



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**October 7, 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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**On this Thanksgiving weekend, we gather for worship.**

To give thanks for the gifts of the land, the gifts of God.

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To celebrate God's presence, to open ourselves to God's wisdom.

**On this Thanksgiving weekend, we gather for worship.**

And as we gather we turn to our neighbours and greet each other with words and signs of Christ's Peace

**WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Gift of Music: Give Thanks

Handbells

**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, as we gather to worship,

**remind us of the blessings in our lives, that we would be thankful.**

**Dates to Remember:**

**The 102 Street Stitchers.....**

Quilters and Crafters are meeting again October 19th, 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.

**P&M** breakfast/work meeting Saturday, October 20th at 8:00 a.m

**On October 21** you will be invited/asked to help build the sermon. You will be asked "If the Moderator came to St. Paul's and asked what we did here what stories would you tell him?"

**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.

**Bible Study** "Experiencing the Bible Again for The First Time" Based on the Book by Marcus Borg: *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*

**Clairmont United Church Wednesdays 2-4 beginning Oct. 10.**

Please call Mary Blackburn before Wednesday if you would like to join us for these sessions.

SERMON *Thank You*

Hymn: Grateful

#182 More Voices

**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: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

#519 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

As our time our worship concludes, our time of service begins.

**We return to our living and working amidst a world of need**

As you go from this place, carry with you the knowledge that you are recipients of God's gifts.

**As we go, we vow to share those gifts with the world around us.**

And may God walk with you as you travel life's road.

**Amen.**

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly

(see insert)

POSTLUDE



**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 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.

**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 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.

**Congregational meeting-** to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> after Sunday morning worship service.

# 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"*

## Church Office Hours!

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

\*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

**\*\* Please note that the office will be closed October 16-24<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**For those who asked for a copy of the book "It's Good to Be Here" they have arrived.** The Discussion group began last Wednesday October 3 at 7:00 and will run for 6 weeks. We will meet in the Friendship Room. Books will be passed out on Wednesday (unless you come by the office and get your copy first before then).

**We need to increase the number of people who can provide pulpit supply at St Paul's.** Gord and Sharon Adams will answer your questions and give us some ideas on October 20 in the Friendship Room 10 am- noon. If you have questions, please contact Susan McKenzie

**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.

**Please be sure to join us next Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>** as we welcome new members through confirmation and transfer! There will be a potluck lunch after, Bring a dish and stay for fellowship!

God, as we gather for worship,  
**remind us of the ways you have acted in the past, that we would remember.**  
God, as we gather for worship,  
**open in us an attitude of thanksgiving, an awareness of blessed abundance.**  
God, when we leave this time of worship,  
**may our eyes see first the abundance in our lives, may our voices first share the words of thanksgiving.**

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, who taught his friends to pray saying...

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Come, You Thankful People, Come #516 Voices United

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

### A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Sunday School Singers: This Little Light of Mine

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Children of God, what has God given you?

*...time of silent thanksgiving...*

Children of God, what good things have happened in your lives this year?

*...time of silent thanksgiving...*

Children of God, how has God been with you in the hard times of life?

*...time of silent thanksgiving...*

Children of God, for the Grace that flows freely from God,

**we sing songs of praise and thanksgiving.**

Children of God, as a thankful people,

**we thank the God who has given us life, and that in abundance. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Philippians 4:4-9

### 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)

Gift of Music: Song of Joyful Thanks

Choir