

Order of Worship for November 21, 2021 – Reign of Christ Sunday
Please join us for worship in person or on YouTube at 10:00 am
<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 (based on Psalm 100)

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Make a joyful noise to God! Worship God with gladness!

God made us, we are God's people.

Come into God's presence with thanks giving!

God's steadfast love endures forever. We share our thanks and praise!

Come, let us worship together...

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

Come Holy Spirit, grant us the Gospel of Jubilee,

the Good News of liberation, freedom, and unity;

proclaim the release of the prisoners of division;

recover the sight of those blinded

by hatred, jealousy,

greed, and power;

grant peace and freedom to the poor,

oppressed and lost. Amen.

(from Korea *Celebrate God's Presence* p.217)

Gathering Hymn VU 210 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (1L)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

A PRAYER OF LONGING AND CONFESSION

We long for Christ's reign on earth; we will know release from all that keeps us bound.

Where we lack freedom, O God, give us the courage to risk change.

We long for Christ's reign on earth; the poor and powerless will get a fair deal.

Where we lack generosity, O God, encourage us to share.

We long for Christ's reign on earth; the vulnerable ones will gain confidence.

Where we lack acceptance, O God, open our eyes to see the downtrodden.

We long for Christ's reign on earth; those held back and restricted will feel free.

When we lack a liberating attitude, O God, enable us to work in fresh ways.

We long for Christ's reign on earth; the faithful will be joyful and active in the community.

When we lack involvement, O God, open us up to new initiatives of compassion and community support.

...Time of reflection...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Work patiently to bring closer the reign of Christ.

We will need new attitudes, fresh vision, and a change of heart.

God will grant you the strength – spiritual, emotional, and practical.

We are ready!

Pardon, peace, and a new determination are yours.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

(written by David Sparks *Prayers to Share Year A* p.193)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 1:9-15

Luke 4:14-17

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Luke 4:20-22

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 *Jubilee, Shalom, Reign of God*

Hymn VU 87 I Am the Light of the World (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute *A Second Chance*

<https://united-church.ca/stories/second-chance>

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU518 verse 3

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn VU 2 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (PD)

COMMISSIONING:

From this place, go out remembering the holy vision.

Go to the waiting world; go out to build God's dream.

In this hour, go out with the Spirit of Christ within you and before you

Amen

(written by Robin Wardlaw *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021* p.48)

CHORAL BENEDICTION: *The Blessing Riddle* (CCLI)

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 –The revenue for the week ending on Sunday November 14th - for local expenses is 3,051 including Sunday offering, PAR, and e-transfers. The budget for local expenses is 4,912 per week (annual budget divided by 52). We learn how to build the kingdom through worship, study, and sharing acts of love and justice. Our community of faith supports us in this. Thank you for contributing to our church as it moves toward the “fullness of God’s reign” (words from Gord’s early thoughts)
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.

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.

Ministry Team 2022 Budgets –please submit to office by Friday, Nov. 26th

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

102 Street Stitches – will not be operating until we are back in the clear with the COVID issues, but we are still on hand to help anyone needing a hand, feel free to contact Heather Fedoruk or Gail Schau directly should you need mending or help with a project or call the office and Carla will pass on the message. Hopefully, in the new year, we can look at meeting again at the church in better times,

Sat. Nov. 27th – 10 am – decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

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.

Next Newsletter will be out Sunday, November 28th – Advent 1

THEME is “ *We believe in God ...who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh.*” **Deadline Thursday – November 25th** - please send reflections on the theme, pictures, recipes, stories, news and information for others to Sharon Adams.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

Fair Trade Sale – at the museum.

~~Friday, Nov 19th – 10 am – 9 pm~~

~~Saturday Nov 20th – 10 am – 6 pm~~

Sunday Nov. 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, jewelry, etc.

(COVID protocols will be in place as required by the city and the province)

Festival of Trees – Runs Thu. Nov 25th to Mon. Nov 28th

Seniors Day – Friday, Nov. 26th – 10 am to 6 pm

To purchase tickets, go to <https://www.festivaloftreesgp.ca/what-to-do/>

You must also purchase a General Admission ticket to enter the facility

Seniors are free but still require a ticket sold at \$0.

Support the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation...

<https://gphospitalfoundation.ca/the-festival-of-trees-is-happening/>

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.