



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**November 11, 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/OPENING PRAYER**

On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,

**we remember the past and look to the future.**

On this day when the guns once fell silent,

**We come before you God, seeking Your peace.**

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

**We come before you God, praying with all our hearts:**

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

**Help us to find the path that leads to the Peaceable kingdom. Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.**

In this time of story, song, and prayer,

**may we be re-committed to being people of Peace, true peace. May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.**

And so we echo the old prayers,

**Make us channels of your peace. Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us! Amen**

**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.

Gathering Hymn: My Life Goes On #716 Voices United

**WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:**  
A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

**Dates to Remember:**

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

Quilters and Crafters are meeting again December 14<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.

**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.

**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.

***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>*

**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.

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God, all too often our broken-ness breaks into the world, shattering your hopes.

**As a result the world still fails to be that place where the wolf lies down with the lamb.**

**We still hurt and destroy on your holy mountain..**

On this day of memory, we once again vow "Never Again",

**knowing that tomorrow there will still be plowshares turned into swords,**

**knowing that there will still be conflicts,**

**knowing that we still need to learn a new way.**

For the ways we, as individuals, as communities, as nations have failed to be peacemakers,

**forgive us God. In grace, make us gracious, able to work for hope and peace.**

*...time of silent prayer...*

Jesus comes to us as the Prince of Peace. Jesus proclaims that the Kingdom of God is nigh.

In Christ God reminds us of the power of love and forgiveness. We are forgiven and called to

keep working for the Peaceable Kingdom.

**The time is coming when we will learn war no more. Thanks be to God who gives us this promise. Amen.**

GIFTS OF MUSIC: Homeward Bound

Marta Keen Thompson

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Micah 4:1-5

Joel 3:9-12

Matthew 5:1-10, 38-40

READING:

SERMON *To End All Wars*

Hymn: O Day of Peace

#682 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 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER

COMMISSIONING:

Hymn: Day is Done

#433 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](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!

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

**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.

## THANK YOU and UPDATE FOR BEEF DINNER and SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to all who made the 2018 Annual Beef Dinner and Silent Auction a success despite the nasty weather! St. Paul's has such a wonderful, committed, and energetic group of willing helpers!

Thank you to Chef Andrew Adams from Browns Social House for once again serving up delicious Prime Rib and volunteering his time and talent! (And such a kind, thoughtful fellow to work with!) Thanks Betty Grunau and your crew for your management of set up and take down!

Thank you to Sherry Alstad and her team for a great Silent Auction! Loved the quilt raffle!

Thank you to Carla our Church Office Manager for her help with advertising, sending posters to churches, lodges and user groups. Thanks Sharon Adams for LED sign ads!

Thank you to at least 90 volunteer helpers for pies, salads, peeling veggies and filling all the many tasks needing willing workers on the weekend!

Thanks to all the hungry diners - the St. Paul's family and friends who came to enjoy food and fellowship AND the fun of bidding for the great auction items!

We netted \$3500 after expenses for the dinner and \$1900 for the Auction!

We will make Beef Pies with the leftover beef in the New Year so stay tuned for the Sale Date!

Thank you all - see you again next year!!

Marge Riley

**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

**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!

**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.



### 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\*\*\*

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