



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

March 8, 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

"Be still and know that I am God."

**These words lead us to the calmness and greatness of God's Presence.**

We remind ourselves that we are in your presence, O God.

**We will take refuge in your loving heart.**

You are our strength in times of weakness.

**You are our comforter in times of sorrow.** *(adapted from sacredspace.ie)*

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 of silence

**I wait upon you.**

I pause, still my mind, and still my heart.

**I wait upon you.**

I stop, and listen beyond the everyday.

**I wait upon you.**

I rest, and allow my soul to have space.

**I wait upon you.**

Quiet, at rest, held.



Join Liz McCallum **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

## LOOKING AHEAD

### 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.

### *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 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 9 am – 8 pm  
May 2nd. – 9 am to 12 noon

### **40 items in 40 days**



The first day of Lent was Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**I wait upon you, allowing your grace to penetrate my whole being.**

And in this place, close, protected and eternal

**I find that this grace renews my strength and promises new hope.**

**I wait upon you.**

*(adapted from living-prayers.com)*

Gathering Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre

# 374 Voices United

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

#### **SONG:**

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Kings 19:1-13

Psalms 131

Mark 1:32-35

Habakkuk 2:20

#### 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 *Be Still, Listen*

Hymn: God of Still Waiting

# 20 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.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, you call, but we do not always recognize your voice.

**Sometimes we don't listen carefully.**

**Sometimes we're caught off guard.**

God, you call, but we haven't always taught others to hear you.

**Sometimes we stand in the way,  
allowing our voice to ring out over yours.**

God, you call, but we don't always believe our ears.

**Sometimes we believe we know better.**

**Sometimes we think you can't possibly be calling us, or her, or him.**

Forgive us, God, our unpracticed listening, our closed ears. Help us to hear.

**All this we ask of you, confident in your unchanging faithfulness,**

**God in community, holy in One.**

**Amen.**

*(adapted from voxveniae.com)*

Hymn: In You There is a Refuge

# 84 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

Holy One, for all the ways you speak to us –

**in the rushing wind, in dancing flames,**

in the words of friends and loved ones,

**In silence and in all that transcends language,**

we give you thanks.

**Give us eyes to see your story,**

a story of redemption that works in our lives each day.

**Give us ears to listen to your words,**

words of hope, reminding us of your promise to dwell with us always,  
even in the shadows of darkness.

**Give us courage to speak your love,**

**everywhere we go, to everyone we meet.**

As we leave this place, may we be listening for your voice

both in the silence and amid the noise of everyday life.

**Amen.**

*(adapted from voxveniae.com)*

Sung Benediction: May the Christ who walks on wounded Feet

POSTLUDE

**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 15 is John 4:1-42.

**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.

# 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"*

**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.

Two minutes for (financial) Stewardship – "Why I go to St. Paul's" – because I share with others in supporting outreach, social justice and a "hand up" to those in our community and in our world who need us. On March 1 \$452.45 was raised in the second offering for local outreach and \$453.75 was contributed through the Sunday offering and PAR for Mission and Service. Thank you for supporting our outreach to mission and service from 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.

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](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.

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



You are invited to



**Celebrate PIE Day!**



**National Affirming Day**

Public Intentional Explicit inclusion of LGBTQ2SIA+ Community

**@ St Paul's United Church**

**Sat., March 14, 2020**

**1:30 – 3:30 pm**

**Drop in and take a break.**

**Enjoy a piece of pie with a neighbour.**