



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
October 29, 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.

Looking deep into our hearts to see what God has placed at our core.

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 (*Celebrate God's Presence* p.29)

Loving God, open our hearts

that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit.

Unclench our hands

**that we may reach out to one another,
and touch and be healed.**

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

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*****

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

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!

CGIT Vesper Service "Christmas... with Love"
Sunday, December 3rd at 7:30pm
with CGIT and Explorers

Open our lips
that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life.
Open our eyes
that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.
Breathe your Spirit into us,
and touch our lives with the life of Christ. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: I, The Lord of Sea and Sky #509 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 OF CONFESSION (Based on Psalm 51)
God we join with the Psalmist and cry out:
Have mercy on me for I have done what is evil in your sight.
Gracious God, you desire that we live in the path of truth and life,
so teach us wisdom in our heart.
For those times we have strayed from your Way,
Forgive us and change us.
Cast us not out of your presence do not take your Spirit from us.
Create in us a clean heart O God, and put a new and right Spirit in us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
God is Gracious. God is Love. God is Forgiving. God gives us a new start, washes away our guilt, and sets us free to live again. We are a liberated and forgiven people!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 16:1-13;
Psalm 51:10-14

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 *Look to the Heart*

Hymn: Deep In Our Hearts #154 More Voices

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: To Show By Touch and Word #427 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

We go from this time of reflection,
into the world where we live, work, act, and serve.
As people whose hearts have been examined and touched by God,
we commit to see as God sees, looking into the heart.
And we go secure in the promise that we are not alone, that God: Parent, Child and Spirit, is with us.
Guiding and inspiring us always. Amen.

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

God heals us; God heals through us. Our offering are God's healing love in action.



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.

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.

Want to be a YOUTH DELEGATE for General Council 43

Looking for youth 15 to 18 years as of July 2018, who are leaders in their home congregation and/or the wider church and have an interest in learning about the changing structure of the United Church, how policies and proposals are developed and submitted, and how decisions are made by the General Council. **These youth (each Conference can send five) need to be available to participate in a Winter Learning Retreat February 16-19, 2018 in Ontario, be a voting delegate at our own Conference AGM in May 10-13, 2018, and attend General Council July 21-28, 2018 in Ontario.** One of the five will also join a Pilgrimage across Canada, learning and working in church-connected sites, as a summer job.

Applications must be received by Nov 3, 2017.

<https://albertanorthwestconference.ca/15286-apply-youth-forum-november-3/>

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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.

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- *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