



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

October 13, 2024

Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.



WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

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

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The candle flame reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in our midst

As we gather in its light may we always remember to give thanks for the gifts God has given us.

As thankful children of God we centre ourselves for worship

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Come into this space of contemplation, of prayer, and of gratitude.

We come in from the cruel ironies and suffering of our world.

Come into this gathering as those seeking wholeness and relationship.

We come as those weary and uncertain from a puzzling world.

Come and breathe in God in prayer:

Our minds are full of worries, distractions, and needs. Hold us, Loving God, we pray, as we breathe deeply of your healing power in reverent silence.

(a time for deep breaths)

We continue our prayers in one voice, more deeply aware of your grace, O God:

You assure us we are not alone, for we live in your good Creation. In Christ, through Christ, and by Christ, we

become one in your love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may you integrate us into wholeness, that we may carry others as we are also carried by you in this suffering world. We offer our gratitude this day for all that you mean to our lives. Amen.

(written by Gord Dunbar <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

Gathering Hymn VU516 Come, You Thankful People, Come (PD)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much,

but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled.

You call us to live in caring community,

but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,

but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we forget to say thanks,

forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

...time of silent prayer...

God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life.

We are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God! Amen

GIFT OF MUSIC: For the Autumn Sky

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joel 2:21-27

Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON *Share Thanks, Not Worries*

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)

Why Are You Thankful this Week?

Hymn VU519 Sing to the Lord of Harvest (PD)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Monitors Thanksgiving Message*

<https://youtu.be/j3td1cptW88?si=sWHzL1NhhSVIGvWO>

The Invitation:

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

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn VU288 Great is Thy Faithfulness (1L)

COMMISSIONING:

We go from this time of worship to the world where we live and serve,

a world filled with worries and concerns, but also blessings and gifts.

As you go carry with you an attitude of gratitude,

we go to share our thankfulness for the gifts and blessings that enrich our lives.

As you go, remember and trust that the Gift Giving God, made known as Parent, Child and Spirit is with you wherever you go.

Always and all ways. Thanks be to God.

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

Sunday School: Lori Ellis, Susan K Thomson

Youth Ministry: Valerie Jenner 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.



“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

Over 150 people thoroughly enjoyed the energetic, entertaining, upbeat Scott Woods Concert on Friday, October 4th. Thankyou to all who volunteered in many ways - putting up posters, advertising, selling tickets, getting the building ready for them, selling and taking tickets at the door, providing the most wonderful cookies, juice and water for all to enjoy after the show. Profits for the evening were about \$1,500.00.

“Your Giving Matters” (a new byline for the weekly financial stewardship report) – “Stewardship is about celebrating the idea that because this place exists lives are changed and hope is given. Because of you, your spirituality, your generosity, someone found something to make their lives better.” Words from Rev. Rod Appar-Taylor. Revenue for local expenses in the week ending October 6th is \$4,200 (includes PAR, Sunday offering, rent, and E-Transfers). To meet the budget, we need \$5,247 (total budget divided by 52). Thank you for you “giving” this Thanksgiving Sunday.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

Planned Giving Presentation – Thank you to all who participated int the Planned Giving Presentation on Sunday October 6th . If you would lke to contact Vicki Nelson, she would be happy to respond to you vnelson@united-church.ca. Our treasurer Doug Currie is also able to answer many of your questions.

A special thank you to the UCW for providing the lunch. It was a pleasant social as well as educational time.

You are invited to attend the Thankoffering Service and Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday October 20th. The service is at 5 pm, with a ham supper to follow in the church hall.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sun., Oct 13– 9 am – Jr Handbell Practice

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Come join us as we ring in the new season!

Mon., Oct 14 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Tue. Oct 15 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm - CGIT / Explorers

Tue., Oct 15 – 7:00 pm - Bible Study on Zoom

Wed., Oct 16th – 7 pm – Council Meeting – in the Kids Corner

Thur., Oct 17 - 10:30 am - Music Morning - in the Kids Corner

Thur., Oct 17 – 6:30 pm – Embers – in the Friendship Room

Thu., Oct 17– 7:30 pm - Choir - All voices welcome, please join us as you are able.

Fri., Oct 18th – 7 pm – Sound Bath – In the large basement

Sat., Oct 19th – 2 – 4 pm - Heritage Tea - In the Friendship Room

LOOKING AHEAD

Sat., Oct 26th – 8 am - Property & Maintenance Meeting

Sun., Nov 3rd – 6 pm – Senior’s Service at Pioneer Lodge All are welcome to attend.

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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/>



**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?

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From Denise, Janine & Cameron:

On Wednesday, September 18th, our Dad passed away peacefully with all of us, his children, by his side. He drifted into sleep and left us in a welcome, peaceful, and beautiful way. We are deeply thankful for the decades of cherished love and friendship you shared with our mom and dad.

If you would like to send cards of condolences, you may do so at:

Denise Larsen
#701, 12319 Jasper Ave
Edmonton, AB, T5N 4A7

Janine Larsen
200 Rideau Terrace, #1003
Ottawa, ON, K1M 0Z3

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) 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 a recycling depot.

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.

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 donation 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/>

