

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**September 22, 2024**

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.  
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Love... Listen... Lead.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME MV2 Come All You People (2x) (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of the Creating One, who is ever at work outside and inside, shaping the universe, which extends out as far as we can imagine and beyond, and as far inward as we can imagine and beyond. Let us worship our Creator God.

(Written by Peter Chynoweth <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the beginning God spoke into the chaos and said: "Let there be light"

**And there was light.**

We light this candle to remind us that the light called forth by God continues to shine in God's Creation

**As we watch it glow may we grow in wisdom and love.**

As people of God we centre ourselves for worship

OPENING PRAYER

O God of all Creation,

**we come to you in awesome wonder.**

You richly created the heavens and earth;

**may we never become complacent to the utopia that surrounds us.**

You reveal wisdom and goodness;

**may our hearts be open to your grace.**

You are the one upon whom all Creation depends;

**may you always be our life-sustaining manna.**

You replenish the earth;

**may we be shrouded in your blanket of love.**

You gift us with your Holy Spirit;

**may new life inspire this sacred space.**

You are the one of all understanding;

**may our words, songs, and prayers be acceptable in your presence.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Written by Carol Genert <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn VU299 Teach Me, God, To Wonder (1L)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love, you created us as curious and inquisitive beings,

**and so we try to understand *everything*, to have all our questions answered**

Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love, you also call us to live with mystery and uncertainty.

**So help us, we pray, to be at peace with the questions we can not answer.**

As we live with the complexities of the world you have created and are creating,

**grant us the ability to trust those who know more than we do,**

**the courage to keep seeking new answer, even if they may be uncomfortable,**

**and the wisdom to know that some things will remain a mystery, beyond our understanding.**

God of Grace that overflows, of Love that fills us up,

**help us live with respect in creation, keep us searching for the best way forward, keep us humble we pray.**

And lead us forward into the next steps of the journey we share with the rest of your creation.

**Amen**

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 37:14-24

Psalms 104:24-32

SERMON *Can We Understand It All?*

#### 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)

*How Has the Creator Touched Your Life this Week?*

Hymn VU37 Each Blade of Grass (1L)

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

#### THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Inuinnaqtun Language Revival Group*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/inuinnaqtun-language-revival-group>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands (PD)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU291 All Things Bright and Beautiful (1L) (Chorus beginning and end only)

#### COMMISSIONING:

Go from here, not as owners of the sunlit sky,

**but as those who share it with all creatures.**

Go from here, not as owners of creation,

**but as those who live in a caring, respectful relationship with creation.**

Go from here to celebrate life's goodness.

**Work for the new world that beckons in the promise of Christ,**

**the promise of love and abundant life for all.**

(Written by Robin Wardlaw <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

SUNG BENEDICTION: Go Gently Go Lightly (1L)

POSTLUDE

# 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: Lori Ellis, Susan K Thomson**

**Youth Ministry: Valerie Jenner 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.



"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

**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.

**Thinking About Financial Stewardship** –Revenue for local expenses in the week ending September 13 is \$2,407 (includes PAR, Sunday offering and eTransfers). We also received a payment on the annual lease of Cards Café of \$8,100. The annual amount is \$24,605 or \$473 a week. To meet the budget, we need \$5,247 (total budget divided by 52) "Knowledge defines all we currently know and understand; imagination points to all we might yet discover and create" Albert Einstein Thank you for supporting the mission of St. Paul's so that as a community of faith we might "discover and create" a better world.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

**Planned Giving in the United Church** -You are Invited to think about financial stewardship at a special presentation on "Planned Giving" with Vicki Nelson, Stewardship Support person for the Prairie Regions of the United Church of Canada on Sunday October 6th after worship. A sandwich lunch will be provided by our UCW in the large basement. Please come and enjoy a light lunch and learn about how you may give a lasting legacy gift to St. Paul's. The presentation is via Zoom and arranged for by your Stewardship and Finance Team. (Please note there will be no coffee in the Friendship Room that Sunday; A free will offering is invited.)

## THIS COMING WEEK

**Sun., Sept 22 – Youth Group Starts**

**Sun., Sept 22 – 7:00 pm – Handbell Practice –**  
Come join us as we ring in the new season!

**Mon., Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm – Building Transition Task Group**

**Tue. Sept 24 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm - CGIT / Explorers**

**Tue., Sept 24 – 7:00 pm - Bible Study on Zoom**

**Thur., Sept 26 - 10:30 am - Music Morning - in the Kids Corner**

**Fri., Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – Pizza N Games – 5:30 pm – in the Friendship Room**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Wed., Oct 2nd - 1:30 pm - United Church Women** - Join us in the Friendship for a time of fellowship and reflection.

**Fri., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm - Yee Haw – The Scott Woods Show** Tickets are available through the church office now by cheque, cash, or e-transfer. Price is \$45.00. The Scott Woods Show changes to a brand new theme every year and consistently delivers quality, family entertainment with plenty of variety including trick fiddling, step dancing, old time country & Gospel music, inspirational stories and home spun family humour. Come and bring your neighbours.

**Sun., Oct 6th - After church - Planned Giving Workshop** - You are Invited to think about financial stewardship at a special presentation on “Planned Giving” with Vicki Nelson, Stewardship Support person for the Prairie Regions of the United Church of Canada on Sunday October 6th after worship. A sandwich lunch will be provided by our UCW in the large basement. Please come and enjoy a light lunch and learn about how you may give a lasting legacy gift to St. Paul’s. The presentation is via Zoom and arranged for by your Stewardship and Finance Team. (Please note there will be no coffee in the Friendship Room that Sunday; A free will offering is invited.)

**Sun., Oct 6th - Fundscrip Orders due today.** Please send/give to Margaret Taylor.

**Thu., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm - Choir begins again.** All voices welcome, please join us as you are able.

**Fri., Oct 11th - 9 am to 12 noon - 102nd Street Stitchers** - Stop in and help with a project; bring your own project or just come for coffee.

**Sat., Oct 19th - afternoon - Heritage Tea** - In the Friendship Room - more details to follow.

**The Newsletter is currently on hold, and we are unsure when the next issue will be released. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding. Sharon Adams**

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

**THIS CAME IN FROM GPFC** ....just wondering if we would be interested as a congregation in adopting a tree for \$450.00. If yes, please put your donation towards it in a Local Outreach envelope and write “Adopt a Tree” on the outside so we know it is for this program; or send an e-transfer with a note saying it is for “Adopt a Tree”.  
Your Outreach, Social Justice and Affirming Team.

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### **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 ([stpaulsucgp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucgp@gmail.com)) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

**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?

**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/>

## 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 - [stpaulsucqp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucqp@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/>

