



**308 King St, Midland, Ontario.
SUNDAY January 15th, 2017
BAPTISM OF THE JESUS
&
RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS**



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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

Welcome

SUNDAY, 15th January 2017

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

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Wendy Bayliss

Administrator - Judy McConnell, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for January is Bea Nayduk

Captain of the Counters is Tom Barber

DVD's are being delivered by Marie & Cam Bonner

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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU # 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

CALL TO THE GATHERED

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 (unison)

Source of Life, we stand on the shoreline of faith waiting to wade into the waters of your love.

Encourage us into the ebb and flow of life in You.

Amen (from Seasons of the Spirit)

HYMN MEDLEY

This Is The Day

**This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad! (X2)**

**Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad (x2)**

Who Is My Mother

**Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
Sit at the table round Jesus Christ.**

**Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ.**

Gather Us In

**Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.**

THEME CONVERSATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We are beloved, but it is so hard to be love itself!

All: we try and try but we sometimes fail.

One: We repent; and ask for forgiveness.

All: You give us the gift of water, to remind us that we can begin anew.

One: Even if we have strayed, we know that you can set us again on the path to you.

All: God, you know us and love us, and we are honoured to be your beloved. *(from Seasons of the Spirit)*

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Said by ALL)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 42: 1-9 Matthew 3: 13-17

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

***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

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISM VOWS

***HYMN** MV # 161 I Have Called Your By Name

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.**

**I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,**

make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

*** 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 January 15th 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 outside the church office on the wall, 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.



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 Communications committee.**



The tree in the gym needs to come down.... If you can help during coffee time it is appreciated!

2016 Annual Report!

Could you please have your report in to the church office no later than Monday 23rd January. The annual meeting will be on Sunday 26th February 2017. **(Change)**



(due to poor weather last week) The UCW will meet in the parlour on **Tuesday January 17th at 1 pm**. Election and Installation of officers, presentation of budget. Bring either written or verbal ideas for the coming year, e.g. Speakers, outings, crafts.

Official Board will meet on Tuesday 24th January at 7pm in the parlour.



Family bowling party at Bayshore Lanes, Friday, January 27, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bowling and shoes will be provided, snack bar available. Please contact Sheila Thompson rmsmt@rogers.com or call 705-526-2186 so we'll know how many will be bowling, and join us for the fun evening.

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

Thank you for your generosity and patience with the renovations in 2016! By the end of December, **we've reached \$199,397.99** and are within reach of the \$250,000 fundraising goal (**only \$50,602.01 to go!**). As we enter the year ahead, please consider the Accessibility Fund in your annual pledges. Don't forget to tell your friends and family that they can support our efforts at making St. Paul's an accessible community hub by visiting our webpage by clicking the "**Donate Now**" button. We are thankful for our community and its generosity throughout this ongoing endeavour. Together, we are ever closer to creating an accessible space for all in 2017! Thank you for your support!

Greeters! Some of our teams are rather decimated and are looking for new volunteers to greet at the door and receive the offering. There are six teams and each team is responsible for two months per year, a volunteer would rarely have more than one Sunday in their month. It isn't a tough job but demonstrates our welcoming church family. If you are interested talk with Sheila Thompson or email the church at stpaulsunited@rogers.com or call the church at 705-526-6077.

How can I donate to my church?

! PAR program (automatic withdrawal from your bank account) a convenient way to support your church. If you would like more information, please contact Judy in the church office know at 705-526-6077.

! Don't forget to get in those pledge cards

Envelopes – request a set from the church office! If you have not received your 2017 envelopes, please contact the church office and we will issue you a set.



The VON exercise classes are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon in the gym. You can join at any time. We do strengthening and balance exercises each week with each person working at their own pace and level.

If the weather is poor the class will be cancelled. Everyone is welcome!