



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
September 8, 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 Open Wide the Church's Door Vss. 1,2 & 4
 LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

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CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We gather on the first day of the week,

to celebrate God's presence, to be renewed by the one who created us.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come as Children of God.

Come and greet your siblings with words and signs of Christ's peace.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the beginning God said "let there be light" and there was light.

The candle flame reminds us of the light that shines everywhere.

Gathered as people who live in God's light, we centre ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

God who is always present,

we open our hearts and souls to your presence.

God who would be with us at the ends of the earth,

we give thanks for your presence.

God who made and knows us, in this time of worship,

renew us, refresh us, remind us what it means to be your children.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught about your love, who showed us the Way to live, and who encouraged his friends to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: God, We Pray at This Beginning

443 Voices United

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost –

Is your "stuff" building a barrier between you and God?

Seventy –five seconds for (financial) Stewardship –Hello! Your treasurer is back, reminding you that building God's Kingdom is an every week job!

Revenue for the week ending September 1st is \$1743.00 This includes Sunday offering. PAR, and rental income. The budget for local expenses is **\$4809** (annual budget divided by 52). Thank you for being "angels in disguise" (from last week's Hebrews passage) Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday school starts -

Sunday, September 8 at 10:00 am

CGIT/Explores Registration Night -

Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm

Choir starts -

Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 pm

102 Street Stitches– Friday, September 13,

10:00 am – 3:00 pm – in the Friendship Room

Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share, and a project of your own or help with projects on the go. Conversation and advice is free! We work on small projects including mending and/or fixing clothing on an as needed basis. If you want more info call Carla at the office or Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

World Religions Conference @ Grande Prairie Pubic Library

Saturday, September 14th at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm - FREE – no tickets necessary

Poster on the bulletin board or in the newsletter. Pastor Gord is speaking to the theme "Universal Compassion – The Core Human Value"

from the Christian perspective. Other speakers will speak for various religions.

It is always an interesting afternoon hosted by the Muslim community and there are always folks from St Paul's in attendance, so come and bring a friend.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 15th

Sunday, September 15th Clairmont Church is holding a

Service of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

to celebrate the ministry of the people of Clairmont United Church and Minister Mary Blackburn (Sept 2003 – June 2019)

Singing begins at 10:15 – Potluck Lunch following service – Everyone Welcome

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

SONG:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome through Baptism
Emery Earl Bryan Chambers
Son of Mallory and Bryan

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Search me, O God, and now my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

You know us more deeply than we know ourselves.

See if there is any wicked way in me.

You know our capacity for love. You know our capacity for indifference.

You know our ability to serve each other. You know our ability to serve ourselves.

And lead me in the way everlasting.

Keep us, we pray, on the path of wisdom. Help us be who we were made to be.

...time of silent prayer...

The God who watched us grow in the womb is the God who is with us every day of our lives. God is there to love and to guide and to correct. God will continue to lead us in the Way everlasting.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 139

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 *Wonderfully Made, Wonderfully Known*

Hymn: You Are before Me, God

862 Voices United

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

WORLD

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creations Vs. 2 # 227 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: You, Creator God, Have Searched Me

131 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

Here today we have worshipped.

We have prayed, we have celebrated a new life,

we have been reminded that we are made and known by the God who loves us.

Now today we go out to a world hungering for Good News.

May we help everyone we meet know that they too are wonderfully made, wonderfully known, wonderfully loved.

Go with God, who watched us grow in our mother's womb, who is in every breath we take, who walks with us wherever life may lead.

We go with joy and thanksgiving.

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly

See PowerPoint

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"

Church Office Hours!

We have returned to our regular office hours.

Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3 pm.

but closed over the noon hour.

Mark your calendars (cont'd):

St. Paul's Council meeting @ 6:00 pm Monday, September 16th

Time & Talent Silent Auction and Desserts Saturday., September 21 at 7:00 pm

UCW Fall Event – Friendship Room Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 pm
UCW Unit 2 are hosting the evening and Sandra Impey is the guest speaker. She was privileged to have spent a month in India at a Rehab Facility for handicapped children and will be speaking about that work. Refreshments will also be served.

Beginner bells start Sunday's, 11:15 - noon, starting September 29th. All are welcome to come try out handbells.

**Monday, September 30 – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
at the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre**

Orange Shirt Day Event “*Our Voice to the Creator...Past, present, future....*”
Keynote speakers, smudging, free, lunch, “Every Child Matters” buttons, books from the Library by Indigenous authors, and the unveiling of a memorial.

Senior bells start Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, starting September 30th.
Please call Jeannette 780 356-2866 if you are interested in learning to play bells (Beginner Bells) or if you have bell playing experience, or if you are interested in subbing to play bells. Hope to hear from anyone interested!

Potluck following our worship service. Sunday, October 6th

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.

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.

Offering Envelopes - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your donations. 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 have envelope # on your offering so it can be accorded to the correct person.

At St. Paul's We Are So Fortunate 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. Rooms booked with Carla in the office will have first priority.

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!

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 of bottles/cans you dropped off.