



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
January 19, 2025

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



PRELUDE

WELCOME VU78 Sing till Sundown (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, look around and see the faces of those we know and love—
neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers— a community of kindred hearts.

People of God, look around and see the faces of those we hardly know—
strangers, visitors, forgotten friends— the ones who need an outstretched hand.

People of God, look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

In me, in you, in each of us,

God's spirit shines for all to see.

People of God, come. Let us worship together.

(Celebrate God's Presence p.21)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

God is here! Among us, within us, bringing Light to our lives!

We light this candle to remind us of God's Light that can never be extinguished.

Gathered as people who are drawn to the light, we centre ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Gift-giver, you call us together,

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with our different gifts, our different ideas, our different tastes.

You call us together,

to share what makes us special, to build each other up, to serve each other in love.

You call us together,

knowing that we need all parts of the body if we are to be whole.

You call us together,

to sing, to pray, to listen, to speak. To be refreshed so that we can go out and serve.

You call us together in the name of the One who taught his friends to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn MV42 Praise God For This Holy Ground (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 have given each of us many gifts,

but sometimes we can not recognize what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.

God you remind us that all gifts are needed,

but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others.

God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,

but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings.

God, for the times we have ignored or mislabelled Your gifts, for those times we have cut another off from the body,

We offer words of repentance, we ask for forgiveness and grace.

...time of silent prayer...

God is the giver of MANY gifts. God is the Creator of the ONE body. God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. God helps us to share and honour the gifts of all, God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

SERMON *What Is Your Gift?*

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 VU588 Many Are the Lightbeams (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Empowering Bold Leadership*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/empowering-bold-leadership>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU93 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery verse 4 (1L)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn MV172 God Says (1L)

COMMISSIONING

You are the hands and feet of God in Grande Prairie

You are called to soothe suffering, to live with compassion, to build up God's loving peace.

So as you leave this place, how will you live?

We go from this place of worship to share the gifts we have been given.

We go from this time of worship to build up the Body of Christ.

We go from this holy space to carry the Holy to the world around us.

Go in love, go in peace, go with God.

Amen.

SUNG BENEDICTION VU82 A Light is Gleaming vss3, 4 (CCLI)

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: Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(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, 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.

“Your Giving Matters” – ‘How can we be joy, shining into joyless places and offering our gifts to the world?’ (UCC Stewardship Second) Revenue for local expenses in the week ending January 12 th is \$4,777 (includes PAR, Sunday offering, rent and eTransfers). We need \$5,247 (total 2024 budget divided by 52). Your giving to the mission and programs of St. Paul’s brings joy to the community. Thank you!

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

Coming Up This Week

Sun., Jan 19th - 7:00 pm – Handbell Practice

Mon., Jan 20th – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm - The UCW and 102 Street Stitchers invite you to a workshop on, to create and finish items for **Days for Girls**.

We’ll be working with scrap flannel and quilting cottons, focusing on cutting, sewing, and placing snaps on products that will be passed on to the local Days for Girls leader in Grande Prairie.

No sewing experience is required! If you’d like to sew, we have an older sewing machine available, or you’re welcome to bring your own machine or serger. We also need a team for snap placement and everyone will take part in quality control.

We’ll share a **potluck lunch**, with coffee and tea provided. Bringing food isn’t necessary, as a few of us will handle this part of our outreach mission to support the community.

Feel free to bring a friend and join us, whether you’re active in the UCW or not. Let’s come together to make a difference in the new year!

Looking forward to seeing you,

Heather Fedoruk

102 Street Stitchers

Tue., Jan 21st – Bible Study on Zoom – restarts The link and scriptures will be sent out on Tuesdays morning.

Tues., Jan 21st – 7:00 – 8:30 pm – CGIT / Explorers

Thu., Jan 23rd – 10:30 am - Music Morning Music fun for 2-4 year olds and their caregivers. Cost is \$5 per family per week.

Thu., Jan 23rd - 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – Embers –in the Friendship Room

What questions do you have about being a disciple of Jesus? What does it mean to be a member of the church? I know there are people out there who are interested in exploring these questions so Gord is inviting us to get together and explore them together with the aim of welcoming new members and/or renewing our faith promises in the spring, possibly on Easter Sunday. Let Gord know if you are interested and what day of the week would work best for us to get together.

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?

Newsletter Editor & Contributors Needed! Are you gifted in putting words and pictures together? We're looking for a Newsletter Editor for 2025 to share all the exciting events, activities, and goings-on for St. Paul's United Church. You'll work closely with our Communications Team, who are ready to support you every step of the way!

If you're interested or would like more details, please contact Carla in the church office.

Going to an event? We would also love people to contribute photos and/or individual write ups! Share them with us at communications@stpaulsuc.ca

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/>

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

PowerPoint Tech Help Needed!

Do you enjoy technology or want to lend a helping hand on Sunday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to assist with running the PowerPoint slides during our worship services.

- **No experience necessary** – we'll provide all the training you need!
- A great way to serve and be part of our worship team.
- Perfect for teens, adults, or anyone eager to help.

Interested? Contact the Church office - Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our church community!

Financial Donations

Interac e-Transfer is a simple, secure way to give directly to St. Paul's United Church.

- **Email for e-Transfers:** stpaulsucgp@gmail.com
- **Note Field:** Indicate your envelope number (if applicable) and the fund(s) your donation supports. For example:
 - \$25 GF (General Fund)
 - \$50 MS (Mission and Service)
 - \$25 OU (Outreach)

Donations without a fund code will default to the General Fund.

Other Ways to Give:

- **Offering Envelopes:** Contact Carla for envelopes to ensure your donations are receipted.
- **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** Sign up or adjust your giving anytime by contacting Carla.
- **Canada Helps:** Donate online at [Canada Helps](#) (*Receipts issued by Canada Helps*).

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!.