



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
October 15, 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:

We come here today at the end of another busy week

A week of opportunities, some missed and some grasped

Here we have time to reflect

Did we live as Jesus would have us live?

Did we show kindness? Offer help? Share what we have? Do unto others? Love our neighbours?

May this hour together renew and refresh us as we resolve to follow the teachings of Jesus and show God's love to all we meet.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the beginning, God said "Let there be light", and there was light

We give thanks for Light, for Life, for Love.

As God's Light shines in our midst we center ourselves for worship.

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands # 570 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's love is grace-full and freely offered to us all

All ages and genders

All races and creeds

The drug addicted and those fighting to stay sober

Those who've endured abuse

Those who live on the streets

Those who need help and those who offer help

Forgive us our assumptions and judgements when we encounter "others"

Forgive us for the times we've ignored or pretended to not notice the needs of "others"

Remind us that we are all equally your children, God, and worthy of your love and grace.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 25: 34-40

James 2:14-17

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)

MESSAGE: *Jen Spencer – HIV North*

Hymn: Here Am I

See insert

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: When I Needed a Neighbour

#600 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

And now we are challenged to put our faith into action. To feed, clothe, shelter and love our brothers and sisters in Christ. To do for the least of them what we would do for Jesus.

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

POSTLUDE

*"All we have" can be a little or a lot.
There is always a way to reach out to our neighbour.*

Immersion: Investing in God's World

This 8 session 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"

I am thinking of leading a group through the **Immersion** program here at St. Paul's either on Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings. Let me know if you are interested and which time works best for you and I will order copies of the resources.
--Gord



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.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from September 1- 30 we gave out 7 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$400.00 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

The Observer – Renewal Time If you receive the United Church Magazine "The Observer", your subscription is coming up for renewal shortly. The price is \$25.00/year. If you would like to renew your subscription, you can either put the renewal amount of \$25.00 in an envelope clearly marked "Observer" in the Sunday collection plate separate from your regular Sunday offering or drop it into the office or to Bruce White by October 15th. If you would like to start receiving the Observer please contact the office. There are copies in the Foyer if you would like to take a look at one before you order.

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 Loughhead

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.

"Everything comes from God and belongs to God; we give, not in tribute to God's power, but in gratitude for what we have been given."

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- *Council Treasurer*
- *Chair Elect for Church Council*
- *2 Members 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

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!

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*****

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.

You are invited to celebrate

the 90th birthday of Gordon Pearcy

In a "come and go" open house

Saturday, October 28th from 1-4:30 pm in the

Al Robertson Room at Centre 2000 – Grande Prairie, AB



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

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Clairmont United Church Roast Beef Supper & Silent Auction will be held Saturday, October 21 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Sexsmith Civic Centre. To reserve tickets, please call Karen at 780-538-9136.

October 26-28, Lacombe, AB: Phase 2, Healing from the Heart: Is one of two parts of Phase 2 in the Healing Pathway program. It provides an opportunity to deepen the experience of healing and connecting to God's healing power through the heart centre. St. Andrew's United Church. Instructors: Deb Firus, Jackie Walters Contact Roberta Dyck if interested, chris.dyck@hotmail.com

Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction

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

Please contact Carla in the church office 780-532-2415 if you are able to donate carrots, potatoes or would like to make a cash donation.

Items for the silent auction can be dropped off at the church and need to be clearly marked "Silent Auction". Please contact Sherry Alstad at 780-568-4679 if you have any questions.

Volunteers for dishes, set up, clean up etc. will be needed; silent auction donations and food donations too. Marge Riley (780) 532-7849 will be contacting people for donations of salads, pies & to sign up for many tasks needing willing hands on the day.

So please watch the bulletin and listen for announcements this month
Tell your neighbours and friends to hold this date.

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation

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

October 22, November 19 and December 17th