



**308 King St, Midland, Ontario.
SUNDAY February 12th, 2017**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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CORE VALUES

LOVING AND ENGAGING COMMUNITY

DIVERSE AND OPEN SPIRITUALITY

RESPECT FOR ALL CREATION

MISSION STATEMENT

TO BE AN OPEN, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SEEKING SPIRITUALITY AND LOVING

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Welcome

SUNDAY, 12th February 2017

Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam & Rev. Bev Irwin

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Louise Reynolds

Administrator - Judy McConnell, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for February are Shirley Dixon and Morris Steffler

Captain of the Counters is Heather Wilson DVD's are being delivered by Diane Marr

*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

Prayer Cycle week 2

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 678 For the Healing of the Nations!**

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

UPDATE ON THE "ELEVATE ACCESSIBILITY NOW" PROJECT

CALL TO THE GATHERED

One: You set before us choices, O God, Life and death, justice and fear.

ALL: May this time of worship be full of meaning and of light.

One: May we keep company with each other and with You.

ALL: When we waver, or make poor choices, forgive us.

One: When we live as if our choices didn't matter, guide us into right paths again.

ALL: When we ignore your truth, turn away from your light, remind us of our baptism and our call to live in love. Amen

(Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C. Toronto Used with permission Gathering A/C/E 2016/17 pg. 46)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in Our world.

INTROIT: VU# 82 A Light Is Gleaming (refrain)

A light is gleaming. Spreading its arms through-out the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright. Living in the light.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Ground us in you, O Sacred Spirit,

for you are the wellspring from which our lives flow.

You are the river of delight that buoys up our spirits.

You are the limitless depths of goodness and grace

in whose gentle currents, we pass our days.

Even when we forget to notice your encompassing love, it sustains us.

Therefore, with gratitude, we answer your spirit's summons, and with thanksgiving,

come to worship you, In the name of Jesus the anointed one. Amen

(Rod Sykes, Calgary, Alta. Gathering Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2016-2017 pg. 43 Used with permission)

HYMN MEDLEY

THREE THINGS I PROMISE

- 1. Three things I promise, Holy God
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

2. **Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.**
3. **Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

I AM A CHILD OF GOD

1. **I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God.**
2. **I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer,
I am an endless prayer.**
3. **I am an angry voice,
I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice,
I am an angry voice.**
4. **I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace,
I am a cry for peace.**
5. **I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy.**

SPIRIT OPEN MY HEART

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

THEME CONVERSATION (*children leave for Discovery Kids*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Said by ALL)

**May the scripture readings we hear today be a source of wisdom, courage and strength.
Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 5: 21-37

ANTHEM Psalm 139

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

If You Love Me!

(*Trio with Sharon Foster, Donna Earl & Keith Stam*)

***DOXOLOGY:** 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***HYMN** VU #691 Though Ancient Walls!

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL * SUNG BLESSING MV #222**

May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see be found in you.

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Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.

Postlude

Announcements



for February 12th 2017 Sunday Service and School 10am

Due to the rising number of people with allergies to scents we request that you avoid using scented products. Thank you for your considerate attention to this.



We have a heart defibrillator on site, located on the wall outside the minister's office, on this level, near the parlour. At the defibrillator is a list of people who have been trained in its use, but it is very easy to use and will walk you thru the steps needed. First Aid Kits ~ are located in the church office, in the kitchenette beside the parlour, in the main kitchen downstairs, in the area outside the sanctuary by the chair lift, and in the room of requirement upstairs.



WELCOME

Are you new to St. Paul's?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more about St. Paul's and get connected into the community. **What to expect** - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. **Today we welcome everyone for coffee downstairs compliments of our Trustees.**

Next Sunday February 19th there will be no coffee time after church, due to a special meeting of the Official Board which will take place in the gym immediately following the morning service.

Special Board Meeting after service on Sunday Feb 19th - Immediately following the worship service on Sunday, Feb. 19th there will be a special meeting of the Official Board to vote on the Remits of the United Church of Canada. These remits are about changing the very structure of the denomination. All Board members are urged to attend. If any member of the congregation wishes to attend you are welcome, however you will not be able to vote. Please let the church office know as a simple lunch of soup and a dinner roll is being served for those attending the meeting. Please note this is anticipated to be a full afternoon in order to get through all seven, possibly eight remits. There is no coffee hour following that service.

The following **Sunday February 26th is our Annual Meeting** so coffee will be served in the sanctuary so that we can start the meeting as soon as possible, **please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of St. Paul's.**



will meet on **Tuesday Feb 14th at 1pm** in the parlour. We will be having the Installation of Officers for the new year. All ladies are welcome to come and we ask that you bring ideas for the year's program either in writing or verbally.

8-week Lenten Study- The Eight Points of Progressive Christianity. Wednesday mornings 11:00-12:30 in the parlour starting on **Wednesday February 22, 2017.** Please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 if you are interested and to pick up reading material.

****Important Message****

Our construction company has reminded us that **only authorized personnel are allowed in the construction zone**. No one, at any time, should be in this area. This is a safety issue for us all and your continued co-operation is greatly appreciated! Thank You!

2016 Tax Receipts are ready in the parlour for pickup – to help on mailing costs if you see your neighbours, can you please deliver theirs. Thank You! Judy



Request for Help

Marlis needs periodic help while transporting her mother, Ruth, to Barrie and local special medical appointments. If anyone can help and wouldn't mind being on a personal calling list, please contact Marlis at 705-549-2018. Those with a car would be of benefit however it is not absolutely necessary.

Chili Dinner Order of Eastern Star – at St. Paul's on Friday February 17th from 5 to 7pm. Adults \$12 and children \$5. You can purchase tickets at the door or by calling Marilyn Follitt 705-527-1381 or Margaret Milligan 705-526-4908.

Pancake Supper – Wyevalle United Church on February 28th 4:30 to 7:30pm. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$8.00 Senior \$6.00 Children \$6.00. Children under 5 are free.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd March 2017 ~ a service will be held at Unity United Church, Vasey at 2pm. If interested, please reply to graham7050@hotmail.com

Midland World Day of Prayer at the Baptist church on March 3 at 2pm. All are welcome!

Talent Auction 2017 we have set the date of **Saturday April 29th** for the auction. **Would you like to volunteer** your time to help with the auction? We have a great crew who return each year to help but we can always use new volunteers and new ideas! Please contact Judy McConnell at church email @ stpaulsunited@rogers.com or by calling the church office at 705-526-6077. **Look for more information about the auction in the future weeks!**

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

We are well underway with the accessibility renovations to make our building more inclusive to the community. The **total cost of this project is over \$750,000** and the **congregation's financial commitment is to raise \$250,000** (approximately one third of the total project cost). An update on the project expenses and funds will occur at the General Meeting in February. As we've reported last week, we're thankful for the generosity of the congregation. To date, **\$199,398 has** been donated and there is only **\$50,602** to go! Thank you for your continued generosity and we encourage you remember the Accessibility Fund in your annual pledge, use the "Donate Now" button on the website, and don't forget to watch for upcoming fundraising activities in the months to come. Together, we will create an accessible space for all in 2017! Thank you for your support!

Communion Preparers! We are looking for volunteers to prepare our communion elements one Sunday in the year. Please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 or at stpaulsunited@rogers.com if you can help!



The **VON exercise classes** are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon in the gym. Those who attend are pleased that they are enjoying the results of the strengthening exercises. You too can join them at any time. We do strengthening and balance exercises each week with each person working at their own pace and level. Everyone is welcome!

If the weather is poor the class will be cancelled.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Don't forget about the church library, located near Karen's office and the parlour. This is our lending library and there are lots of interesting titles.

In case of a pastoral emergency you may call
Karen at home at 705-355-0224 or email address:
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