

Sunday February 17, 2019

11:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church

and to our services today - we are happy that you have come!



Sunday Morning Nursery

Toys and other nursery items are available during the service

Sunday School children start with their parents and leave part-way through the Annex or combined services for Sunday School

Washrooms are located off the atrium

Pew Cushions are available to the left of the front platform in the sanctuary

Two accessible entrances to St Paul's. One is on Main Street via the atrium, with the elevator located just inside the entrance. Best parking to use for this entrance is the town lot west of the church, with two handicapped parking spots. The second accessible entrance is via the ramp off our parking lot, with two handicapped parking spots in the parking lot.

We invite you to pick up informational brochures in the atrium. Please introduce yourself to one of the hosts; we would be most happy to help you. **Visitors and guests are encouraged to sign the Guest Book located in the atrium.** We hope you will come to fellowship time following our services for conversation and refreshments!

Participating this morning

Worship Leadership: Reverend Dr. Dale Skinner

Music Director: Don Cassano **Piano:** Dawn Brodie

Greeting: Wally Whitnell, Peter Anderson & Jo McDuffe

Offering: Wally Whitnell, Peter Anderson, Jo McDuffe & Wendy Hodgkins

Scripture Reader: Carol Hyde **Sound Team:** Glen Shore

Count Team: Wayne Heath, Graham & Anne Troake

Fellowship Time: Diane Dickie & Carol Kerr

Bakers Dozen: Judy Rye & Judy Hiscott

**Large print bulletins available -
please ask one of our ushers**

* Please stand if able
Congregational responses in **bold**

A warm welcome is extended to all this morning. Your presence both enriches us and this time of worship together. In the midst of the busy-ness of life, we have been gifted with this time and place to reconnect with God and with one another. We seek to discern a life beyond life and behold the larger reality Jesus revealed in his own life, death and resurrection. Our aim is spiritual growth, a deeper faith and a loving community.

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

***VU 315** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Welcome

The Life and Work of Our Community

Lighting the Christ Candle

***VU 348** O Love, How Deep *omit verses 5&6*

Call To Worship *(inspired by Psalm 1)*

We gather in God's presence and admit that we are so often caught up in ourselves we fail to hear God's word for us.

**May God open our hearts to receive the fullness of life
God desires for all the people.**

God, write your word upon our hearts.

May our lives take root in the fertile soil of faith –
**that we would draw nourishment from God,
and that with the life we gain we would in turn
provide shelter and comfort and blessing to others.**

We pray that we would not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
nor seek to keep God at a distance.

But that gathered here today our delight would be in the Lord.

The time has come to know God in Spirit and in Truth.

Gathering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

All are invited to pray in the tradition Jesus taught his disciples (Matt.6-9-13 & Luke 11:2-4). There are different versions and languages printed in the Voices United hymn book from pages 921-926. The version below appears in the Anglican Prayer Book of 1662. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All Of Us

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Luke 6:17-26 *Carol Hyde*

Word For Today: A Saviour Who Levels With Us

We Respond In Faith

Invitation to the Offering

We of St. Paul's are committed to the work of the Church. Weekly offerings, pre-authorized remittance (PAR), sharing of our time and talents and reaching out to friend and stranger are but some of the ways that we give.

"God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Presentation Of Our Offerings

***Offertory Response** VU 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Minute For Mission

Pastoral Prayers

Blessed are we when we let go of possessions
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.
Woe to us when we gather into barns
for soon this life will be over.
Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger
**for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil
for new growth.**
Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity
for we fail to recognize what is missing.
Blessed are we who know sorrow
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.
Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.
Blessed are we who know scorn
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.
Woe to us who depend on the approval of others
for only God knows the true content of our hearts.
Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,
For we will recognize abundance...(leader continues to pray)

We Go In God's Name

***VU 633** Bless Now, O God, the Journey

***Sending Forth**

***Blessing**

***Exchange of the Peace**

*Before depart, we are invited to exchange "the Peace of Christ"
with the ones around us.*

The peace of Christ be with you...**And also with you.**