, “Christian, do you love me?”

And we reply vigorously, “of course we do!”

But then you ask again, “Christian, do you love me?”

And we start to squirm a little bit and mumble that yes we do but sometimes we have trouble showing it.

So you ask a third time, “Christian, do you love me?”

And we stare at the ground, saying quietly, “yes.” But we need help to live that love every day

God of Grace, we love you, we seek to live in your Way,

so we ask for your help, we ask for your patience when we miss the path, we ask for your guidance as we choose how to live as loved and loving people.

...time of silent prayer...

God is Gracious, God is Patient, God meets us where we are. God teaches us to live love by showing us that we are loved, accepted, forgiven.

We are an Easter people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 21:1-25

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 *Gone Fishing*

Hymn: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #563 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: God Says Vs. 3&4 #172 More Voices

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Hymn: The Spring Has Come #187 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

We have been challenged to do live differently, to allow Easter to change us
In love and trust, we prepare to cast our nets on the other side, to not fall into old patterns

In response to our professions of love God says:

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep.

So we go out to live our love of God by caring about what God cares about,
loving the world around us, loving the people we meet every day.

Be bold, be strong, be courageous in the task.

We can do it for we know that God goes with us

Everywhere and always.

Amen.

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song #213 More Voices
POSTLUDE:

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**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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)*

*Sunday School: Holly Loughhead*

*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.

*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"*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Thursday is “coffee” 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.

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**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\*\*\***