



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
February 24, 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: Let Us Build a House Vs 1 & Refrain #1 More Voices

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us to this place

We have responded for many different reasons

From our varied lives and busy-ness

We come to share our stories about why we have come.

Meeting each other as a part of the Body of Christ, we greet each other with words and signs 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

Sculpting God,

**you give galaxies their form, shape granite mountains,
 and design butterfly wings.**

Dancing God,

**you choreograph the paths of stars
 and the flight of snow geese.**

Singing God,

**your divine song is sung by sparrows, mountain streams,
 and the rushing winds.**

Wonderful God,

**we rejoice to be a part of the divine world
 which you love and sustain. Amen.**

(Celebrate God's Presence

p.27)

St. Paul's Annual General Meeting will be March 3rd after worship.

Results of poll:

28 responses

5 unable to attend

1 - would like it on Saturday night with music, food and dance.

23 yes will attend

22 - right after church 1 - 3:00 pm

P&M breakfast/ work meeting Saturday, March 2nd, 8 a.m.

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

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***

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!

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.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

365 Voices United

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN

SONG:

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC: Promised Land

N. Sleeth

What Does The Church Mean to Me? -- Holly's Story

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 2:42-47

John 13:34-35

Matthew 25:34-40

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

Hymn: When I Needed a Neighbour

600 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky Vs. 3

#143 More Voices

Prayer:

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God.**

Help us to give with them

a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

(Celebrate God's Presence p.49)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Sisters Let Us Walk Together

179 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

We have been invited to reflect on why we come here.

We have heard from one of our neighbours why they are here.

Now we go out to live the rest of our week.

Carrying with us the promise that God is here, but also in our homes and workplaces.

As we carry the love of God into the world around us we are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

Sung Benediction: May God's Sheltering Wings (2x)

214 More Voices

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.

Yummy BEEF PIES FOR SALE, TODAY after church! Bring your money!! , \$20 per pie.

SAVE THE DATE

It is time to start sorting and collecting for

ST. PAULS GARAGE SALE

MAY 1,2,3 & 4 -2019 same place, same great deals, same opportunity to volunteer .

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 1st - 7:00 pm

at Christ Church Anglican - 6610 Poplar Drive

Theme is: Come - Everything is Ready!

Focus Scripture - Luke 14:15-24

For more information about Slovenia, the country that prepared the service, go here <https://worlddayofprayer.net/slovenia-2019.html>

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.



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

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

March 24 and May 26

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.

St. Paul's Council is seeking a Treasurer, Secretary and a Member at Large.

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