



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**October 28, 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's Word isn't just for our ears or eyes.

**God's Word is for our hearts and lives.**

Not just for listening,  
**but also for hearing.**

Not just for hearing,  
**but also for living.**

As people of the Creator, St. Paul's United Church!

**As Christ's disciples, The United Church of Canada!**

As dancers with the Holy Spirit,

**here and everywhere!**

Let us worship God!

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WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The candle flame reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in our midst

**As we gather in its light may we always remember to give thanks for the gifts**

**God has given us.**

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

OPENING PRAYER

**God, make us lenses for your light and love.**

**Let it flow through us, that we might be "focuses" shining brightly in places of gloom.**

**Where there is need, help us to be tangible examples of your love.**

**Where there is loss, help us to walk together, sharing all that you have given.**

**Voice Enhancement Choir**

Tuesday's @ 10:30 am - Grande Prairie Care Centre 9705 94 Ave

The main goal of this choir is singing to maintain and improve vocal health. As we age, we need to work to keep our voices strong. We just happen to have a lot of fun singing together while we do it. Free to join and Everyone Welcome!

**Advent Study Group**

All are invited to a 4 session Study Group called "The Redemption of Scrooge" as we prepare for Christmas. This study uses Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" as a launching off point to talk about faith and Christmas. The study will be Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 starting on November 21st. We will meet in the Friendship Room.

**Joyful Noise – Children's Choir – Community Concert**

**Saturday October 27th – 6:30 pm**

Free Concert @ St. Paul's United

Join us for an evening of friendship & fellowship while enjoying the incredible talents of the Joyful Noise Children's Choir.

This event is open to the community and is free of charge. Donations can be made to Rehoboth Christian Ministries

**The Communications Committee** is always looking for photographs! If you have any photos of recent St. Paul's events, please forward them to Carla for use in newsletters, narrative reports etc. Please let us know how we are doing with our messaging on the LED sign; in the Newsletter; on Facebook; and/or on the St. Paul's website.

**2019 United Church Calendars** are now available for purchase. You can buy yours from Carla in the church office for \$5.00 but our quantities are limited so don't wait too long!

**Ministry Teams:** 2019 Budget forms are in your mail box

**Labyrinth Walks**

*Please join us for meditation*

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

November 18 and December 16<sup>th</sup>

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

Hymn: Faithful God, Faithful Steward (see insert)

COMMISSIONING:

Go into the world with a daring and a living love.

**Everywhere you go, serve Christ by serving those in need.**

**Feed those who are hungry and thirsty.**

**Shelter those who are naked.**

**Visit those who are sick or locked away.**

And know this: not only do you serve; you are served as well.

The peace of Christ holds you.

The love of the Creator transforms you.

And the Holy Spirit carries you— now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly (see insert)

POSTLUDE

(Worship Resources for this Sunday taken from *Loving Our Neighbours*, the United Church of Canada Stewardship resource for 2018-19)

## 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 Loughead**

**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"*

**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.

### **Church Office Hours!**

Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm  
\*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

### **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!

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

### **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 or bottles/cans you dropped off.

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

**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 indicate your envelope # on your givings so it can be accorded to the correct person.

**Rooms Booked With Carla In The Office Will Have First Priority.** - We are very fortunate at St Paul's 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. We don't want to disappoint anyone if possible.

**St. Paul's Council** is seeking a Treasurer and a Member at Large. The current secretary would be happy to step aside too. So if you are interested, would be willing to join us in any one of these roles on council please contact Karen Scott or Rev. Gord

## Dates to Remember:

### The 102 Street Stitchers.....

Quilters and Crafters are meeting again November 9<sup>th</sup>, bring a project, work together on a project, do a community or outreach project, whatever you choose! The Friendship Room is booked 10-3. Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share. Conversation and advice is free! If you want more info call Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

**Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction**  
**Sunday, November 4<sup>h</sup>**  
**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 or Martha Dawson at 780-532-6675 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 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.



### 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.

**Congregational meeting-** to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> after Sunday morning worship service. We will be taking a look at the feedback gathered at all the various Visioning Sessions held this past spring.

**Where we hold tight, help us to release our grip, that generosity of spirit might transform us and the world. We ask that you continue to bless us, God, as we come together to worship you. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: The Church is Wherever God's People # 579 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART  
Video "Perfect Little Thing"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of the small seed, God of the forever feast,

**you have planted in us a harvest that bursts at our seams.**

Our cups are overflowing with the hope of Christ's call!

**Thank you for the abundance of life that you have called into being.**

**Thank you for the abundance of life that we are able to share.**

**Thank you for this community of love made complete by your Love.**

May our time together be a sign and symbol of your never-ending love.

**As Jesus' people, we ask it. Amen.**

GIFT OF MUSIC: Autumn Carol

Choir and Bells

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 25:31-46

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 *Love Is A Verb*

Hymn: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

#507 Voices United

**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 VU