



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

March 1, 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: Simply to Be

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.

Through these Lenten days and nights we journey closer to the cross.

Walking with Jesus, we seek to learn what it means to follow his Way

Jesus has invited us to journey with him, to learn, to grow, to be transformed.

As we try to go where Jesus leads, we seek to understand who God wants us to be.

As followers of Christ we begin our worship by greeting 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 Preparation we walk a road towards a dark day.

The candle flame reminds us that the light always shines in the darkness.

As followers of Jesus, the Light of the World, we centre ourselves for worship

OPENING PRAYER

God who has called us together,

We come here seeking to find the path of Life, wondering who You would have us be.

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.

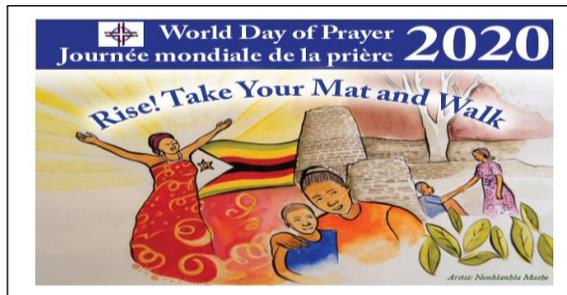
We still have a few **Photo Directories** available. Please stop in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

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



Friday, March 6th – 6:30 pm-
World Day of Prayer
Rise! Take your Mat and Walk
@ The Salvation Army
Community Church
9525 – 83 Ave., GP
Refreshments to follow!
Written by the WDP
committee from Zimbabwe

Labyrinth Walks

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



Our annual garage sale will be held with
'pickups and deliveries' to the Armouries **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH**,
sorting, displaying, and pricing with many willing workers on Thursday, April 30th
and doors are open: Thursday, April 30th at 5 pm – 8 pm
Friday, May 1st - 9 am – 8 pm
May 2nd. – 9 am to 12 noon

40 items in 40 days



The first day of Lent was Wednesday,
February 26th. If you were to take one
item per day that you no longer need or
use, and set in a box for the garage sale
you would clear some clutter and it won't
feel like a chore.



March 28 – Rising Above - Hope Lives Banquet

Enjoy Participants Stories, Silent and Live Auction and a Rising About Update.
Doors open at 5 pm at the Tara Centre – Evergreen park. Tickets available at Rising
Above 780-533-3025

As we wrestle with those questions of being there are so many tests and possibilities
along the way.

And so we seek guidance and strength.

In this time of worship,

**Open our hearts and souls to your Way. Give us the strength and wisdom to
pass the tests of life. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: O God, How We Have Wandered

112 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: Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart

(Soloist Madison White)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

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 *Who Do We Want to Be?*

Hymn: Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

115 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute :

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: Give What You Can, Take What You Need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, you lay before us a road to travel in life,

but so often we are tempted to turn away from the Way.

You call us to be a people set apart, with a different vision for the world,
but the world around us tempts us to share its vision.

You challenge us to listen for your voice, to see with your eyes, to love as you love,
but sometimes these things are hard, and we are tempted to follow the easy path.

For all the times we have been swayed by the world, for all the times we have wandered from the path of wisdom,
forgive us, strengthen us, and bring us back to the life you would have us live.

...time of silent prayer...

God calls us to live in this world, temptations and choices and all. God calls us to follow God's path but God also knows that we will wander at times. And so, before we even know we need it, God offers forgiveness and grace. We are a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Waiting

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COMMISSIONING:

As worship ends, service continues.

We leave this place to continue following the road that lies in front of us.

On that path there are many options, many times we can turn aside.

But we pledge ourselves to stick to the goal, to struggle with the tests, to be who we are meant to be.

And we remember the great promise of faith. We remember that we never face the tests and trial of life alone.

May the Threefold God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us always and all-ways. Amen.

Sung Benediction: May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet
POSTLUDE

This week's bulletins were graciously donated by Dayle and Jack Field

**PLEASE STAY FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
today, right after church. Grab a bite to eat and bring it to the meeting.**

Bible Study – Monday afternoons at 1:30 – CANCELED FOR MARCH 2

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,

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.

Three minutes for (financial) Stewardship – “Why I go to St. Paul’s” – because I experience adult book study that is interesting and thought provoking; I see children and youth heading off to Sunday School with enthusiasm; I enjoy the presentations of CGIT and Explorers. The amount needed to support Christian Development is \$980 per week (this includes building, staffing and supplies). Revenue needed to meet our total budget for local is \$4772. Revenue for local including Sunday offering, rent, GST return (\$1518), and PAR for the week ending February 23 is \$4,883. Thank you for supporting Christian Development at St. Paul’s!
Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

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.



Join Liz McCallum **Friday, March 6th**
in the Friendship Room here at St. Paul's
and experience
the healing & meditative benefits of sound
with the Alchemy crystal singing bowls.

During this sound bath, you will expect to relax, release, and renew through the vibration & frequency of sound.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and the sound bath begins at 7:00 pm.

Bring anything required to be comfortable while laying on the ground and bask in the healing properties of sound. Free will donations are welcome.

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