



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
February 9, 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 Open Wide the Church's Door (vss 1, 3, 5) (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist,

people with vision.

We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,

people with questions.

We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary,

people with self-doubts.

We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,

people with courage.

We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul,

people with regrets.

We come, like Hagar, Uriah, and the Syrophenician woman,

people with wisdom from the margins.

We come, like Rebekah and Samuel,

like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha,

like John, Mark and Priscilla,

people with a part to play in the story of faith.

(Celebrate God's Presence p.22)

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

Loving God, you've called us and we've come.

It is good to be together in this place.

We come, bearing the marks and scars of our living, and offer them to your healing presence.

Bless us as we gather—each one of us—that we may know your Spirit moving among us as we share our calling of discipleship.

Bless us and bless our time together, so that we might be a blessing in your world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Written by Bob Root <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn VU567 Will You Come and Follow Me (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 of Grace, in Jesus of Nazareth you meet us face to face.

And then you invite us to follow a different path.

God of Grace, you see us, you know us, our strengths, our weaknesses, our shortcomings.

And still you invite us to join in the re-creation of the world.

God of Grace, we try to respond to the invitation, to join in the task

And sometimes it goes well, and sometimes it fails.

God of Grace, forgive our mis-steps, lead us on the new path, guide us in the task.

And our life will never be the same again.

In Christ God offers us New Life and Good News. We are forgiven and invited to live as citizens of the Kingdom.

With praise and thanks we share the Good News. And our life will never be the same again. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON *Not ME!*

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 VU563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *When Faith Meets Understanding*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/when-faith-meets-understanding>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication Take My Gifts (vss 1,3)(1L)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU161 I Have Called You by Your Name (1L)

COMMISSIONING

As you go forth from this place, remember whose you are.

Remember to be the disciples you are called to be.

Remember to love as you are loved.

Let us join in the singing of the blessing to each other:

(Written by Cheryl Dillon <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

SUNG BENEDICTION: I Wish You the Blessing (2x) (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: 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

Your 2024 tax receipts are ready for pick-up today! Help us save on postage (and brighten our morning) by grabbing yours before you head out. They're available in the foyer. Any receipts not picked up by February 26th will be mailed, but we'd much prefer to see your smiling faces today. Thank you, and have a wonderful Sunday

Call for Submissions: Next Newsletter Theme – “Kindness”

You are welcome to submit contributions for the upcoming edition of our newsletter, as we explore Paul's list of the *fruit of the Spirit* from Galatians 5:22–23. This edition focuses on *kindness*—a beautiful and transformative quality that reflects God's love in action.

Galatians 5:22–23

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

We welcome articles, reflections, poems, prayers, or creative expressions inspired by *kindness*. How have you experienced kindness in your life? How can we embody kindness in our relationships, communities, and beyond?

Deadline for submissions: February 15, 2025

Please email your contributions to communications@stpaulsuc.ca.

Let's share and celebrate the power of kindness 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?

Coming Up This Week

Sun., Feb 9th - 7:00 pm – Handbell Practice

Tue., Feb 10th – Bible Study on Zoom – restarts The link and scriptures will be sent out on Tuesdays morning.

Tues., Feb 10th – 7:00 – 8:30 pm – CGIT / Explorers

Thu., Feb 13th – 10:30 am - Music Morning Music fun for 2-4 year olds and their caregivers. Cost is \$5 per family per week.

Thu., Feb 13th - 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – Embers –in the Friendship Room

Thu., Feb 13th – 7:30 pm - Lent/Easter Choir . Come join us and add extra meaning to your Easter season worship!

Fri., Feb 14th – Ministry Team Narrative Reports due!

Fri., Feb 14th – 9:00 am - 102 St Stitchers- in the Friendship Room

Sun., Feb 16th – Heritage Lodge Senior Service – All Welcome to attend.

Wed., Feb 12th – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting – in the Kids Corner

St. Paul's is again privileged to host the U of A Mixed Chorus and Handbell Choir on Tuesday evening,

April 29th. We have hosted these choirs several times and their concerts are always inspirational and very enjoyable.



We will be responsible for hosting approximately 50 students, providing supper Tuesday night, billeting, and a bag lunch for Wednesday.

Further details will be shared closer to the event, but please mark it on your calendar to help out with billeting or food if you can, and come to the concert - spread the word and bring a friend!

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, 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.

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/>

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!.