



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
February 3, 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

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 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

**O God, make the door of this house wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship,
narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.**

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

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***

Prayer:
Caring God,
may we offer not only our material gifts,
but our whole selves to you,
and to all those who need our support in the quest for justice.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Liberator. Amen.

Hymn: Though Ancient Walls # 691 Voices United

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 X2 # 214 More Voices
POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.

Please stay and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee.

Sunday February 17th during worship we want to meet your FAMILY!!

Alison, our music director will be leading a service of songs and stories.

You are invited to share a short story about a special family member and then we will sing their favourite hymn! If you would like to participate please see Alison by February 4th and let her know what hymn you'll be choosing.

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.

2018 Narrative Report are due February 4th.

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

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

Tax Receipts are ready!!

Please help us save on postage and pick yours up at the church!

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

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Grandmothers to Grandmothers Coffee Party to be held February 12th in the friendship room from 10 am – 11:30am An opportunity to contribute to the Stephen Lewis foundation in their efforts to help the grandmothers in Africa who are raising grandchildren due to the HIV-AIDS epidemic.
Everyone Welcome – Bring a friend!!

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.

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

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.



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.

**Make its threshold smooth enough
to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet,
but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power.
God make the door of this house
the gateway to your eternal kingdom.**

(Bishop Thomas Ken 1637-1711 *Celebrate God's Presence* p.28)

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 Home

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Celebration of Communion

What Does The Church Mean to Me? Martha's Story

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 17: 7&8 and 29: 10-14

1 John 3:1-3

Psalms 90:1-4

Ephesians 2:19-20

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)

REFLECTION

Hymn : Live into Hope

699 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

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#143 More Voices

Everyone is impacted by opioid use.

The Grande Prairie Community Opioid Task Force is premiering their video series "Critical Condition: The Opioid Crisis in Grande Prairie" on Tuesday, February 5.

The event takes place from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Grande Prairie Live theatre featuring a screening of the videos followed by a question and answer period.

The video series was created in Grande Prairie to raise awareness about the crisis and reduce the stigma surrounding opioid use.

More information on the event and tickets on the City of Grande Prairie website here: <https://bit.ly/2Rlk6m5>

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!