



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
November 4, 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

God calls us to the table

where we eat together.

God calls us to the sanctuary

where we sing and pray and listen for God to speak

God calls us to live and serve

in a world where we strive to be who God has called us to be

God calls us to this time of worship, God calls us to greet each other as siblings in faith, sharing 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 of Love, you created the world and call it good.

And yet, from the beginning the world has known the existence of the not-good.

As we continually learn what it means to live as your people,

as we continually try to stand against that which is not-good

as we continually try to separate good from evil,

help us, clear our sight, strengthen our hearts and wills.

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



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.

Congregational meeting- to be held on November 18th 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.

In this time of prayer, or song, of breaking bread, of worship,
show us the path to the good, because we are tired of the evidence of evil in the world.

And then send us back out,
to be agents of love in a world too familiar with fear and hate. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: I Come With Joy # 477 Voices United

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: Bread of Life J. Raney

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Sacrament of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Genesis 3:1-10

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 *Is Evil Real?*

Hymn: To Us All, to Every Nation # 694 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)

Hymn: If You Will Trust in God to Guide You # 286 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:
In the beginning of the story, God calls the world GOOD
In the beginning God calls humanity to care for the good world
We know that all is not well with the world, that not everything is good
Still we live and serve, doing our best to spread God's love wherever we go
Fed in body and spirit, we go out to face what the world has in store for us,
trusting that in good or in evil we are not alone.

Go with God: made known as Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We go, and we trust that in God's time, all shall be well some day.
Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly (see insert)
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!

Hey St. Paul's, today is the day! Annual Beef Dinner and Auction, 4:30-6:30! Bring pies and salads to the basement kitchen (use NE door) latest 3:30pm.
Join us for a delicious beef supper, visiting and fun bidding on the great auction items.

BRING A FRIEND 😊

Ministry Teams: 2019 Budget forms are in your mail box

Dates to Remember:

The 102 Street Stitchers.....

Quilters and Crafters are meeting again November 9th , 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 16th*