



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

October 27, 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

We are in a between time, between the past and the future.

God is in the space between past and future.

We are in a place between what we know and what we will yet learn.

God knows what we know and what we have yet to learn.

We are in a reformation time, when the church must re-form into what God dreams.

God is wisdom and knowledge that will guide the transformation.

We open our hearts and spirits to experience the wisdom of the "in between" as we worship today because

God is in our in-between time.

(written by Jeanne Wilson <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

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

God of life, as a new week begins,

we gather together to sing and pray and listen.

God of renewal, as a new week begins,

we open our eyes and ears to see and hear what you are doing in our midst.

God of wholeness, as a new week begins,

we ask for healing, we seek the courage to follow where you lead us.

God made known in Christ, we pray in His name, sharing words he taught so long ago...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn MV12 Come Touch Our Hearts (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

God you continue to invite us to see the new thing you are doing

but if we are honest, we don't always do new things well.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Christ you transform the world,

but transformation may be uncomfortable, and so we sometimes work against it,

and so we try to contain the new in old containers

But still God you persist in the new thing,

revealing the promise of New Life, challenging us to try out new containers,

God who is doing a new thing, when we are unwilling to follow the new path,

open our eyes and hearts, move us beyond protection of old understandings, lead us to see where you are pointing.

God of Grace,

forgive our stubbornness and unwillingness to change,

forgive our willingness to strike back against the new simply because it is not what we have always done,

forgive our periodic blindness to what you are doing in our midst

God is doing a New Thing to share the old message of Love. Where we resist, God is patient and coaxing. God forgives us and calls us to try again. God opens our eyes to see what God is up to.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON *Thanks For Renewal*

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 MV98 Like a River of Tears (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Hope and Transformation*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/hope-and-transformation>)

The Invitation:

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

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU376 Spirit of the Living God (1L)

COMMISSIONING:

Jesus meets us where we are and calls us to follow

Healing our dis-ease and making us whole.

Jesus brings new life and new possibilities

Pushing us to put away the old boxes which are no longer useful.

As people of faith we step out into a new way of seeing the world,

Following where Jesus leads us, proclaiming the Good News of healing and wholeness.

Go with God: who has created and is creating

who is made known in Jesus, the Word-Made-Flesh

Who works in us and others by the Spirit

Amen

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: stpaulsucgp@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

“Your Giving Matters” – The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.” Psalm 126 vs. 3. Revenue for local expenses in the week ending October 20th is \$5065 (includes PAR, Sunday offering, rent, and eTransfers). To meet the budget, we need \$5,247 (total budget divided by 52). Your giving matters!

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

Help Needed

A 50-year-old gentleman originally from Bulgaria is seeking a room to rent in Grande Prairie. Ideally, the rental would include access to a kitchen. If you or someone you know can help, please contact **Emile Georgrev** at 1-604-799-6368 for more information. Thank you!

THIS COMING WEEK

Sun., Oct 27– 9 am – Jr Handbell Practice

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Come join us as we ring in the new season!

Tue. Oct 29 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm - CGIT / Explorers

Tue., Oct 29 – 7:00 pm - Bible Study on Zoom

Thur., Oct 31 - 10:30 am - Music Morning - in the Kids Corner

Thur., Oct 31 – 6:30 pm – Embers – in the Friendship Room

Thu., Oct 31– 7:30 pm - Choir - All voices welcome, please join us as you are able.

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

Sun., Nov 3rd – Outreach Sunday

LOOKING AHEAD

Fri., Nov 8th - 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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### Thinking About Christmas?



We're excited to announce that new Fundscrip gift card orders will be rolling out on **November 3rd!** Stay tuned for more details next week. Gift cards are a great way to check off your Christmas list while supporting our church. Watch this space!

**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?

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

