



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
January 7, 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.

One person invites us to come and see, then we go out and invite someone else to come along.

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

Source of Life, we come to celebrate your presence.

Here we tell the stories, here we pray, here we share the feast.

As we listen for your voice, as we share the meal of faith, as we seek to share your love,

move within and among us, breathe your transforming Spirit into our souls.

And when our worship draws to a close,

send us out to share the life and love you have given us with the world around us.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, who invites us to come and see, **Amen**

Gathering Hymn: Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness

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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

Ministry Teams: 2018 Budget forms are in your mail box

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*****

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Sacrament of Communion

Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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COMMISSIONING:

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world around you.

We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.

As you go to give a living witness, as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world, go knowing that God goes with you, sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out with Joy

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POSTLUDE

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.

P&M breakfast / work meeting Saturday, January 13th at 8:00 a.m

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 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

It is said that evangelism is one beggar telling another where they can find a meal.

But God sometimes we are reluctant because we are unsure the news would be of interest.

It is said that evangelism is one injured dog leading another to the vet's door.

But we are reluctant, not wanting to force our idea of a cure on others.

It is said that evangelism is cutting holes in the blackout curtain so the light can shine through.

But we are reluctant, because people might prefer the darkness.

God, you have called us to share the story of life and love with the world in our words and our deeds.

For the times we have chosen not to share that story, for the times our words and deed have told an opposite story, forgive us and through your Grace renew us to meet the challenge.

...time of silent prayer..

The story we share is the story of a God who is Gracious, Merciful, and Loving. Through Grace God forgives us where we miss the mark and restores us to relationship. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

Thanks be to God! Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 1:35-51

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 *Come and See*

Hymn: There's a Spirit in the Air

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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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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.

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”

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.

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.