



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
September 16, 2018

*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 Halle Halle Halle (sung twice) #958 Voices United

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us this beautiful earth,
 all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

(Celebrate God's Presence p.22)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

May the flame of this candle remind of of God's light shining throughout our lives.

Sitting in the glow of the Light, we calm our hearts, souls, and selves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day.

Fill us with the freshness of your living love.

**Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place,
 ready to be your people in the world. Amen.**

(Celebrate God's Presence p.27)

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Take Take Take Off Your Shoes

(See insert)

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.

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.

***** \$544.70** has been brought in since January 1, 2018***

We are wanting to rebuild the St. Paul's United Prayer Team. This is a group of people who will receive prayer requests from members of the congregation and commit to pray for the people and situations named. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry please let Gord know.

Dates to Remember:

Beginner bells-	Sunday, September 23, 11:20 – Noon
Senior Lodge service, Heritage –	Sunday, September 23 at 6:00 pm
Handbells -	Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm

The 102 Street Stitchers..... New group to join in September 21st !

Quilters and Crafters plan to meet once a month, bring a project, work together on a project, do a community or outreach project, whatever you choose! The Friendship Room is booked 9-5. Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share. Conversation and advice is free! If you want more info call Carla at the office or Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

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 you challenge us to fill our sails with your wind

**but we would rather set our own course,
even when it means hard rowing against the wind**

You invite us to take deep breaths of your life-giving air,

but too often we find that the air is no longer clean

we have trouble finding your gift of life amongst the clouds and smoke.

God known in the breath off life, God known in the wind that drives us forward,

help us to breathe deeply, give us the courage to trust the wind.

...time of silent prayer...

Take a deep breath. God is there, filling you lungs, filling your souls.

Take a deep breath. God is there, promising life and vitality.

Take a deep breath. Just like the air we breathe, the God of grace is always there, offering us new possibilities.

Thanks be to God! May we always breathe deep! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 19:1-6

Psalm 148:1-6

Jeremiah 4:23-28

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: What Does the Sky Reveal?

Hymn: As the Wind Song Through the Trees

(See insert)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 2)

#227 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow

#196 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

The wind of God that fills our lungs with the Breath of Life,

Now blows us out into the world.

Carried on that wind we go out to live the life to which God has called us,

Sailing through life, sharing the promise of the wind.

The God who surrounds and fills us is with us in every inhalation and exhalation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly (insert)

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:

Church Office Hours!

Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

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.

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.

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.

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!



CALLING ALL WOMEN TO OUR FALL UCW EVENT

Guest Speaker: Nancy Rosendale

God's Wondrous Creatures

Nancy will be talking about and showing photos of her experiences "muck diving"

WE HOPE YOU'LL COME AND BRING A FRIEND

Wednesday, September 26th – 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room