



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
March 15, 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

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.

Jesus invites us to quench our thirst, with refreshing water that never runs dry.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Season of Preparation we walk a road toward 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 of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

And we have heard you.

All who are thirsty, come to the fountain.

We come to dip our souls in the stream of life, to drink deeply and satisfy our thirst.

God of Living Water, the spring that never fails,

may this time of worship refresh and revive us. May it energize us. May the drink we take today fill us so that we overflow with love, ready to share what we have found with all we meet.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who we know as the Living Water, and who taught his friends to pray by saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: By the Well, a Thirsty Woman

117 More Voices



Join Liz McCallum **Friday, March 27th** 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.

Mission and Service Contribution History

2016 Actual \$24,991 plus \$1000 from UCW Total \$25,991

2017 Actual \$27,219 plus \$500 from UCW Total \$27,719

2018 Actual \$25,002 plus \$600 from UCW Total \$25,602

2019 Actual \$24,346 plus \$1000 from UCW Total \$25,346

The 2019 commitment was \$26,000.

The 2020 Commitment established by the Annual Meeting and Including UCW contributions is **\$25,000**. Please note that all funds designated for Mission and Service go to Mission and Service!

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!

LOOKING AHEAD

Labyrinth Walks

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

P&M Breakfast / Work meeting Saturday 8 a.m. March 28th.

GPRC Concert Choir

Directed by Tina Alexander-Luna, Accompanied by Carmen Bartel
Saturday, March 28 at 7:30PM - St. Paul's United Church
Tickets \$15/\$13 students and seniors
Available through Revolution Place or at the door
Featuring Baroque to Contemporary Music including works by Handel, Faure, and Stanford as well as folksong, Inuit songs, and works by contemporary Canadian composers.

Our annual garage sale will unfold as follows:

'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.

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 of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?

You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

But we do not trust enough that the spring is there. We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.

You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.

For all the times we turn away from your Water, for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it, for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,

Forgive us we pray.

...time of silent prayer...

The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope, to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life. Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live abundant life.

Thanks and praise to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 4:1-42

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)

Gift of Music: My Soul is Thirsting for You

SERMON *Thirsty?*

Hymn: Water Flowing From the Mountains

87 More Voices

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.

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Hymn: The King of Love

273 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

God of Living Water, you called us to come and drink.

And we came. We drank. We were washed.

And now we prepare to return to the world.

Carrying with us the knowledge that the Spring of Life is always available to us.

May we be bearers of life-giving Water to all we meet.

Helping them to find ways to slake their thirsty souls, helping them to drink deeply.

Go with God. Float on the Stream of Life.

Amen.

Sung Benediction: May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK

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, March 22 John 9:1-41

Thursday is “coffee” 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.

Choir Practice - Thursday at 7:30 pm – Come and join the fun!

CGIT/Explorers Bottle Drive

Saturday, March 21st

Raising funds for our Mission Project CODE.ngo Sign-up sheets available for home pick-up on windows at the back of the church.

Contact Brenda on her cell at 780-832-9371 if you have any questions.

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.

A Minute and 45 seconds for (financial) Stewardship – “Asking people for money is giving them the opportunity to put their resources at the disposal of the kingdom. To raise funds is to offer people the chance to invest what they have in the work of God” quote from Henri Nouwen. Revenue for local including Sunday offering, PAR, and rent for the week ending on a cool put your clock ahead March 9th is \$2302. Budgeted for local expenses is \$5560. ~ Thank you for taking a “chance” on St. Paul’s.

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.

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

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 donation 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.

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