



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

October 20, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into God's presence with gladness!

**The Spirit brings light into our darkness, hope to our sadness, joy to our mourning.**

Come into God's presence with singing!

**Christ's love brings faith to our doubt, promise to our uncertainty.**

Come into God's presence with joy!

**We come, seeking God's new way of life.**

(Written by Teri Peterson <https://liturgylink.net>)

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

OPENING PRAYER

We come to you, O God, our River of Life:

**May we drink deeply, and receive your grace.**

We come to you, O God, our Rock of Ages:

**May we stand in trust, and receive your strength.**

We come to you, O God, our Source of Compassion:

**May we open our hearts,**

**and receive your healing love. Amen.**

(Celebrate God's Presence p.27)

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn VU240 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (PD)

### 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

(draws from Psalm 90 and the hymn *O God Our Help in Ages Past*)

God, you have been our refuge and dwelling place for uncounted generations.

**You have been our help in the past, in you we find hope for the future.**

Sometimes we sink into the bliss of your loving presence,

**we dwell secure in the shadow of your throne and we rejoice.**

Other times we feel alone, wondering where you have gone,

**and we echo Jesus' cry "Why have you forsaken me"**

God when we feel alone and isolated,

**remind us that you are there, satisfy us morning and evening with your steadfast love that we may rejoice and be glad.**

*...time of silence...*

The Risen Christ promises to be with us "to the end of the age" We are not alone. Whatever path our life may take we are not alone. God is indeed our help in ages past and our hope for the future.

**Thanks be to God, our guard while troubles last and our eternal home. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 92:1-4

Psalm 91

SERMON *Thanks for Being There*

#### 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 VU278 In the Quiet Curve of Evening (1L)

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

#### THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *An Abundance of Blessings in a Time of Need*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/abundance-blessings-time-need>)

The Invitation:

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

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU808 On Eagle's Wings (1L)

#### COMMISSIONING:

As you go out to live and love and work this week remember:

**We Are Not Alone.**

In a world where so many feel isolated in their struggles let us share the Good News:

**We Are Not Alone**

In everything that life might throw at us, in life and death and life beyond death.

**We Are Not Alone. Thanks be to God. Amen**

SUNG BENEDICTION: Go Gently Go Lightly (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: [stpaulsucgp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucgp@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

**“Your Giving Matters”** (a new byline for the weekly financial stewardship report) – “Be grateful for the things that each of us can do to be a part of a community that needs (that which each of us can do) to be whole, helpful, healing, hopeful.” from the Thanksgiving message of Helen Reed DM, Chair of Northern Spirit Regional Council. Revenue for local expenses in the week ending October 13th is \$3195 (includes PAR, Sunday offering, rent, and E-Transfers). To meet the budget, we need \$5,247 (total budget divided by 52). Your giving matters!

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

**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 20– 9 am – Jr Handbell Practice**

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Come join us as we ring in the new season!

**Tue. Oct 22 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm - CGIT / Explorers**

**Tue., Oct 22 – 7:00 pm - Bible Study on Zoom**

**Thur., Oct 24 - 10:30 am - Music Morning - in the Kids Corner**

**Thur., Oct 24 – 6:30 pm – Embers – in the Friendship Room**

**Thu., Oct 24– 7:30 pm - Choir - All voices welcome, please join us as you are able.**

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

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sun., Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – Outreach Sunday**

**Fri., Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - 9 am to 12 noon - 102nd Street Stitchers** - Stop in and help with a project; bring your own project or just come for coffee.

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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!.

**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

## **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](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/>

