



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
August 17, 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 MV174 Soil of God, You and I (verses 1,2) (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, come.

Come with open hearts, minds, and souls.

Come with curiosity and questions.

Come with your doubts and your surety.

Come, meet the God who has loved us from the beginning. Come, let us worship!

(written by Susan Girard Gathering: Pentecost 1 2025 p.37)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the beginning God said "let there be light" and there was light,

and the light continues to shine.

As the candle glow reminds us of God's steadfast light we center ourselves for worship...

OPENING PRAYER

The richness of summer surrounds us

as we take much-needed time for recreation.

May we use this time, we pray, for re-creation,

opening our hearts and lives to your love, Gracious God. Amen.

(written by Fern Gibbard <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer>)

❖ MV 79 Spirit Open My Heart (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

Gracious God, you blow life's breath into our lungs.

We live in you, we live through you.

You call us to live lives marked by forgiveness, love, hope, compassion.

And we strive to do so.

But if we are honest,

sometimes our lives are marked by resentment, dis-interest, fear, self-centeredness

God of Grace,

when we get it right celebrate with us, when we miss the mark gently guide us back to the path of wisdom.

...time of silent prayer...

God is gracious and merciful. God celebrates our successes and mourns our mis-steps. God continues to call us back to the Way with forgiveness and grace and mercy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

- ❖ Isaiah 61 : 1-4
- ❖ Psalm 82
- ❖ Luke 4: 16 -20

SERMON ***It's more than the Jersey***

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)

- ❖ MV 127 The world is turned upside down (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story **Ladles of Love** <https://united-church.ca/stories/ladles-love>

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU539 God of All Good vs 1 (tune VU459) (1L)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

- ❖ VU 87 I am the light of the world (1L)

COMMISSIONING

Let us go confidently yet humbly into our daily lives,
knowing the God of life, who loves us beyond measure, is with us.
Be blessed in the name of the Creator, Son, and Spirit.

(written by Susan Girard *Gathering: Pentecost 1* 2025 p.49)

SUNG BENEDICTION: MV214 May God's Sheltering Wings (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 in the **Prayer Book** on the table at the entrance to worship. Your needs will be included in 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: Tue–Thurs, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Closed over the noon hour)

‘Your Giving Matters’ – “Discipleship is about listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and learning to keep generosity at the heart of our actions. We are called to do our best to redistribute God’s abundance so that all who need help will not only survive but will thrive!” (Stewardship Seconds UCC). Your giving does matter!
Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

 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

 **Volunteers Needed!** We are looking for Scripture Readers, Door Greeters, and Coffee Hosts/Hostesses every Sunday. Please sign the volunteer lists posted in the foyer if you would like to help.

 **2025 St. Paul’s United Church Garage Sale – Volunteer & Donation Info**

Volunteer Sign-Up is Live!

Help make this year’s sale a success by signing up for a shift:

 volunteersignup.org/W3JDK

Choose the day and time that works for you—and feel free to share the link with friends and family!

Have Items to Donate?

Decluttering? Donate your gently used goods to support the sale!

Drop-Off Day:

 August 18

 2:00–8:00 PM

 D Company Armouries

Need to donate earlier? Contact Karen Scott or call Carla at the church office:
780-532-2415.

Thank you for supporting this community fundraiser!

✦ **Interested in a St. Paul's T-shirt?** Visit **Jill Harsch** at **Prosport Clothing Company** (11500–100 Street, GP | 780-814-6199) to choose your T-shirt style, size, and colour from their in-stock options OR bring your own t-shirt!

You can select the message or logo you'd like printed on your shirt. **Select from these design options for \$8 each:**

- “God’s love is totally inclusive”
- St. Paul’s logo (green & blue)
- St. Paul’s logo (rainbow dove)
- “We are all Treaty People”

Add-ons:

Small versions of the UCC and Affirm United crests or the St. Paul’s logo (@\$6 each), are available, which can be placed on a shirt pocket, or added to the “God’s love is totally inclusive” shirt.

✦ St. Paul’s has an easy and ongoing fundraiser to support our church renovations—and you can help! Simply bag up your empty bottles, cans, and milk jugs, label each bag clearly with our Church ID: 1468-2415, and drop them off at your local bottle depot.

When you arrive, check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags or boxes you’re donating on behalf of St. Paul’s.

Every little bit adds up—thank you for supporting our community!

✦ **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.

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

✦ **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

✦ Summer is in full swing, and so is our **Summer 2025 Newsletter!** Stay up to date with everything happening at St. Paul’s — from exciting events to inspiring stories and more. There’s something for everyone inside!

📄 **Read it online** ([Newsletter – St. Paul's United Church](#)) or pick up a **printed copy in the church foyer.**

Financial Donations

Interac e-Transfer

A simple and secure way to give directly to St. Paul's United Church.

- **Email for e-Transfers:** stpaulsucgp@gmail.com
- **In the Note Field:** Please include your envelope number (if applicable) and designate how you'd like your donation to be used. For example:
 - \$25 GF (General Fund)
 - \$50 MS (Mission and Service)
 - \$25 OU (Outreach)

Donations without a fund code will automatically go to the General Fund.

Other Ways to Give:

- **Offering Envelopes:** Contact Carla to receive envelopes and ensure your gifts are receipted.
- **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** Start or update your monthly giving anytime — just reach out to Carla.
- **Canada Helps:** Donate online at [Canada Helps](#). *(Tax receipts issued directly by Canada Helps.)*

Moved? New to St. Paul's?

If you've recently moved or are new to the congregation, we'd love to hear from you!

Please drop by the church office or email Carla at stpaulsucgp@gmail.com with your updated contact details.

Help us keep our records current — thank you!