



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
November 18, 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

As people with questions

we gather for worship

As seekers on a quest

we gather for worship

As those called to learn what God wants us to be

we gather for worship

As siblings in Christ we gather for worship, greeting each other with words and signs of Christ's peace.

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 made known in Jesus of Nazareth, of whom we sing

Jesus, teacher, brave and bold...teach us to serve you everywhere

In this time of worship we open our hearts, our souls, our minds, our selves,

trusting in your presence among us.

God who sends teachers to show us the way,

help us to learn from each other and from you.

We pray in the name of the one we call Teacher, Guide, and Christ, who taught his friends to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Dates to Remember:

The 102 Street Stitchers.....

Quilters and Crafters are meeting again December 14th 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.

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

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 call us to be ready to learn,

and sometimes we think we have already learnt what we need to know.

You call us to teach,

and sometimes we think we have no wisdom to pass on.

You call us to lead and be led.

and sometimes we would rather go off by ourselves on our own path.

God, when we fail to heed your call to teach, to learn, to lead

speak to our hearts, encourage us, chasten us, forgive our headstrong ways.

...time of silent prayer...

God teaches us about grace, about forgiveness, about second chances by offering these things to us over and over again. God offers us wisdom when we are ready to receive it. In Christ God gives us Teacher, Mentor, and Guide.

Thanks be to God. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jonah 1:1-3

Proverbs 1:1-9

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)

SERMON *Called to Learn*

Hymn: Are You A Shepherd

#126 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 VU

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

COMMISSIONING:

We are, each one of us, students in God's school of life and love

we go from this place to continue learning.

We are, each one of us, teachers in God's school of life and love:

we go from this place to share the wisdom we have received.

As we continue to learn and to teach we trust that God: Parent, Son and Holy Spirit, 3-in-one is with us

In whatever classroom we find ourselves. Amen.

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly

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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"

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) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!



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.

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!

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.

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm
November 18 and December 16th*