



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

May 26th, 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 324 Jesus, Come to Our Hearts Vss 1 & 3 (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been called together...

Called by the One who Created us, called by the One who names us as Beloved Children.

As we gather to worship together, we greet our Beloved sisters and brothers with signs and words of love and peace...

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Season of the Spirit we light a candle, reminding us of the fire of hope and freedom

as this flame flickers in our midst, we commit ourselves to spread its light and heat in the world

Gathered as Spirit-filled disciples of Christ, we quiet our hearts for worship

OPENING PRAYER (uses lines from VU 446 *O God of Life*)

O God of life, who wills new life to be through love created,

we gather as a people of life, of resurrection, of life that conquers death.

O God of love, who gives baptism to be the outward symbol of your love,

we gather as a baptized and baptizing community, welcoming all into the family of faith.

O God of power, whose Spirit you have sent to be received here,

in our worship together move among, within, and through us: preparing us to go out and proclaim the promise of resurrection life to the world around us.

We pray in the name of the Risen Christ, who has conquered death, who brings us life, and who invites us to pray together saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn VU 443 God, We Pray at This Beginning

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We Welcome through Baptism:

Jason Farr

and

Braxton Thomas Walter Farr

Child of Jason and Nicole

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

You know us more deeply than we know ourselves.

See if there is any wicked way in me.

You know our capacity for love. You know our capacity for indifference.

You know our ability to serve each other. You know our ability to serve ourselves.

And lead me in the way everlasting.

Keep us, we pray, on the path of wisdom. Help us be who we were made to be.

...time of silent prayer...

The God who watched us grow in the womb is the God who is with us every day of our lives. God is there to love and to guide and to correct. God will continue to lead us in the Way everlasting.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

SERMON *Child of God, Deeply Known, Deeply Loved*

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)

Hymn MV 157 I Am A Child of God (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Your Generosity is Refreshing*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/your-generosity-refreshing>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication: VU 676 God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace vss 1&4 (1L)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 442 (Alternate Words) Wash Us, O God, Our Sons and Daughter (1L)

COMMISSIONING:

Here today we have worshipped.

**We have prayed, we have celebrated a new life,
we have been reminded that we are made and known by the God who loves us.**

Now today we go out to a world hungering for Good News.

May we help everyone we meet know that they too are wonderfully made, wonderfully known, wonderfully loved.

Go with God, who watched us grow in our mother's womb, who is in every breath we take, who walks with us wherever life may lead.

We go with joy and thanksgiving.

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU 647 Travel On, Travel On vss 1&3 (1L)

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation
Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson
Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: stpaulsucgp@gmail.com
Sunday School: Your name here?
Youth Ministry: Your name here? 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"

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

Wed. May 29th - Fri., Jun 7th - Carla Johnson 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 7th



"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 19 th is \$12,931 (includes PAR, Sunday offering, rent, and eTransfers). To meet the budget, we need \$5,247 (total budget divided by 52) "With each gift, generous disciples, led by the Spirit can transform the world!" (UCC Stewardship Second) Thank you for helping to transform the world.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

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 at stpaulsucgp@gmail.com with your contact details.

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/>

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 😊

Have you joined St. Paul's Recyclable program yet? St. Paul's has an easy

fundraiser to help with the Church renovations. Just 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. Check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags/boxes of bottles/cans you dropped off.

Photo Directories have arrived. If you submitted a picture or had one taken, please pick up your free copy. We have a few extra available for \$20.00. **If you have spotted any mistakes or errors in the Photo Directory, please let Sharon Adams or Carla in the church office know.**

THIS COMING WEEK



Sun., May 26th - 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 29th 7:00 pm – Building Transition Task Group Mtg
In the Choir Room

Thu., May 30th - 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – Embers – in the small basement

Fri., May 31st – Office Closed

Fri., May 31st – 5:30 – 8:30 pm - Pizza n Games Night – Join us in the Friendship Room. Pizza \$2 a slice; Canned beverage \$1 each. This is not a fundraiser it is just a chance to socialize over a meal – to offer a cheap meal out at the end of the month when money is running low – to offer community to those around us. Invite a neighbour, a co-worker, a family member and join the fun.

LOOKING AHEAD

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! The main listing on the Northern Spirit Regional Website will be updated as more details are added.

Fri., June 7th – 10:00 am – Coffee's On in the Friendship Room

Fri., June 7th – Office Closed

Sat., June 8th – 9 am – 2:00 pm Pride Family Carnival at Eastlink

Sun., Jun 9th – 10 am – 1st Affirmaversary Celebration

Mon., June 10th – 7:00 pm – Building Transition Task Group Mtg

Wed., June 12th – 12:30 pm – UCW Luncheon and Tour at the Museum – last meeting to wrap up prior to break for July and August.

Fri., June 14th – 9am – 12 noon – 102nd Street Stitchers – Join the group in the Friendship room for coffee, stitching projects on the go or bring your own, and enjoy the community banter.

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

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

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

Mon., June 24th – 7:00 pm Building Transition Task Group Mtg

Fri., June 28th – 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.

It's graduation time again. Do you have a special family member you'd like to celebrate by creating an LED slide to commemorate the occasion. We can post the slide for a day or a week.

We can include a picture, or just have a generic slide with their name and their school logo and colours. Contact the office with the details of the occasion.... A birthday, a graduation, a special milestone and how long you'd like the slide to be up and the date(s) you want it to run. Do they have a favourite animal, colour, or "passion" that we can use to personalize the slide?



AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Sat. May 25th – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at City Hall – Enough is Enough Rally <https://www.enoughisenoughucp.ca/>

We're here to unite concerned citizens of Alberta in a movement against the current government, the United Conservative Party (UCP), because Enough is Enough. We believe that the UCP has let us down across various fronts, failing to prioritize the needs of everyday Albertans. Whether it's healthcare, electricity pricing, forest management, climate change, education, housing, the cost of living, renewables, or any other issue affecting our province, we share a common frustration: our government isn't working for us.

August Dates to Keep in Mind

Bear Creek Folk Festival - <https://bearcreekfolkfest.org/>
Fri., August 16th to Sun., August 18th

St Paul's United Garage Sale at D-Company Armouries

Mon. Aug 19th 2 pm – 8 pm
Donations Drop Off day

Tue/Wed/Thu Aug 20-22 9 am – 5 pm
Pricing Items for Sale

Thu. Aug 22nd 5 pm - 8 pm
Shopping begins

Fri., Aug 23rd 9 am - 8 pm
Shopping continues

Sat., Aug 24th 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

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/>



THANK-YOU

to everyone who brought mom and baby items to our Mother's Day Church Service. We had enough items for TWO baskets, one for a girl and one for a boy!! The staff at North Reach were delighted to receive this surprise and we know we'll make two new moms VERY happy!!