



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
March 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

Gift of Music: Gather By the River to Pray

Gathering Hymn: We Are One

402 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Celebration of Communion

What Does The Church Mean to Me? -- Karen's Story
Charter of Compassion Video

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Amos 5:21-24

Matthew 7:12-13

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: There Is a Time

165 More Voices

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 MV

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.

(Celebrate God's Presence p.51)

Hymn: Go, Make a Difference

209 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 Loughhead*

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.

Thank you St. Paul's Family for a successful Beef Pie Fundraiser last weekend!

A great group of Beef Cutters, onion cooker, pie dough makers, pastry rollers, pie assemblers, packer and sellers! Thank you to the workers and the folks who bought the tasty pies. We netted \$1200 with 44 volunteer hrs!

To all who bought Beef Pies - enjoy the love filled comfort food this "long winter"!!

SHINGLES by the BUNDLE - update

We started needing \$18,750.00 (250 bundles)

2018...donations \$10,777.00 (144 bundles)

Actual cost was \$16,485.00 (220 bundles)

So in 2019 we need \$5,708.00 (76 more bundles)

2019 to date \$ 75.00 (75 more bundles to go)

THANK YOU for your generous support.

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

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

CGIT & Explorers Mission Project

Bottle Drive supporting Sunrise House

Saturday, March 16, 2019 12 – 4 pm

Please sign up for bottle drive pick up on the poster at the back of the church.

Need more information call/text:

Brenda Stouffer 780-832-9371

Revelation. The last book of the Christian Scriptures and a very challenging book to read. We will be having a 7 session study on the Book of Revelation on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 starting on March 13 and running to the end of April.

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.

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

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

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

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!

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

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***