



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**March 4, 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 In You There Is a Refuge #84 More Voices

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY**

Here we gather on land that has been occupied for centuries. Long before Alexander Forbes claimed this site for a Presbyterian church the land was used by First Nations people: the Beaver, the Cree, the Métis. Now we share the land together as Treaty People.

**We honour and thank those who cared for this land before us. We pledge to work as partners as we move into the future.**

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

May the Peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

Through these Lenten days and nights we journey closer to the cross.

**Walking with Jesus, we seek to learn what it means to follow his Way**

Jesus has invited us to journey with him, to learn, to grow, to be transformed.

**Jesus models Servant Leadership, and challenges us to lead as people who serve.**

As followers of Christ we begin our worship by greeting each other with words and signs of Christ's peace.

**WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

As we journey through Lent, as we move towards the darkness of the cross, we light a candle to remind us of the Light that can not be put out.

**May its light remind us that we are not alone, in the good and the bad of life, we are not alone.**

As the candle flickers and moves into a steady glow we quiet our hearts for worship.

**Families, Young Adults, Adults, and Seniors** are all invited to **Grande Prairie Hymn Sing**, for an evening of Worship and Praise, with coffee Fellowship to follow!  
Sunday, March 4/18, at 7 PM,  
Westpointe Community Church.  
11305 Pinnacle Blvd. Grande Prairie

**EMBRACE YOUR INNER LEPRECHAUN!**

Get your tickets for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner - March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm. Join us for a memorable evening of good Irish FOOD and good Irish FUN, Come see our Blarney Stone!

"Green" Silent auction items are appreciated - if you wondering if your item is "green" you can always check with Sharon Alstad.

Sign up sheets will be up starting February 25<sup>th</sup> for all those volunteers needed to make something like this a success.

Tickets are \$20 for Adults; \$10 for youth 6-14; and under 6 Free

**Immersion: Investing in God's World**

An 8 session starts Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. This study invites us to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Created by two United Church ministers (Richard Bott and Dave Anderson) in British Columbia it leads us through the basic precepts of Christian faith and challenges us to make that faith an integral part of our daily life. It is appropriate for those who are new to Christianity, those who have explored these questions on a regular basis, and those who have been around the church for decades but would like to revisit what the faith means. as Richard and Dave write: "**Immersion** is our attempt to provide a foundation on which people can build and deepen their faith"

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

**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
- **St. Paul's Annual General Meeting** will be March 4 following our Sunday service, Lunch and Child Care will be provided. Everyone welcome.
- **UCW Unit 1 – Please note that your March meeting will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm instead of the regular meeting time.**
- **P&M Breakfast / Work meeting** Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

### ***Labyrinth Walks***

*Please join us for meditation  
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm  
March 18, April 22, and May 20<sup>th</sup>*

### **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.

**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.

OPENING PRAYER (uses words from VU510 *We Have This Ministry*)

O Christ the tree of life, our end and our beginning,

**Help us to grow to full flower, help us to be what we are created to be.**

In this time together, as we worship, pray, sing, and celebrate, may you be part of our gathering.

**Holy Spirit, made known in bread, wine, and water. Spirit present in our laughter and our tears. Fill us with hope and promise in this hour together.**

Threefold God, empower us so that when we leave we are better able to live out the ministry we share. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

# 593 Voices United

### **WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:**

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns  
Sacrament of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 22:24-27

John 13:1-17

GIFT OF MUSIC: Wash Their Feet

*Choir*

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 *As One That Serves*

Hymn: Many are the Lightbeams

#588 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: The Church of Christ is Every Age

#601 Voices United –Verse 5 THEN Verse 3

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (quotes a section of *A Song of Faith*)

God, you call us to be the church;

**to celebrate your presence, to explore how to live lives based on love and justice.**

God you call us to be the church,

**to proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ, to be made ready to live and serve.**

God we acknowledge that the church has not always lived up to its vision

**and so we pray that the Holy Spirit would reorient it and us helping us balance faith and tradition, so that the church might be a blessing to the earth.**

God you call us to sing of a church with purpose,

**faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all,**

**resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence,**

**human dignity defended,**

**members of a community held and inspired by God,**

**corrected and comforted,**

**instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,**

And so we sing of your mission O God,

**pledging ourselves anew to answer the call to be the church in the world.**

**Amen.**

Hymn: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

#507 Voices United

COMMISSIONING: (uses words from VU510 *We Have This Ministry*)

We have this ministry. May we not be discouraged.

**The yoke of Christ is ours, we go as people called to serve.**

Openly we share God's word of love, speaking truth as we believe

**Praying that this troubled world would healing light receive.**

We have this ministry

**God, will use our living, our giving, our loving**

And we go out knowing that the God who calls us also helps us grow to full flower, rooted in the love of Christ.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sung Benediction: Let My Spirit Always Sing

Verses 1&4

#83 More Voices

POSTLUDE

# 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, Allison Blanchard and Family, Art Macklin and Family, 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"*

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**New to the church?** Want a photo directory? See Carla in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

**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.

**\*\*\* \$627.20 has been brought in since January 1, 2017\*\***

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

**The first Sunday of each month** there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from February 1-23 we gave out 8 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$625.00 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.