



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**July 21, 2019**

Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.  
 The People of St. Paul's Belong...Believe...Love...Listen...Lead

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME: Praise God for This Holy Ground Vs. 1&2 # 42 More Voices

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the dog days of the summer,  
**we gather to worship, to have the fire of the Spirit lit in our souls.**  
 In this season of growth, as the earth puts out food,  
**we gather to worship, to be fed and energized.**  
 As followers of Christ, we greet each other with Christ's peace...

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,  
**may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.**  
 Opening ourselves to the breath of the Holy Spirit, we centre ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: It's a Song of Praise # 30 More Voices

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART -- You Are Stardust  
 Children's Hymn: Like a Rock X2 # 92 More Voices

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Reader: Creator God, who has filled us with life and provided for us all good things, we confess that we are often careless ..... without rebuilding.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayers and answer us in love.**  
 Reader: Loving God, we'd confess also that we are careless ..... action towards others.

**All: Lord, hear our prayers and answer us in love.**  
 Reader: Forgive us, we pray ..... hearts today.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayers and answer us in love. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reader: And this is the Good News! ..... and new joy!"  
**ALL: Thanks be to God ! Amen!**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 46:1-11 (not responsive, no refrain)  
 Luke 12: 22-34

Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful # 291 Voices United

SERMON: Savour the Moment!

GIFT OF MUSIC: What a Wonderful World Madison White  
**WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD**

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute  
 The Invitation:  
 Dedication Offering Hymn: Spirit Open My Heart # 79 More Voices  
 (chorus verse2 chorus)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns  
 Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read by two readers)

Hymn: Called By Earth and Sky # 135 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

We have worshipped, joining together in praise of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit.  
**Let us depart, blessed and challenged to live by the Spirit.**  
 May the love of God and love of neighbour show forth in all you are and all you do.  
**Amen**

SUNG BLESSING: Go Gently, Go Lightly See insert

POSTLUDE

# 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"*

## **Church Office Hours!**

**Please note** that the Church office will have new hours throughout the summer starting July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday - Friday 9am noon & 1pm - 3pm and closed the occasional Fridays until September.

**Office will be closed August 20-27.**

**Rev. Gord will be away on holidays from July 12- August 12<sup>th</sup>** -During this time please call the office for Pastoral Care concerns and Carla will forward them to the right person.

**A minute for (financial) Stewardship** – We take time out in the summer from our usual activities - your stewardship reporter is no exception and will not be providing weekly updates. Attending church regularly is also one those "time out" activities. Please remember that the gas metre knows no time out! Thank you for supporting your/our church and its mission through PAR and regular Sunday offering all through the summer.

**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.

## **Calling all talented St. Paul's Folks:**

It's time to get creative and think of unique ways to share your time and talent with others! Our silent auction will be held September 21<sup>st</sup> Please submit your idea by email to [bamwhite@telus.net](mailto:bamwhite@telus.net) ASAP and mark the date on your calendar!

## **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!

**Take a Look!** We have some new pictures in our hallway frames! Are YOU in them? If we missed your mug be sure to take pics at your next church activity and submit them to Carla or Alison.

**PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!** When locking the church doors please make sure that the door is actually latched. Thank you!

**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 first Sunday of each month** there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from June 1 – 30 we gave out 17 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.

**Compassionate Friends of Grande Prairie Support Group** meets here at St. Paul's in the friendship Room. The next few meeting dates are July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

"Grief becomes a tolerable and creative experience only when love enables it to be shared with someone who really understands" Rev. Simon Stephen's, TCF Founder.



## **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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca) so that we can accept your donation.

**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

Don't miss your summer donations. Sign up for PAR or you can also go to our website and donate there at any time. We are set up to receive donations through Canada Helps.



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