



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
September 3, 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: This Day God Gives Me verses 1 & 2 #410 Voices United

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.

We thank them for their care for this land before our ancestors arrived. We pledge to work with them as we share this land into the future.

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

During this last long weekend of the summer...

we gather to worship.

As we move from the relaxed pace of summer to the busy-ness of the school year...

we gather to pray and sing.

As people of faith, sharing our faith with each other..

we gather in God's presence to hear and share the Good News shared by Christ.

As those who live in the abundance of the Kingdom...

we gather at the table of Plenty, the table of Life to be fed and nourished.

As part of the family of God we gather in worship, and we greet each other with signs and words of Peace...

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As the candle flame flickers to life then burns with a steady glow

So may the Spirit move in and around us so that God's light would shine through us.

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

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, open our hearts that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit in the summer breeze.

Unclench our hands that we may reach out to one another, and touch and be



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.

Dates to Remember:

Senior Lodge service, Points West Living –	Sunday, September 3 at 6:00 pm
Adult Choir –	Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 pm
Property & Maintenance meeting -	Saturday, September 9 at 8:00 am
Sunday school starts -	Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 am
CGIT/Explores Registration Night -	Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm
Jr. Choir starts -	Sunday, September 17
Senior Lodge service, Wild Rose –	Sunday, September 24 at 6:00 pm
Beginner bells- Handbells -	Sunday, September 24, 11:20 - Noon
	Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm

(Must have music background and / or handbell experience, with communication and try out with conductor. Please contact Jeannette 780 356-2866.)

“An Awkward Conversation in the Church”. The Alberta and Northwest Conference of The United Church of Canada will be having a two-day symposium to discuss the contemporary issues of race and discrimination as it affects black people and, in light of the Mission of the Church, to consider ways that the church might respond to these issues. The event will be hosted by the Conference Intercultural Ministry Committee and will be held at the Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, from October 4 -6, 2017. The Main Speaker for the symposium will be Professor Anthony G. Reddie. Professor Reddie is a Learning and Development Officer for the Methodist Church in Britain. He is also an Extraordinary Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of South Africa.

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!

healed as we share with one another in worship, along the trails of our community and at picnic grounds wherever we might be.

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

Gathering Hymn: Break Now the Bread of Life #501 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 of grace, in the moments when we are sure we do not have enough,

those times when our trust fails, when we see the need and the lack but not the abundance.

God of grace, in the moments when we choose the easier path,

those days when we encourage others to find for themselves when you have said "feed them

God of grace, in the moments when we are amazed to see you at work in the world,
those flashes of awe, when the scales fall from our eyes and we see the possibilities of the Kingdom.

God of grace, in our lack of trust, in our narrowness of vision, and in our awestruck understanding,

remind us that we are not alone, remind us of the great abundance of life, challenge us to share the Bread of Life with neighbour and stranger.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, who reveals your love, who models your grace, who brings us to the table to share Life's Bread. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 6:1-14

SILENCE

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle and stir in our souls)

SERMON *The Bread of Life*

Hymn: For the Crowd of Thousands #355 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: As Those of Old Their First-Fruits Brought
verse 3 # 518 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Celebration of Communion (see insert)

Hymn: Bread of Life, Feed My Soul #194 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

We have gather, we have prayed we have sung, we have broken bread.

As the people of God, we have celebrated God's presence.

Now we go to the world where we live and serve.

A world hungering for hope, a world thirsting for justice.

We carry with us the promise of the Kingdom, sharing God's promise of Justice, God's word of hope.

Go with God, who has created and is creating
with Jesus, The Word made Flesh, who reconciles and makes new
and with the Spirit who sustains and works in us always.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sung Benediction: Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold #605 Voices United

POSTLUDE

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.

Thank you to the Radbourne Family who sponsored this week's bulletins.

HELP WANTED – Next week we will restart using PowerPoint during the services and Carla is making the schedule for PP operators. We could use a few more. Are you interested in taking this on? Do you know someone who would be interested? Let Carla know. (It really is fairly easy--as long as the machinery behaves) It's not a big commitment and it's greatly appreciated by the congregation.

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 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

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.

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.

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

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.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from August 1-31 we gave out 11 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$940.00 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

T-Shirts and Hats - with St Paul's Logo are available by talking to or writing Sharon Adams. 587-297-1570 or sharad2224@yahoo.ca
Four shirt styles - t-shirt, golf shirt, baseball shirt, hoodie; Three hat styles - with multiple options - stamped logo; embroidered logo; Canadian flag, Alberta crest; Communications appreciates all who are "wearing their colors" and letting others in the community know about us.

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.

***** \$259.35 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.