



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**November 12, 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: Open Our Hearts (3X) #21 More Voices

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY LAND

We gather here on land that is covered by Treaty #8, specifically the traditional land of the Beaver in the traditional territory of the Cree.

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

In the hustle and bustle of life we hear a whisper.

**Urging us forward, challenging how we see the world.**

In response to the whisper we gather with the community of faith.

**Listening for the beginning of the flood bringing justice to the world.**

God has called us together

**Here we seek to understand how God would have us live.**

As we gather for worship we turn to the members of our faith family and greet each other with words and signs of Christ's Peace.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Psalmist writes: "Thy word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path"

**As this flame shines in our gathering, so may God's Word of hope and love shine in our hearts.**

Guided by God's Light, we center ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

God of the nations,

**we gather in worship, listening for your voice.**

God whose kingdom is coming,

**Show us how to let justice roll down like waters,**

BEEF DINNER and SILENT AUCTION - 2017

THANK YOU to all who made the 2017 Beef Dinner and Silent Auction a wonderful success!

A BIG THANK YOU to Chef Andrew from Brown's Social House for the tasty roast beef. We are so blest to have his volunteer support and his skills.

Thanks to Sherri Alstad for the FUN AUCTION and to her volunteer team. Great job!

Thanks to Marge's Dinner team: all those who provided salads, pies and buns, the tasty turnip casseroles and filled the many tasks on the Saturday and Sunday. Also to Betty Grunau for heading up set up and take down, and all those small details like scraping stations, buying plastic forks etc, It took 90 plus volunteers to put on this big fundraising event.

A special shout out to the Youth who helped set up, bus and do dishes – I hope all the adults took note ... YAY for our young people. Thanks guys!

Last of all THANKS to all the wonderful dining guests who came to share our evening, enjoy the great food and opened their wallets to bid at the Auction!!! I loved the laughter, the visiting and the hugs for friends and family.

We fed 328 folks; Dinner made approximately \$4600 and Auction made more than \$2000! I'd call that a success. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!! ~Marge Riley



- *Council Treasurer*
- *Chair Elect for Church Council*
- *1 Member at Large for Council*
  - Council positions: speak to any council executive member
- *Sunday School Teachers* – speak to Holly Loughead
- *Newsletter Editor* – speak to Sharon Adams
- *Pastoral Care Visitor(s)* -even once a month will help speak to Judy Barber

**Responding to the Rohingya Crisis**

The United Church is accepting donations to help Mission & Service partners provide relief to the Rohingya people fleeing Myanmar. The Canadian government is matching eligible donations designated for responding to needs of the Rohingya people until November 28.

## 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.

\*\*\* \$478.65 has been brought in since January 1, 2017\*\*\*

### Rising Above Ministry is Hiring

We are looking for an Administrator with Financial Experience. Please email [mel@risingaboveqp.com](mailto:mel@risingaboveqp.com) for a job description or to submit an application. Resumes will be accepted until suitable candidate is found.

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



### 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.

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

### **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!

**Committee chairs**, please empty your mail boxes. They are getting pretty full again.

**and righteousness like an every-flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings**

We pray in the name of Jesus, proclaimer of the Kingdom, who teaches us to pray saying...  
LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Like a Healing Stream

#144 More Voices

**WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:**  
A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC: A Morning Prayer

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God of freedom, God of justice,

**you call us to put people ahead of objects, righteousness ahead of ritual.**

God who knew the sting of the whip and the pain of the cross,

**you call us to work for the end of oppression and injustice.**

Create in us a burning desire to live as people of love,

**remind us that justice is shown in our actions not in empty words rituals,**

God of grace, of mercy, of justice, of righteousness,

**touch us with your grace, lead us to the riverside where justice flows like water and righteousness like a never ending stream. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Amos 5:1-15, 21-24

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 *Flood time?*

Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations

#678 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: Come Touch Our Hearts vs. 1 #12 More Voices

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

#507 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

God has called us to this place,

**now God is leading us back into the world.**

The flood of justice is starting to flow.

**We prepare to sail in the stream of peace.**

As we join in the work of kingdom building

**we trust that the God of justice and righteousness is with us.**

Go with God, today, tomorrow, and all the days after that.

**Amen**

Sung Benediction: May God's Sheltering Wings (2X) #214 More Voices

POSTLUDE

*Stewards see others as they see themselves. We are all broken and in need. What can we do to help each other?*

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# 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.**

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*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"*



*Our Prayers are offered for, 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.

**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 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.

**2018 United Church Calendars** are now available for purchase. You can buy yours from Carla in the church office for \$5.00 but our quantities are limited so don't wait too long!

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## Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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**P&M breakfast/work meeting Saturday, November 18th at 8:00 a.m.**

**Labyrinth Walks**

*Please join us for meditation*

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

November 19 and December 17<sup>th</sup>

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** - immediately following the worship service we will have one of our delicious potluck meals. Our congregation is filled with generous and wonderful cooks. Please bring a dish to share with all.

**CGIT Vesper Service "Christmas... with Love"**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm**

**with CGIT and Explorers**

**The first Sunday of each month** there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from October 1-31 we gave out 7 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$500.00 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