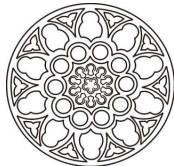


Sunday January 5, 2020

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 partway 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: Rev. Dale Skinner

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

Greeting: Joanne Dundass, Wally Whitnell & Peter Anderson

Offering: Joanne Dundass, Wally Whitnell, Peter Anderson & Wendy Hodgkins

Sound Team: Theo Wolder **Scripture Reader:** H  l  ne Ellison

Count Team: Sue Paul, Sherry Cameron & Marg Cameron

Fellowship Time: Betty Tonelli & Jo McDuffe

Bakers Dozen: Wendy Hodgkins & Shelley Woodcock

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

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.

The land upon which we live and work is a gift from the Creator. We acknowledge the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the lands of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement.

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

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

***VU 81** "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Welcome & Announcements

***VU 91** "The First Nowell"

Call To Worship

A new day has dawned, a new year begun

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

The world turns to hope and dreams of the future

O Lord, keep us in all our ways and on Your path

We enter this new year with hope and excitement

O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

Give us the grace to look to You.

And guide us in all our ways and our worship this day.

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and 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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Hélène Ellison

Word For Today: The Road To Goodness

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 55

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet, what I can I give him – give my heart.

Minute For Mission

Pastoral Prayers

*VU 96 "Will You Come And See The Light?"

*Words of Sending Forth

Let us go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ and may the light that guided the Magi on the road to goodness guide us to behold the sacred in our midst.

May the grace of God fill our hearts, souls and minds so we have the courage to journey down new and different roads. And may this Spirit of goodness which directed their every action be our guiding light and our shining star, both now and forevermore. Amen

*Blessing

*Choral Response

*Exchange of the Peace

Before we 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.

