



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
November 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: 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.

Giving space in our noisy lives to let God speak to our hearts.

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 known in noise and in silence,

we gather for worship.

God who speaks to us in the quiet places of our lives,

open our hearts and minds and souls this morning

Calm our busy-ness and speak into the pause,

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.



- *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

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) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

reminding us what it means to live as people of The Way.
And when our hearts are stilled, when we are ready to listen,
send us back out to continue to live and serve. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre # 374 Voices United

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: Come to me and Rest *Choir*

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Celebration of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
1 Kings 19:1-18

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 *Hush Children! What's that Sound?*

Hymn: In the Quiet Curve of Evening #278 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

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God of the ages, in our times of drought and struggle, those times we feel abandoned

we seek for a sign that you are with us, that you are indeed God.

God of the ages, in a world of viral videos and sound bite politics,

we acknowledge that sometimes we want the "big show", the spectacular, the fireworks and glory.

God of the ages, God of grace, God who moves within and amongst us always,

open our eyes to see the signs of your presence, open our souls to feel your grace, open our hearts to share that grace with the world around us.

God of grace, active in the world, active in our lives,
we sing songs of thanksgiving for your presence, help us listen for your voice urging us forward. Amen

Hymn: In You There is a Refuge # 84 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

As our worship ends we go out into a noisy world

In our busy-ness help us to listen for the sound of silence.

We carry with us the memory of the voice we hear when no-one else is speaking.

We remember that the words of the prophets are whispered in the sound of silence

May the God of rushing wind, roaring water, and calm stillness go with us each and every day.

Amen.

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

POSTLUDE

*Stewardship does not put God in a box labelled "Church on Sunday."
Stewardship brings God to every part of daily life, and speaks out against oppression wherever it is found.*



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!"



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!

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction
TONIGHT- Sunday, November 5th
St Paul's United Church
Open seating from 4:30 – 6:30
Adults \$20.00 ~ Youth 6-14 \$10.00 ~ Under 5 - Free

Tell your neighbours and friends to hold this date.

Advent Bible Study.

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 starting November 8th, we will gather to look at some of the Scripture readings that we often read during the Advent season. All welcome.

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation

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

November 19 and December 17th

November 19th - 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 3rd 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

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***