



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*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 VU 166 Joy Comes with the Dawn (ref, vs3, ref) (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

The moment a child is born,

**the mother is also born.**

She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never.

**A mother is something absolutely new.**

and so in you the child your mother lives on

**and through your family continues to live**

so at this time look after yourself and your family as you would your mother for through you all she will truly never die.

(– Osho)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light the Christ Candle today let it's light remind us that Christ is at the centre of each of our families and that through the sharing of this light it's power does not dim but rather grows stronger.

OPENING PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

Gathering Hymn VU 556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families (1L)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*"If You Give a Mom a Mop"* written by Tiffany Wieder

Gift of Music In Everything Fair

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Philippians 4: 6-7

Esther 4: 12-16

MESSAGE

Hymn MV 131 You Creator God Have Made Me (1L)

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

### THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story Educating Future Leaders <https://united-church.ca/stories/educating-future-leaders>

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU581 When We Are Living vss 2&4 (1L)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn MV 178 Who is My Mother (1L)

### COMMISSIONING:

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks  
Refrain, vs 2, refrain (1L)

### POSTLUDE

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# Announcements

*Ministry by: The Congregation*

*Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson*

*Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: [stpaulsucqp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucqp@gmail.com)*

*Sunday School: Your name here?*

*Youth Ministry: Your name here? 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"*

Regular Office Hours are Monday to Friday  
9 am to 3 pm. but closed over the noon hour.

**Sun., May 12th - Fri., May 17th - Rev. Gord Waldie away on Study Leave**



"Would you like a visit with Rev Gord? This can be easily arranged by contacting the office. Call Carla and she will arrange something for you " 780-532-2415

**Thinking About Financial Stewardship** -Revenue for local expenses in the week ending May 5 th is \$3,194 (includes PAR, Sunday offering, and e-transfers). To meet the budget, we need \$5,247 (total budget divided by 52)

*"Stewardship is not just about money. It's about how we use everything we have and who we are as we walk the way of Jesus."*  
(UCC Stewardship Second)

Thank you for being the generous people you are!

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

**We are in need of Scripture Readers, and Door Greeters, and Coffee Hosts / Hostesses every Sunday.** Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help on any given Sunday. If you want to learn how to host coffee by sharing a week with one of the few who currently do this, that is an option too 😊

**At St. Paul's** the calendar is quite busy. **Please be sure to check with Carla** in the church office before you expect a room will be free for your use. **Rooms booked with Carla in the office will have first priority.** You can also check out our online calendar on the church website, to get an idea who else is in the building and in what room(s) to know if it will conflict with your plans. <https://74071685.view-events.com/calendar/74071685/>

## THIS COMING WEEK

**Sun. May 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Bell Choir Practice**

**Wed., May 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 pm – Coffee's On** drop in to the Friendship Room to chat or to puzzle. Bring a friend or neighbour.

**Wed., May 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 pm - Prayer Vigil for World Peace** St. Joseph Social Justice Committee would like to invite your congregation to join us for a Prayer Vigil for World Peace on Wednesday May 15 at 7:45 p.m.

**Thu., May 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am - Music Mornings**

**Thu., May 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – Embers** – in the small basement

**Thu., May 16<sup>th</sup> – GP NDP Leadership Forum –  
Doors open at 6:00 pm starting with coffee & cookies.**

**@ Paradise Inn, Grande Prairie, 2nd Floor ballroom, 11201 100th Avenue, Grande Prairie**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for a chance to meet the Alberta NDP leadership candidates in person and hear about their plans for the future. Join the constituencies of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie Wapiti and Central Peace Notley for an evening forum with candidate speeches, Q & A, and meet/greet

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Wed., May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting**

**Wed., May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 pm – Bell Choir Practice**

**Fri., May 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Sound Bath** - in the Large Basement North East Doors open at 6:45 pm

**Sun., May 26<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 pm - Ring in Harmony** – Handbell Concert invite your friends to come and enjoy an afternoon of good music. Admission by donation.

**Wed., May 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – Building Transition Task Group Mtg**  
In the Choir Room

**Fri., May 31<sup>st</sup> – Office Closed**

**Fri., May 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 – 8:30 pm - Pizza n Games Night** – Join us in the Friendship Room

**Saturday June 1, 2:00 PM, Northern Spirit Regional Council Affirming Celebration and Celebration of Ministries Service...at Mill Woods United Church**, 15 Grand Meadow Cres, Edmonton, AB. We will also celebrate the ordination of Carrie Symondson, and share in communion together. Pride picnic to follow! Our main listing will be updated as more details are added.

**Fri., June 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Coffee's On** in the Friendship Room

**Fri., June 7<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed**

**Sat., June 8<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 2:00 pm** Pride Family Carnival at Eastlink

**Sun., Jun 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – 1<sup>st</sup> Affirmaversary Celebration**

**Mon., June 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Building Transition Task Group Mtg**

**Wed., June 12<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 pm – UCW Luncheon and Tour at the Museum** – wrap up prior to Summer break

**Wed., June 19<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm – Coffee's On** in the Friendship Room

**Fri., June 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm - National Indigenous People's Day Parade** – We will be participating again this year.

**Sat., June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11 am – 2:00 pm Tri-Church Picnic** – location TBD watch for news

**Mon., June 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm Building Transition Task Group Mtg**

**Fri., June 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm - – Pizza n Games Night** In the Friendship Room

**Spring Cleaning?** Clothing FUNDrive...Bag up your donations of clothes, shoes, boots, purses, belts, towels and bedding ready for donation at the end of August.

### AROUND THE COMMUNITY

**Grande Prairie Friendship Centre – Community Kitchen - looking for volunteers.** The Community Kitchen uses different sources of volunteers during the winter school season, and during the summer. At this time dishwashers are needed approximately between 12 noon and 2 PM and between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

Additional help with prep-cooking and serving may also be needed. Just a note, Muhammed would like very much to train a volunteer to become job ready for commercial settings as well as with the Community Kitchen. Helping someone achieve their Red Seal as a chef is “a legacy” Chef Muhammed would like to leave behind. Administration (780) 532-5722 Ext: 101

#### **SPECIAL NOTE on Office Hour changes ahead...**

**Wed. May 29th - Fri., June 7th - Carla Johnson-Clarke on Vacation**

Rev. Gord will be in the office Mon. to Thur. 9-12 only during this time

Office will be closed on Friday May 31st and June 7<sup>th</sup>

#### August Dates

**Bear Creek Folk Festival - <https://bearcreekfolkfest.org/>**

**Fri., August 12<sup>th</sup> to Sun., August 14th**

**St Paul's United Garage Sale**

**Mon. Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 2 pm – 8 pm**

Donations Drop Off day

**Tue/Wed/Thu Aug 20-22 9 am – 5 pm**

Pricing Items for Sale

**Thu. Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 5 pm - 8 pm**

Shopping begins

**Fri., Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 am - 8 pm**

Shopping continues

**Sat., Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 1 pm**

Shopping ends - Clean up

#### **FINANCIAL DONATIONS**

**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 -

[stpaulsucgp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucgp@gmail.com)

In the note field of your transaction request, please indicate your envelope number (if you have one) and what fund(s) you are wanting your donation to go to. You can split your donation between funds (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.

**Offering Envelopes** - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your donation(s). 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 donation(s) so it can be accorded to the correct person

**Sign up for PAR** ((Pre-Authorized Remittance)...just talk to Carla and she'll send you the form to fill out, or adjust the amount you wish to remit each month, at any time.

**Canada Helps** – You can also donate through Canada Helps. (Please note - These donations will be receipted by Canada Helps directly, not St Paul's United Church)

<https://stpaulsuc.ca/index.php/donate/>



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