



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**September 2, 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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY**

In the beginning the Creator shaped this land. The hills were sculpted, the river valleys dug deep, life sprang out of the soil. Then people came. We honour and thank those who were here before us: the Beaver, the Cree, the Métis. Then those who came here from across the sea made agreements to share the land and now we live together as Treaty partners.

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION**

**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.

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

The One who spoke into the primordial chaos, calling forth light,  
**speaks into the modern chaos, calling forth faith.**

The One who was present at the Big Bang, watching and weaving,  
**is present now, watching and weaving.**

14 billion years have brought us to this point,  
**accompanied by the God who has created and is creating, the God who calls us to live and work together for the greening of the earth.**

Creating and re-creating God, in this time of worship  
**reawaken in us the awe and wonder we get from:**

**seeing a sunrise, hearing birdsong, smelling fresh flowers,  
tasting spring water, feeling the warmth of a summer breeze**

And as we remember again the wonders of the Creation around us,

**remind us of our call to be careful and responsible stewards, empower to go out and live that stewardship in the world.**

**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.

**\*\*\* \$830.55** has been brought in since January 1, 2017\*\*\*

**The 102 Street Stitches..... New group to join in September 21<sup>st</sup> !**

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 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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

We pray in the name of the Risen Christ, who called us to consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

**Amen**

Gathering Hymn : God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty # 310 Voices United

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Genesis 1:1-2:3

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 *God's Gift, Our Work*

LITANY FOR CREATION  
*Whenever you hear*  
God who has created and is creating  
*Please respond*

**Help us to be good stewards of the world you have created**

Hymn: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker # 30 More Voices

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

THE OFFERING  
Mission Minute  
The Invitation:  
Dedication Offering Hymn VU227 For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 2)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns  
Celebration of Communion

Hymn: All Praise to You # 297 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:  
The God who Created us gave us a challenge,  
**to live with respect for the Creation around us.**  
The God who re-creates us gives us a challenge,  
**to live lovingly within the world, caring for each other and the world.**

As we go out, wherever we go,  
**we are walking on Holy Ground, and so we tread carefully and respectfully**  
And we go knowing that the Creator is with us each step of the way.  
**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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)**  
**Sunday School: Holly Loughhead**  
**Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke Music Director: Alison White.**

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*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 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.

**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.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Senior Lodge service, Wild Rose –	Sunday, September 2 at 6:00 pm
Sunday school starts -	Sunday, September 9 at 10:00 am
CGIT/Explores Registration Night -	Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm
Choir starts -	Thursday, September 13
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



**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WALK for PARKINSONS**  
**"Flexxaire Step n Stride"**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT MUSKOSEPI PARK**

**Registration starts at 10:00am**  
**Walk begins at 11am**  
**Walk, Run or Bike for one, three or five km.**

**Contact**  
**Shauna Livesey for more information**  
**780-882-6640 or email [slivesey@parkinsonassociation.ca](mailto:slivesey@parkinsonassociation.ca)**

**Pledge forms are available in the Church foyer,**  
**or register online at**  
**[parkinsonassociation.ca](http://parkinsonassociation.ca)**