

Order of Worship for October 17, 2021 - 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Join us on YouTube at 10 am on Sunday Morning or any time that works for you:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-aWw0Tc165vh6EpdR-XBxw>

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Welcome In, Welcome All* verses 1&2 (Written by Bryan Cook *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021 p.55*)

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

As a new week begins, we have been invited to gather together.

In person and at a distance we open ourselves to God's presence.

Come, now is the time for worship, for prayer, for growing as followers of Christ

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(those present online are invited to use the chat function on YouTube, those present in person are invited to turn and wave or bow to the people around you as you exchange words of peace)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In a world that can be chaotic and frightening,

we light a candle of hope.

In a world where the way is uncertain

may this light of Christ show us the way.

Let us centre ourselves for worship....

(written by Beth W Johnston *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021 p.30*)

OPENING PRAYER

God you call us to love and serve each other.

We gather together in body and in spirit to grow in our ability to do just that.

Gathered here in this physical space and linked by wires and bits and bytes,

we pledge ourselves anew to be servant leaders.

In this time of prayer and song and listening,

open our eyes and our hearts to the realities of power in the Realm of Shalom.

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, who leads us to that realm,

and who encourages us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn MV 127 I Saw the Rich Ones (1L)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART *World Food Day*

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God, if we are honest, we often get caught by the promise of status.

Asking for special places at the table of life, feeling entitled to special treatment or privileges.

The draw of power and authority is potent,
tempting us to seek power over others, or at the expense of our neighbours.

But you call us to a different way of being,
power based on servant-hood, where the last are the first and the greatest are the least.
For those days we fall victim to the siren song of power and privilege, status and specialness,
forgive our misunderstandings, lead us into new ways of seeing the world, we pray.

...time of silent prayer...

Through grace God opens the door to new opportunities. With mercy God gives us the chance to set aside our old understandings and learn new ways of being. Our mis-steps and poor choices are forgiven as we are given a chance to live into a new world.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 10:35-45

A MOMENT OF 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 *Power Play*

Hymn VU 697 O for a World

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute *Defining Love: Emmanuel's Story*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/defining-love-emmanuel-story>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU518 verse 3

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU567 Will You Come and Follow Me (1L)

COMMISSIONING:

We have been called to love and serve in the world around us.

We go out to do just that, to provide leadership as we serve our neighbours.

As you go out into the world, carry with you God's love for the world.

We pledge to share that love in our words, in our deeds, in how we serve our neighbours

Go secure in the knowledge that God, who models servant leadership in the life of Jesus Christ, is with you every where and every day.

We trust in God. Amen

SUNG BENEDICTION: *Welcome In, Welcome All* verses 4&3 (Written by Bryan Cook *Gathering: Pentecost 2* 2021 p.55)

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: **Your Name Here??**

Youth Ministry: *Holly Loughead* 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!

Our Office will be open Monday to Friday 9am to 3 pm.
but closed over the noon hour.

Thinking About Financial Stewardship –“Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your spirit flowing over all O God of Love ...may our lives proclaim your justice, may our voices sing your praise. May our hands work in your service to the glory of your name.” More Voices 182. In gratitude, thanksgiving and joy we worship and serve in the community of faith that is St. Paul’s... And in the world that is God’s.
Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

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

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.

Scrapbooker Wanted. PLEASE:

We have a lot of newspaper clippings about members and events that need to find a good home in a scrapbook. If you can put your talents to use in this worthwhile project it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carla in the office and she can show you the documents that need to be tenderly organized for family history purposes :)

COVID UPDATE Council made a recommendation that all St Paul’s groups wishing to use the premises, check the rules on gatherings set out by the Alberta Government and ensure that we are meeting and/or exceeding their guidelines, please.

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

SUNDAY, October 31st – Congregational Update after church.

Council has agreed that we will gather after church for a Congregational Update. Martha will share a report on our current financial update and if others wish to speak about their activities that will be the time to catch up on what's happening. We may replay a few videos or PowerPoint shows of things we've done as a review of the past year or so. We hope we'll be able to have some refreshments safely by then and as it is All Hallow's Eve – **costumes are welcomed.**

WE'RE COOKING UP AN IDEA

We'd like to make pies for sale in November!

- If anyone has Rhubarb left and could cut it up and bag it, and donate it for the church freezer we'd appreciate it .
- Also when your large apple trees produce we'd use cut up, frozen apple too!
- There is a freezer in the storage room ! Let's fill it up !!!

Contact Marge Riley (780-518-5361) or Betty McNaught if you have questions!! and let them know how many bags/boxes on bottles/can you dropped off.



We will be accepting
ONLY
bagged donations of

Clothes - Shoes - Boots

Purses - Belts

Towels - Bedding

It's time to tackle that closet
cleanout you've been putting off!
Bag and donate items to
St. Paul's to support this simple
fundraising initiative!

Clothing FONDrive

Partnering with Value Village



DROP OFF DAY:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
10AM—2 PM

St. Paul's United Church
10206 100 Ave GP

If you have any questions or
require pick-up please contact:

Brenda Stouffer
780-832-9371

**Perfect timing
for this
Clothing
Drive:
Oct 18th – 24th
is
Waste
Reduction
Week
in Canada
Let's do our
part!!!**





4th Annual Online Time and Talent Auction



- ❖ What special talent can you share?
- ❖ What have you created, sewn, quilted, carved, or painted that someone would enjoy in their home?
- ❖ Can you offer “help” to someone who might need: a ride, furniture moved, snow shoveled,?

**Accepting donations of time, talent and treasures...
including gift cards, vouchers, and products now.**

For more information on where to send the picture and description of your time, talent, or treasure call the office 780-532-2415.

A link to the website and login instructions will come once we have the items ready for viewing.
Then you can tell your friends and neighbours.

Just think your Christmas shopping done a month early!
(then you just need to remember where you hid them in December)

Ready....
Set... **BID** 

Auction
Opens for Bidding:
Sat., Nov 6th at 9 a.m.
Bidding Closes:
Sat., Nov 13th at 9 p.m.

Send Alison White a picture and description of your donation so the list can start growing 