



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

April 8, 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 hear the story and we wonder "could it be so"

The light shines from the empty tomb.

Darkness tried but could extinguish the light.

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 greet our neighbours with words and signs of Christ's Peace.

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!

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

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*****

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm
April 22, and May 20th*

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

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.

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.

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!

OPENING PRAYER

Source of Life, we gather together for worship,

hoping that here we will meet the Risen Christ.

Source of hope, we open ourselves in worship,

trusting that the Holy Spirit will blow through the room, filling us with peace.

God of New Life, in this time of worship,

empower us to go back into the wider world to share the Good News of Resurrection,

to proclaim the promise of forgiveness,

to encourage others with the peace of Christ.

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

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Now the Green Blade Rises

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome through baptism:

Jaxon Douglas Thompson

son of Jason and Nora, brother of Jayden

PRAYER OF DOUBT AND BELIEF

God of life that conquers death, in this Easter season,

we are challenged to see life where we expect to see death. It seems to good to be true.

God we believe, help our unbelief.

God of surprises, we hear wondrous stories and have trouble believing they could be true.

Like Thomas we want to see the evidence for ourselves, so we can judge for ourselves.

God we believe, help our unbelief.

God of wisdom, you give us an intellect and ask us to use it,

asking questions, challenging what we are told, seeking for answers

God we believe, help our unbelief.

Holy God who is Wholly Mystery, you ask us to be open to the mysterious and mystical,

help us embrace the mystery that is part of our lives, help us see that we do not have to understand everything, help us remember that there ways of knowing the go beyond the scientific and logical.

God we believe, help our unbelief. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC: Jubiloso

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

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 *Would You Believe?*

Hymn: You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation: Jubiloso

Dedication Offering Hymn: God Says

Vs. 3&4

#172 More Voices

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

#179 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

Appearing to his closest friends in an upper room,

the Risen Christ sent them out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2000 years later we seek to encounter the Risen Christ,

who still sends us out to share the promise of New Life guided by the Holy Spirit.

Go with God who created us, who raised Jesus, who fills us with love and hope.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Life Wins!

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song

#213 More Voices

POSTLUDE: Jubiloso

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.

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.