



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
January 14, 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.

God invites us to join in the party of faith, where abundance is the rule.

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 the party,

we gather to worship,

to watch for the signs that point to your presence,

to join in the party of faith.

God of celebration, in this time together,

open our eyes and hearts to recognize the abundance of your grace.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word-Made-Flesh, who encourages us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

#101 Voices United
Tune of #516 VU

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.

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



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.

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!

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.

It's that time of year again. **Please be reminded that 2017 Narrative Reports are due
February 5^h, 2018**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Service – Monday, January 22 at 7:00pm

Here at St. Paul's, Light refreshments to follow.

Please bring a non perishable food item for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Thank you to all who generously supported the outreach Christmas campaign.

\$1124.00 was used to buy toys and \$500.00 for gift cards for Christmas gifts for the
Salvation Army plus \$1800.00 in donations were handed out to GPRC Room of Plenty,
Elders Caring Shelter, Salvation Army, and Saint Lawrence Center.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. **7:00 pm**
January 21, February 25, March 18,
April 22, and May 20th

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from December 1-31 we gave out 8 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$495.00 from** our local outreach fund. The food bank is experiencing a shortage; consider bringing a non-perishable food donation. Thank you for your continued support.

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!

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

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!

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.

***** \$478.65 has been brought in since January 1, 2017****

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 abundance,
at times we look around and say that we have run out of something crucial.

But then you show us that there is so much more.

God of the party,
at times we want to limit who is at the party in case the supplies run out,

And then you throw open the doors because there is plenty for everybody.

God of grace,

open our souls to drink in the richness of your new wine

fill us with the knowledge that through grace we are welcomed to the party of faith.

challenge us to see the wonderful abundance that is around us.

...time of silent prayer...

The grace and mercy of God overflow all our containers. The party of faith is one where all may eat and drink without cost. Let us sing and dance with joy and praise!

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 2:1-11

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 *Party On*

Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the lines

#138 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

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Hymn: Long Ago and Far Away

#195 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

Our time of worship draws to a close.

The party of faith continues.

We move from this place to the world where we live and serve

carrying with us the good news of God's abundant grace

As we go out to continue to share the Love of God,

we go knowing that God: Parent, Child and Spirit, is with us wherever we go.

Thanks be to God!

Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out with Joy
POSTLUDE

#884 Voices United

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, 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.

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Line Dancing in the Large Basement Friday evenings:**
Parking lot door open 6:45 - dancing 7-8:30 pm - cost \$5.00
- Tuesday, January 16th at 6pm – Council Meeting – Friendship Room
- Wednesday, January 24th @ 7 pm – UCW Annual General Meeting – Friendship Room