



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**January 20, 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

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
**calling us from workplace and mattress, calling us to share God's work.**  
Loudly and boldly the Creator is calling,  
**calling us to hear and to heed, reminding us how we should live.**  
Gently, unceasingly the Spirit is calling,  
**calling us to be present with God, calling us to be energized and refreshed.**  
As we gather for worship let us greet each other with words and actions of Christ's 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**

God of life, as a baptized and baptizing community,  
**we gather to worship, to grow in discipleship, to share the faith story.**  
God of community, we gather this morning,  
**as part of a global family, united in faith, diverse in practice.**  
God of transformation, as we sing and pray and listen,  
**open our souls that we would know your presence, open our hearts to follow where you lead.**

**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

**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

**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.

**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\*\*\*

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

# 567 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

As people who have heard Jesus' invitation to join him,

**we take up the challenge to follow the Way, to grow as disciples.**

As part of a faith family that spans the globe,

**we work with our brothers and sisters of many traditions to build the Kingdom.**

Go with God: Father, Son and Spirit, Lover, Beloved, and Love, who is Creating,  
Redeeming and Sustaining.

**Amen.**

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

# 87 Voices United

POSTLUDE

**Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.**

Please stay and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee.

# 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.

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** Forbes Presbyterian is hosting the "**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**" Service. Rev. Gord is preaching at this service.

**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.

**Reminder** to the women of St. Paul's, we will be having our annual general UCW meeting on Wed Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the friendship room. All women are welcome to attend.

**2018 Narrative Report** are due February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Paul's Annual General Meeting** will be **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** (time to be determined).

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## Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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### **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 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.

### **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!

**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!

**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.

### **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.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, who invites us to join the community, who teaches us to pray saying..

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Simon Simon a Fisherman Was He # 597 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 you show up where we are and invite us to follow you.

**And we want to, we really do. But sometimes we are not sure how.**

Still you stand there inviting us to follow.

**So we keep trying, we take small steps and giant leaps.**

God of Grace, keep encouraging us along the way,

**help us when we falter, embolden us when the way seems daunting.**

God of Grace, God who keeps pushing/pulling/coaxing us forward,

**thank you for second and third and twenty-fifth chances,**

**thank you for never giving up on us.**

We are not alone, God is with us all along the path we follow. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 1:14-28

GIFT OF MUSIC: Just Two Words

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 did they do that?*

Hymn: Jesus Saw Them Fishing

# 113 More Voices

### **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

# 93 Voices United