



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**January 21, 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

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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 challenges us to see those things in the world that are wrong and act to change them**

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

**Fit us, O God, for this new day.**

**Through your Spirit, grant us courage, so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.**

**Through your Christ, fill us with love, so that differences may not divide us.**

**Through your creative energy, make us new, so that the past may not enslave us.**

**Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life.** *(Celebrate God's Presence p.28)*

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Teacher Brave and Bold

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

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## Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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- **Line Dancing in the Large Basement Friday evenings:**  
Parking lot door open 6:45 - dancing 7-8:30 pm - cost \$5.00
- Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm – UCW Annual General Meeting – Friendship Room
- It's that time of year again. **Please be reminded that 2017 Narrative Reports are due February 5<sup>h</sup>, 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  
January 21, February 25, March 18,  
April 22, and May 20<sup>th</sup>*

**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 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.

## 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 Passion,

**in Jesus you show us what it means to be passionate about the Kingdom of God.**

God of Passion,

**as followers of Jesus you call us to be passionate about the Kingdom of God.**

God of Passion,

**help us to know when to use our anger in the service of love, as we share our passion for the Kingdom of God.**

God of Passion,

**help us know when it is time to make a scene instead of being quiet and nice as we share in the building of the Kingdom of God.**

God made known in Jesus, the Word-Made-Flesh,

**open our hearts to know what Jesus would have us do as we learn to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God.**

God of Grace, God who forgives when we take the wrong road, God who calls us back to the path of wisdom,

**lead us to live lives of passion, of grace, of justice and mercy here in the growing Kingdom of God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 2:13-25

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 *WWJD?*

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

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## 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

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Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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**COMMISSIONING:**

Go out into the world in peace;  
have courage;  
hold on to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak, and help the suffering;  
honour all people;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*(Celebrate God's Presence p.72)*

Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out with Joy  
POSTLUDE

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# 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 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"*

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

## **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.

**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.

**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\*\***