



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
February 4, 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 Joy Is Now in Every Place #45 Voices United

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

We gather in this season of Epiphany to celebrate how God is made known in the world.

We pay attention to what Jesus says and does, looking to see God active in the world.

God calls us to share the stories of faith with each other, so that we would see where God is.

We seek the Living Water that refreshes and energizes

Open to God's presence in our midst, we greet each other with words and signs of Peace.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the Beginning was the Word...in the Word was life and the life was light to all.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can not overcome it

As the true Light, the Light of God, shines in our hearts we center ourselves for worship

OPENING PRAYER

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

And we have heard you.

All who are thirsty, come to the fountain.

We come to dip our souls in the stream of life, to drink deeply and satisfy our thirst.

God of Living Water, the spring that never fails,

may this time of worship refresh and revive us.

May it energize us.

May the drink we take today fill us so that we overflow with love, ready to share what we have found with all we meet.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who we know as the Living Water

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Eat This Bread and Never Hunger

#471 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Celebration of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 4:1-42

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 *He Asked For a Drink... You Won't Believe What She Said*

Hymn: By the Well a Thirsty Woman

#117 More Voices

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old #81 Voices United

Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus

#626 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

God of Living Water, you called us to come and drink.

And we came. We drank. We were washed.

And now we prepare to return to the world.

Carrying with us the knowledge that the Spring of Life is always available to us.

May we be bearers of life-giving Water to all we meet.

Helping them to find ways to slake their thirsty souls, helping them to drink deeply.

Go with God. Float on the Stream of Life.

Amen.

Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out with Joy

#884 Voices United

POSTLUDE

Immersion: Investing in God's World

This 8 session study invites us to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Created by two United Church ministers (Richard Bott and Dave Anderson) in British Columbia it leads us through the basic precepts of Christian faith and challenges us to make that faith an integral part of our daily life. It is appropriate for those who are new to Christianity, those who have explored these questions on a regular basis, and those who have been around the church for decades but would like to revisit what the faith means. as Richard and Dave write: "**Immersion** is our attempt to provide a foundation on which people can build and deepen their faith"

I am thinking of leading a group through the **Immersion** program here at St. Paul's Wednesday evenings. Let me know if you are interested and which time works best for you and I will order copies of the resources.

--Gord

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.

***** \$627.20 has been brought in since January 1, 2017****

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 Loughhead

Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke

Music Director: Alison White.



Our Prayers are offered for, 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"

Congregational Potluck February 11th after worship!

Tax Receipts are ready!!

Please help us save on postage and pick yours up at the church!

Our Hallway picture frames have been refreshed!! Stop and have a look at what we've been getting up too!

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.

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.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

- **Line Dancing in the Large Basement Friday evenings:**
Parking lot door open 6:45 - dancing 7-8:30 pm - cost \$5.00
- It's that time of year again. **Please be reminded that 2017 Narrative Reports are due February 5^h, 2018**
- P&M Breakfast/work meeting Saturday, February 10th at 8:00 a.m.

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm
February 25, March 18,
April 22, and May 20th*

Committee chairs, please empty your mail boxes. They are getting pretty full again.

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!

Beginner Bells

Have you ever wondered about playing handbells? If so, this is the time to try them out. You can try them without committing to being in our choir, but please come and try! Beginner Bells meet every Sunday after Church (with the exception of other church events on a Sunday, or School holidays) from 11:20 ish until noon. Hope to see you enjoying the beautiful sound of handbells!

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from January 1-31 we gave out 8 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$620.00 from** our local outreach fund. Please consider donating “in good used condition” warm clothing and bath towels for the Saint Lawrence Center. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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!