

**Sunday January 12, 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:** Caroline Brodie, Marlene Grimwood, Eleanor & Don Meads

**Offering:** Peter Anderson, Marlene Grimwood, Don Meads & Wendy Hodgkins

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

**Count Team:** Wayne Heath, John Challinor II, Graham & Anne Troake

**Fellowship Time:** Betti Tonelli & Jo McDuffe

**Bakers Dozen:** Maria Postma & Glenda Calara

**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 256** "O God Beyond All Praising"

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**\*VU 341** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

### **Call To Worship** (based on Psalm 29)

The voice of our God is heard in blessing,  
as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

**We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the  
mystery and reality that is God's everlasting glory.**

The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds  
with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.

**We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's  
power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.**

We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the  
way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.

**The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred  
spaces, and God's grace is received as we worship**

### **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** Kairos (God's Time) *by D. Lantz and H. Frombach*

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture:** Matthew 3:13-17 *Carol Hyde*

**Word For Today:** Easier To Please

## 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

Each day is a gift from God,  
each moment is that opportunity to reach out  
in service to all creation.

**Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:  
not written on stone tablets easily broken,  
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Each day we draw closer to God:

**who has forgotten more than we ever learn;  
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge...**

**\*VU 87** "I Am The Light of The World"

### **\*Words of Sending Forth**

Christ walks a path to bring justice upon the earth,  
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,  
to bring rest to ones bearing a heavy load,  
to bring freedom to ones who are enslaved,  
to bring newness of vision when there is no way in sight.  
May the Spirit that dwelled in Jesus live in us.  
May the path Jesus walks intersect with our lives.  
May we and the ones we meet on this path  
know they are beloved by God.

### **\*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.**

