

Order of Worship for October 31, 2021

Watch the livestream at 10:00 am here <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)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

The land where we live and work is ours to use for a moment in time. This land has been home to many before us and will be home to many after us. Here in Grande Prairie we live and work on land shared under Treaty #8. It is the homeland of the Beaver and the Cree. Now we live together as treaty peoples.

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Welcome to this time of worship. Our gathering here says many things about who we are and whose we are. May the words and actions of this time be a reflection of all that we desire as people of faith.

Let us worship God.

(written by Peter Chynoweth *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021* p.30, adapted)

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

We come from our houses, apartments, fields, workplaces, schools and places of residence.

We come and celebrate the ministry of Christ's church in this place.

We come, gracious God, following the footsteps of Jesus, just as our forebears did.

We remember the people of all genders and ages who have gathered in this place, sat in these pews, and marvelled at the beauty and generosity that surrounds us.

We gather in the company of the saints.

We honour the faith that has been handed down through the decades.

For this faith and those who shared it, praise be to you, O God! Amen.

(written by Laura Turnbull *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021* p.45, adapted)

Gathering Hymn VU 579 The Church is Wherever God's People (1L)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART *All Hallow's Eve*

Halloween Song

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH (in honour of Reformation Sunday)

Give us, O Lord,

churches that will be more courageous than cautious;

**that will not merely comfort the afflicted
but afflict the comfortable;
that will not only love the world but also judge the world;
that will not only pursue peace but also demand justice;
that will not remain silent when people are calling for a voice;
that will not pass by on the other side
when wounded humanity is waiting to be healed;
that will both call us to worship
and send us out to witness;
that will follow Christ even when the way points to a cross.**

To this end, we offer ourselves

in the name of him who loved us and gave himself for us. **Amen.**

(*Christian Conference of Asia, in Celebrate God's Presence p.543*)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Mark 12:28-34

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 *What is Our Why?*

Hymn VU 578 As A Fire is Meant for Burning (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute Your Generosity Has a Worldwide Impact: Mambud's Story

(<https://youtu.be/PL6CI5zPkLA>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU518 verse 3

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn VU 582 There's a Spirit in the Air (1L)

COMMISSIONING:

Well, friends, we're launched – and whatever the time is at this moment

it is the time to be about God's work that we are called to.

It is in God's time that it will be accomplished.

It is God's love that will make it all possible.

So listen for God,

put your hand in God's hand and get on with it!

Go do God's work.

Go share God's love

(written by Bob Root *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021 p.39*)

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.

2022 Budget forms are now ready for pick up -Please check your committee mailboxes. Please complete and return to the church office by November 26th.

P & M Work Meeting, Saturday, November 20th at 9:00 am.

Ministry Teams, Mail boxes are getting full. Please take some time to go through them.

The Worship Team is meeting November 4 to discuss plans for the Christmas season.

Ministry Team members please submit receipts for reimbursement before the end of the year.

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 :)

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:

Continuing in Hope: 60th Anniversary of United Church Women

The UCW turns 60 in 2022! Registration is now open for the national 60th Anniversary celebration to be held **July 11-15**, in Sydney, Nova Scotia. For more information, or to register please see the Friday email for the link. Please note that registrations are limited to 22 participants from each Regional Council.

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.

 **St Paul's United Church**
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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.

**DEADLINE, Sunday,
October 31st to send
Alison White a
picture and
description of your
donation so the list
can be completed** 😊

Next Newsletter will be coming out the first Sunday of Advent – November 28th

This will wrap up our "United Church Creed" theme for the year with the phrase:

"We believe in God: who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh"

**JOIN US SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE
COSTUMES WELCOMED (at home or in the Sanctuary)**

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Rotary Club – Dignity Drive

October 15th – November 15th

Providing new socks and underwear to our region's homeless and less fortunate. These basics are a human need offering a measure of dignity and confidence.

Drop off Location: Bonnett's Energy Centre (was Revolution Place)
10017 99 Ave, Grande Prairie

Surviving the Holidays Seminar - Wed., November 17th –
from 6:30 -8:30 pm – Online

Hosted by: Oliver's Funeral Home

Pre- Register by phone 780.814.1224 or on their website

When you are grieving the loss of a loved one the holidays can be hard. Come hear about some practical strategies for getting through the holiday season.

See poster with all the information on the Bulletin Board

Oliver's Christmas Candlelight Service – Sunday., December 5th -
at 7:00 pm Online

Pre- Register by phone 780.532.2929 or on their website

RSVP by Fri. Nov 26th at 4:00 pm to have your loved one's photo included in the video tribute. This is a time to reflect and honour those we have lost.

See Poster on the bulletin board for more details.

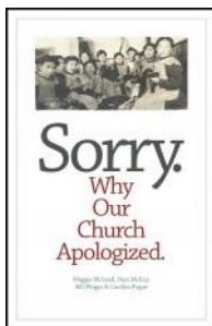
Fair Trade Sale – at the museum.

Friday, Nov 19th - 10 am – 9 pm

Saturday and Sunday Nov. 20th & 21st - 10 am – 6 pm

The team that is running this is bringing in products from *Village Goods* out of Edmonton such as coffee, crafts, soaps, jewellery, etc.

Odyssey House – Adopt a Family program is in search of donors to help families have a memorable Christmas. Organizations or people interested in getting involved can contact Nancy at reception@odysseyhouse.ca or by calling 780-538-1332 ext. 101.



Sorry
Why Our Church Apologized.

This is the story of why the United Church people apologized for the suffering caused by Indian Residential Schools as written by Maggie McLeod, Stan McKay, Bill Phipps and Carolyn Pogue. There are a number of these in the narthex if you would like to borrow or take one.

You can also read it for free online here

https://www.woodlakebooks.com/files/sorry_download_2015.pdf

There are also other books available **in the Library** for your reading pleasure that you may find inspirational, educational or useful for devotionals etc. Check it Out sometime.

St Paul's United Church
Congregational Update Oct., 31, 2021

1. Prayer (Gord)
2. Video/photo montage
3. Highlights of 2020 and first 9 months of 2021(Karen)
4. Update from Affirming Team
5. Financial Update (Martha)
6. Highlight Ministry Opportunities
7. Announcements



St Paul's United Church
Enabling Minister : Rev. Gord Waldie
Ministry by the people

Ministry Opportunities:

Council Chair Elect

Treasurer

Sunday School Supervisor / Team

Outreach Team

*WE NEED you !
can you HELP ?*

There are 7 steps in the affirming process (from [Open Hearts](#)):

1. **“Encountering the Need:** A need, question, or vision leads a ministry to ask how it can be publicly, intentionally, and explicitly welcoming.
2. **Discerning:** A group forms to start looking at how to become (more) radically and intentionally welcoming. They consider the Affirming process and get in touch with the Affirming ministry coordinators.
3. **Embarking:** The decision to formally enter the Affirming process is made by the ministry's governing body. A working group is set up.
4. **Engaging:** Educating. Storytelling. Praying. Hearing fears and hopes. Working with all in the ministry and wider community to discern what being Affirming could look like for your ministry.
5. **Documenting:** Before a final decision is made, an inclusive marriage policy, Vision Statement, Action Plan for the future, and more must be created.
6. **Deciding Together:** The community discerns how it's going to decide on whether to formally become Affirming. A positive decision needs to include a “yes” from at least three quarters of those involved in deciding.
7. **Joining the Family:** Holding a public celebration! Being welcomed formally to our Canada-wide family.”

