



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
June 17, 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: God We Praise You for the Morning (vss 1&2) #415 Voices United

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

In the beginning the Creator shaped this land. The hills were sculpted, the river valleys dug deep, life sprang out of the soil. Then people came. We honour and thank those who were here before us: the Beaver, the Cree, the Métis. Then those who came here from across the sea made agreements to share the land and now we live together as Treaty partners.

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

In the middle of a noisy world.

we struggle to hear the important voices

In the middle of a noisy world,

we seek to have God hear us.

Here we gather for a time of pause,

to speak, to listen, to hear and be heard.

As people of faith, we greet each other with words and signs of Christ's peace...

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Season of the Spirit we light a candle, reminding us of the fire of hope and freedom
as this flame flickers in our midst, we commit ourselves to spread its light and heat in the world

Gathered as Spirit-filled disciples of Christ, we quiet our hearts for worship

OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, we come together as your people.

We come as a praising people, singing your goodness;

we come as a praying people,

bringing our needs, our joys;

Thursday is "coffice" 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.

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.

***** \$830.55** has been brought in since January 1, 2017***

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.

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.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

The 102 Street Stitchers..... New group to join in September!

Quilters and Crafters plan to meet the second Friday of the month, bring a project, work together on a project, do a community or outreach project, whatever you choose! The Friendship Room is booked 9-5. Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share. Conversation and advice is free! If you want more info call Carla at the office or Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

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 May 1-31 we gave out 12 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$840.00 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.

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!

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.

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

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 come as a listening people, opening to your Word.
Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, we pray. Amen.**
(Celebrate God’s Presence p.28)

Gathering Hymn: There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy #271 Voices United

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 presence, you promise to always be with us,
and yet there are days when we wonder if you have turned your back, or are distracted by others.

God of love, you tell us over and over that we are not alone,
and yet, like Jesus there are times when we feel abandoned.

God of grace, you proclaim that we are forgiven and accepted,
and yet we know that we sometimes miss the mark and wonder if our misfortunes are some form of punishment.

...time of silent prayer...

God is with us, we are not alone. God hears our cries of anguish, our songs of thanksgiving, and our laments about the world. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are accepted, we are heard.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 14:7-17; 19:23-27

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 *Hear Me God!*

Hymn: O God, Why Are You Silent? #73 More Voices

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

THE OFFERING

Minute for Mission:

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: In Gratitude and Humble Trust #544 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn: Amazing Grace

#266 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

We have gathered, we have worshipped,

Now we return to the world where God calls us to serve.

As we continue to live and serve,

we continue to cry out to God in our joys and in our struggles.

Go, and trust that God hears your cries wherever life may take you.

Thanks be to God!

Sung Benediction: Peace Be with You

#215 More Voices

POSTLUDE:

St. Paul's is scheduled to lead worship at Mackenzie Place on July 29 (4:00) and at Points West on August 12 (6:00). Gord is away for both of these Sundays. If you are interested in providing leadership for either or both of these please let Gord know.

St Paul's is also leading worship this afternoon at 6:00 at the Points West and July 8 at 4:00 at the Grande Prairie Care Centre. You are welcome to come and visit with the residents.

VBS July 16-20th 9 am – noon
Children from Kindergarten to Grade 6
Call the Church office to register.
\$25.00 per child or \$50 per family

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, the family of Laverne Hebner, 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"

We are wanting to rebuild the St. Paul's United Prayer Team. This is a group of people who will receive prayer requests from members of the congregation and commit to pray for the people and situations named. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry please let Gord know.

"Summer Passport for Church Exploration"...

This summer, whether traveling or not, please carry this passport and collect signatures or stamps from the churches you visit. Whether you join in for church services right here at St. Paul's or wherever you find yourself on Sunday mornings throughout June, July and August, you can fill in your passport. In September we'll compare notes, mark our map and ...there will be prizes for participation!!!

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! When locking the church doors please make sure that the door is actually latched. Thank you!