



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**June 24, 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

In the majesty of the mountain and the thunder of the waterfall,

**we can see God's glory.**

In the call of the loon and the reflection of trees in still waters,

**we can see Christ's mercy.**

In the rush of the river and the soaring of the eagle,

**we can see the Spirit's power.**

So we come to worship the One who has the power to grant us mercy and forgiveness and lift us to heights of glory.

**We come to give God thanks and praise and to offer ourselves as God's faithful servants.**

*(by Jean Leckie Gathering: Pentecost1 2018)*

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

**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.

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## Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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**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](mailto: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.

### OPENING PRAYER

Sculpting God,

**you give galaxies their form, shape granite mountains,  
and design butterfly wings.**

Dancing God,

**you choreograph the paths of stars  
and the flight of snow geese.**

Singing God,

**your divine song is sung by sparrows, mountain streams,  
and the rushing winds.**

Wonderful God,

**we rejoice to be a part of the divine world  
which you love and sustain. Amen.**

*(Celebrate God's Presence p.27)*

Gathering Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

#242 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

Creator God, you made the world and all that is in it.

**As the Psalmist says, you created humanity just a little lower than you.**

But sometimes in our arrogance we overstep our role,

**being prideful we think we can demand you explain everything about the world.**

But you respond to our arrogance and pride with mercy and grace, not condemnation and punishment.

**Though grace you gently remind us to look wider than our own thoughts.**

God of grace, God who created the earth and all its wonders, open our hearts and minds and souls to your presence.

**And in grace push us to see how we fit in with the system of love. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11

### 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 *How Dare You?!*

Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

# 659 Voices United

**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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

# 651 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

May the God who dances in creation,  
who embraces us with human love,  
who shakes our lives like thunder,

**bless us and drive us out with power,  
to fill the world with her justice.**

*(Celebrate God's Presence p.71)*

Sung Benediction: Peace Be with You

#215 More Voices

POSTLUDE:

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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 16-20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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,*

## **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!

		Budget General	Prior Yr General	General	M & S
Revenue	General	417.00	0.00	476.14	10,972.60
	Fundraising	16,000.00	18,807.90	15363.16	
	Local	74,771.00	62,060.88	65,248.91	
	Plate	1,548.00	1,294.50	1,212.30	
	Initial	0.00	25.00		
	Rent	8,444.00	7,120.00	8,975.00	
	Weddings	274.00	450.00	800.00	
	Sign rent	417.00	100.00	1,175.00	
	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		<u>101,871.00</u>	<u>89,858.28</u>	<u>93,250.51</u>	<u>10,972.60</u>
Expenses	General	21,010.00	24,192.40	26,817.68	10,982.60
	Salaries/Benefits	65,182.00	60,116.18	63,055.07	
	Building	11,427.00	16,435.93	10,252.91	
	Committee	1,917.00	2,189.89	2,448.50	
		<u>99,536.00</u>	<u>102,934.40</u>	<u>102,574.16</u>	<u>10,982.60</u>
Surplus(Deficit)		<u>2,335.00</u>	<u>-13,076.12</u>	<u>-9,323.65</u>	<u>-10.00</u>

As we get ready for the summer I thought we should take a moment to pause and congratulate ourselves on a great effort that has put us in a better position than last year to this point. That said, please keep the needs and mission of your church in your thoughts as you enjoy our far to short summer season.

Thanks  
Doug Currie, Acting Treasurer.