



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

May 6, 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: This Is the Day X2 #122 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

We come here today because we've heard stories

Stories of god's love and of his son Jesus

These stories teach us how to live and love one another

As God's children we each have a story as well

May our presence here today encourage us to live as Jesus did

Sharing stories that we might understand God's love for us.

WE SELFIE EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Easter Season of new life and new hope,

may the light of this candle remind us that light and life have the victory over death and darkness.

Gathered as followers of the Risen Christ, we quiet our hearts for worship

GIFTS OF MUSIC: Let Us Walk This Road Together

Choir

OPENING PRAYER

May we know our lives as beautiful, messy, masterful works of art.

May we celebrate our fullness – the highs and lows

May we remain rooted in our heart's truths, and not fall to comparison.

May we believe that we are immensely valuable, wise and good. NOW.

May we embrace our power to recreate and redefine our stories.

May we honour our wholeness.

May we speak our gratitude.

May we be, always, brave in love.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who encourages us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: I've got the Joy

See PowerPoint

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SONGS AND STORIES WITH THE YOUTH

1. Scripture reading: Isaiah 46:4
A Sister's Visit
Hymn: Spirit God, Be Our Breath #150 More Voices
2. Scripture reading: Job 12: 7-10
Where's Your Focus?
Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing #222 Voices United
3. Scripture reading: Matthew 8:10
The Cabbage Patch Doll
Hymn: Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom #643 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission for Minute:

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: God Says Vs. 3&4 #172 More Voices

Prayers of the People:

Hymn: Jesus Loves me

#365 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song

#213 More Voices

POSTLUDE:

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

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

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.

***** \$727.40 has been brought in since January 1, 2017*****

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, 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"

Advent Banner Project Please set aside some time during May 10, 11, and 12 for helping with our banner project. Our progress so far is that we have had many people of a range of all ages showing interest in helping in all areas of the project.(food, funds, sewing, pressing, organizing, donating blue fabric, coffee break visitors and encouragers to check on results)We would like you to check our signup sheet to see if your name is there because you spoke to Sherry or Linda ,look to see what you would like to sign up for, or how you can help us prepare banners for the Advent season. It is a come and go event so you can offer an hour, a morning or an afternoon or evening between 9 and 9. Any questions ask Linda Wagner, Sherry Alstad, Alice Lorenz or Beryl Alstad.

Vacation Bible School - please contact Holly (780-933-9937) to volunteer for this week of fun! We will announce the dates and other details in the near future, so stay tuned.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm
May 20th*

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 April 1-30 we gave out 10 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$630.00 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!

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.

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.

Projectionists Needed!

Last Fall the Worship Team asked for feedback on our worship services. One of the requests we got more than once was to make use of the projector all year round instead of September – June. In order to make this happen we need more volunteers to operate the projector. IF you are interested in giving it a try this summer give the office a call. It is pretty easy to do and training is available!

Mayors Inter-Faith Breakfast

When: May 11, 2018 with doors opening at 7:30 am

Where: Teresa Sargent Hall

Cost: \$25 per ticket and can be purchased at Revolution Place or online <http://www.cityofgp.com/interfaithbreakfast> **The deadline to purchase tickets is May 7th and there will be no tickets sold at the door so don't delay!**

Sunday School Closing Potluck

Sunday, May 27th

Please join us after service for our annual celebration!

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.

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.

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.

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**St. Paul's United Church
Youth Group Service
May 6, 2018**

