



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
January 13, 2019

*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: Arise Your Light Has Come vss 1 & 4 # 79 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

We have been called together...

Called by the One who Created us, called by the One who names us as Beloved Children.

As we gather to worship together, we greet our Beloved sisters and brothers with signs and words of love and peace...

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this season of Light, we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness

May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice to the world around us everyday.

Gathered together in the name of Christ, Light of the World, we center ourselves for worship

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit God, in the beginning you moved over the waters primeval,
bringing forth life.

You call us to come to the water,

to be refreshed, to be renewed, to bring forth new life.

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.

Please note – UCW Unit #1 will now be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:15 pm in the friendship room.

P&M Breakfast/ Work meeting Saturday, January 26 at 8:00 a.m.

2018 Narrative Report are due February 4th.

Stories Wanted.

For the month of February we need stories about why the church is important to you or what the church means to you. These will be read either by you or by Gord (your choice) during the sermon. Gord will add in some Theological Reflection to go with the story (so he will need to know what you are going to say beforehand). If you want to share your story talk to Gord. Otherwise he will be hunting for people to share their stories.

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.

As a baptizing community,
we encourage each other to grow and to learn together what it means to be washed with water and the Spirit.

In this time of singing and praying and listening,
open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to hear, see, and feel what it means to be a baptized and baptizing community. And then send us out to live what we have discovered.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught his friends to pray by saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: When Jesus Come to be Baptized #100 Voices United

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 of life, in our baptism,

we walk through life into death and back into life.

God of transformation, in our baptism,

you make us a new being, changing us, making us more than we were.

God of grace, in our baptism,

we are set free from the bondage of sin, we are set free to be people of life.

Transforming, Empowering, Gracious God

help us live as those who are freed from sinfulness, help us put the old ways

behind us, help us live into the new people we are becoming.

...time of silent prayer...

The God whose love flowed over us with the waters of baptism, the Christ who redeems and teaches us, the *Ruach* who fills our lungs with the breath of life, is Gracious. God leads us through the mis-steps of life and, grace-filled, pulls us forward, transforming and sanctifying us as we grow into what is made true in our baptism.

This is Good News!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 1:1-11

Matthew 28:18-20

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 *Why do we do this?*

Hymn: Out of Deep, Unordered Water

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WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: When Heaven's Bright with Mystery vs 4

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Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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COMMISSIONING:

Here in this place today,

we have worshipped, we have welcomed.

The God who welcomes us all through the waters of baptism,

sends us out into the world to make a difference.

The God revealed in the Risen Christ,

challenges us to share the Good News of life that conquers death, life that brings healing.

As we serve in the world we know that:

the God who created and recreates us

the Risen Christ who redeems and teaches us

the Holy Spirit who strengthens and sustains us

is with us wherever we go. Hallelujah!

Sung Benediction: I Am the Light of the World (refrain, verse 1, refrain)

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POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.

Please stay and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee.

Interac e-Transfer is a simple, convenient, and secure way to send and receive money directly from one bank account to another. All you need is access to online or mobile banking through a participating financial institution, and you can send money to St. Paul's United Church — without sharing any personal financial information. It's a great alternative to cheques and cash.

To give using Interac e-Transfer please use this email address to send your donation to St. Paul's United Church - secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

In the note field of your transaction request, please indicate your envelope number (if you have one, if not contact the Church office to get one) and what fund(s) you are wanting your donation to go to. You can split your donation between funds if you so desire. (Example: If your donations is \$100 your note could say - \$25 GF, \$50 MS, \$25 OU or any other combination of amounts and funds you would like to support).

Fund: (Code)

- General Fund (GF)
- Mission and Service (MS)
- Capital Fund (CA)
- Outreach (OU)

Any donations made without a fund code will be considered a "General Funds" donation.

After you have selected the amount and the fund, please email the answer to your security question to secretary@stpaulsuc.ca so that we can accept your donation.

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.

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.

*** **671.15** has been brought in since January 1, 2018***

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 newslet-

ters, 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.

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!

New to the church? Want a photo directory? See Carla in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

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!



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.

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

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from December 1 -31 we gave out 9 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$650.00 from** our local outreach fund. Please consider donating "in good used condition" warm clothing such as mitts, gloves, socks, toques and bath towels for the Saint Lawrence Center. Thank you for your continued support.

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 and would be willing to join us in any one of these roles on council please contact Karen Scott or Rev. Gord

St Paul's Mailboxes...are now in place.

Communications has made a file folder for all the names in the Photo Directory, and a few others from the Birthday lists. If you don't have a file, our apologies please leave your name in the "Communications Team" file folder, and we'll get one made for next week! We hope you'll find them useful for communicating with your fellow St Paul's family and ministry teams.

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation

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

January 20, February 17, March 24 and May 26