



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
February 2, 2020

*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: In the Quiet of This Day Vs 1 & 2

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

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Jesus tells us that we are light to the world and encourages us to shine

The candle flame reminds us that we share the light that comes from Jesus, the Light of the World.

Gathered as people who are drawn to the light, we centre ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Sculpting God,

**you give galaxies their form, shape granite mountains,
and design butterfly wings.**

Dancing God,

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. Drop them 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.

We have even provided some tags with the church number already printed.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School has relocated upstairs in the former Nursery location. Come check out their bright new space.

Families with young children are welcome to continue to use this space as required for child care.

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.

We still have a few **Photo Directories** available. Please stop in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

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!

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LOOKING AHEAD

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm
February 23, March 22 and May 2nd*

Saturday February 22nd at 8:00 a.m.- P&M breakfast / work meeting

Sunday, March 1st – 11:00 am – Annual Congregational Meeting

Friday, March 6th World Day of Prayer - more details on time and host to come.

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.

**you choreograph the paths of stars
and the flight of snow geese.**

Singing God,

**your divine song is sung by sparrows, mountain streams,
and the rushing winds.**

Wonderful God,

**we rejoice to be a part of the divine world
which you love and sustain. Amen.**

(Celebrate God's Presence p.27)

Gathering Hymn: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

260 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Gift of Music: Come Find Forgiveness and Love

Besig & Price

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Sacrament of Communion

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 98 (VU p.818), 1 Peter 4:8-11, Amos 5:21-24

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: We Are Pilgrims

595 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute :

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: What Can I Do?

2X

191 More Voices

Hymn: To Show by Touch and Word

427 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

This week's bulletins were graciously donated by Karen DePottie

Bible Study - Monday afternoons at 1:30

All are invited to a Bible Study as each week we will look at the Scripture readings for the next Sunday. This is your chance to help shape the sermon!

Focus scripture for Sunday, -February 9th : Romans 12:2, 9-13, Deuteronomy 11:18-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-17, Matthew 11:28-30

Tuesday, February 11th – 10:00 am – 11:30 am – Friendship Room
Grandmothers to Grandmothers – Coffee and Muffins Fundraiser
In support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation



Grandm  thers
to Grandm  thers

Fundraiser Coffee Party
TUESDAY, February 11th
10 - 11:30 am



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 3 pm.
but closed over the noon hour.

No Sunday School, Sunday February 16.

Monday, February 3rd – Narrative Reports due!

A Minute for (financial) Stewardship or take all the time you need – "From the perspective of the gospel, fundraising is...first and foremost a form of ministry" from Henri Nouwen

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.

Thursday is "coffice" day! Remember that on Thursday afternoons from 1-4 pm Gord can be found at the West end Starbucks. Join him for a drink and a chat.