



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 14, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

If you listen carefully you can almost hear it,
Drifting through the air, singing and dancing.
 It gets closer and closer, louder and louder,
Songs of joy and hope.

The Kingdom is coming! Can you see it?
The Kingdom is coming! Will we join in the parade?

PALM PARADE Come Into the Streets With Me *(see insert)*

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We sing and dance with the crowds as we enter the city, joyfully we share the light of God that is among us.

May its light continue to glow as the week draws on and the darkness gathers.
 As the candle flame takes hold we pause and centre ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

God of the parade, we hear the song of hope
and we join in behind the one leading the music.

We join this ragged group of unlikely friends
marching along to the beginning of a new age

As we march and cheer and sing,
even though there is a shadow in the distance,
 fill us with the promise of the Kingdom,
keep us hoping that love and life will yet win out.

We pray in the name of the One who leads us into the city, who encourages us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

HOLY WEEK			
 Palm Sunday April 14 10:00 AM	 Maundy Thursday April 18 6:00 PM	 Good Friday April 19 10:00 AM	 Easter Sunday April 21 10:00 AM

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
 an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm
 May 26th*

April 27th - University of Alberta...we need hosts to billet students the night of Saturday April 27th. You will need to take them home after the concert, feed them breakfast and have them back to the church by 9 am.
 Please sign up and give your phone number or speak to Sharon Adams to clarify if you have pets, can handle allergies etc.

Join us Sunday April 28th for a congregational potluck after the Youth Group Service.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from March 1 - 27 we gave out 6 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$330.00 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.



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

SHINGLES by the BUNDLE – update

Actual cost was	\$16,485.00 (220 bundles)
2018...donations	\$10,777.00 (144 bundles)
So in 2019 we need	\$5,708.00 (76 more bundles)
2019 donations	\$3,186.20 (42 bundles)
So we still need	\$2678.00 (34 bundles)

THANK YOU for your generous support.

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!

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

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.

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.

*** **\$200.10** has been brought in since January 1, 2019***

Promotion Sunday - Sunday May 12th

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

Gathering Hymn: When They Heard that Jesus Was Coming (vss1-6)
128 More Voices

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, on this day of great joy and excitement,
it is easy to get caught up in the hopes and the shouting.

But there is something else lurking around the corner,
a shadow of doubt and testing. A shadow of death and devastation.

Even as we join in the joy,

we admit that we may also join in the voices of another crowd, shouting NO in the face of your offer of a new world.

For the times we choose the easy parade over the hard road of change. For the days we choose to remain in the shadows...

forgive and strengthen us. Set us free from fear so that we can proclaim openly the coming of your Reign. Help us march in the parade of hope.

...time of silent prayer...

As we wave the branches we proclaim that the Reign of God is here and now! As citizens of God's Kingdom we are forgiven in our doubts and our mis-steps. We are invited to join the ragged band of followers in the parade that stretches all the way to the Promised Land.

Hosanna! The King is here! Praise and thanks to God! Amen

Gift of Music: He came riding into town

Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 19:28-48

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 *And So It Begins*

Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honour

122 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: In Loving Partnership We come Vs 1&2
603 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Hymn: Ride On Ride On in Majesty (tune of #108 VU) # 127 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

We have marched and sung with the crowds.

We share their hope for better things to come.

The week ahead will throw cold water on that hope.

But we still try to sing our hope. For even if our voices are stilled the very stones will take up the song.

As we go into the world of hope and challenge, remember that in the hope and in the challenge we are not alone.

The Child playing the kazoo still leads the Raggedy Band.

God walks with us as we journey toward the Kingdom.

Thanks be to God! Hosanna and Hallelujah!

Recessional: Sanna, Sannanina # 128 Voices United

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.

Please take a minute to think about the financial stewardship that is both yours and ours. Thank you for donating to local expenses for the week ending April 7th - \$1758 by the Sunday offering, \$1540 through PAR, and \$144.75 by E transfer making a total of **\$3472.75**. These funds support programs, worship, and building upkeep at St. Paul's. The average amount allocated in our 2019 budget per week for local expenses is **\$4809**. Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

Maundy Thursday Potluck, April 18th @ 6:00 pm in Small Basement.

Decorating for Easter, April 20th @ 10:00 am. Please join us, many hands make light work!

Good Friday Service, April 19th @ 10:00 am

UCW will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter Sunday (April 21st) with **beautiful potted hydrangeas**. These will be available for purchase after the service for **\$20.00** on a first come basis. We will have a limited number, so be sure to buy one immediately after the service. Enjoy the beautiful blossoms in your own home or deliver them to a friend. (Contact person will be Linda Wagner.)

UCW SPRING GATHERING: Wednesday, April 24th - 7:00 pm

UCW Unit 1 are hoping you'll join us for a relaxing and informative time of fellowship in the Friendship Room. Our guest speaker will be Gloria Powell. She is going to share her story of travelling the El Camino Trail in Spain.

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.

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.