



Ht ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
March 5, 2017

*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: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights vs.1&2 #108 Voices United
LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

In this Lenten season of reflection and preparation,

we gather for worship

In this Lenten time of reflection and preparation,

we ask each other who God is calling us to be,

we ask what God is calling us to do,

we ask what special ministry God has in mind for this group of people this year.

As we gather as a community of faith and love, we greet our neighbours with signs of love and peace...

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this Candle to light our way as we journey to Jerusalem, the cross, and the tomb.

May it's light strengthen us where the road is hard, embolden us when our hearts lose courage, and bring hope as the road grows dark.

As God's light fills our souls we center ourselves for worship

GIFT OF MUSIC: The Golden Rule

Jr. Choir

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: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

#472 Voices United

Narrative Reports are ready! There are a limited amount of hard copies available in the foyer. If you would like a digital copy, please contact Carla with your email address and it will be sent out Monday morning. Thanks

Church Garage Sale May 4, 5, and 6th 2017 Please save the date and start collecting you Household treasures for the garage sale

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation

an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm

March 26, April 30 and May 28.

Would anyone be interested in a Sunday morning Walk before Sunday worship services? Please contact Marge Riley or the Church office.

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.

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.

Scoff and Schuffle - A huge thank you to Everyone at St. Paul's for the wonderful support for our East-coast event. We advertised, printed tickets, prepared food, decorated, donated silent auction items, set out silent auction, Welcomed visitors, hosted the dinner, had entertainment and cleaned and tidied the spaces when all was said and done. We shared the leftover food with people in need. During all of that we also had fun, visited and laughed! There were major players and minor players but so many people played it was fantastic! Thanks to all of you for the part you played now put your feet up for a little while but not so long you forget how good this feels! Yes we did make a financial profit of \$4054.39 after expenses but even better we profited each other by working and playing together. Luvs Ya b'ys! Sherry and Neil Alstad

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
Celebration of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Matthew 28:16-20

ST. PAUL'S UNITED VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

As a community of faith this is our vision:

Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.

The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Listen... Love... Lead.

As a community of faith we live out this mission:

**Celebrating the gifts of the Spirit, we are a loving and supportive congregation
in service to the Church, the Community, and the World through Faith.**

SILENCE

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle
and stir in our souls)

SERMON *Called To Be Church*

Hymn: We Have This Ministry #510 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute:

The Invitation:

Dedication: Give what you can, Take what you need *Words&Music -Bryan Cook*

Give what you can,

Take what you need.

For the body of Christ, is enough to feed.

The hungry for Spirit and the thirsty for love.

Give thanks when you can to our God up above.

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: There's a Spirit in the Air (Verses 1-4) #582 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: As the Sun with Longer Journey vs.: 1&2 #111 Voices United

POSTLUDE

Reminder to please stay for the AGM following today's service. Lunch will be provided.

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.

*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 grateful to our many volunteers that assist us with worship
Sunday mornings.**

This week we thank:

Greeters/Ushers: Susan McKenzie

Candle lighter: Miriam Waldie

Scripture Reader: Judy Barber

Communion servers: Sarah Waldie, Devyn Waldie,
Gord Percy, Art Macklin

Church Office Hours!

Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from February 1-24 we gave out 9 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$750.00 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 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.

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.

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!

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

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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Line Dancing in the Basement Each Friday**
Parking lot door open 6:30 - dancing 7-9 pm - cost \$5.00
- **Daylight savings time** begins next Sunday March 12.
- **Council meeting** March 21 @ 6pm