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Sunday March 19th, 2017



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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, 19th March 2017

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

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Ron Neville

Administrator - Judy McConnell, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for March is Sheila Thompson

Captain of the Counters is Tom Barber

DVD's are being delivered by Diane & Graham Patchell

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

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** **VU# 222** Come, Let Us Sing Jesus Calls Us

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

CALL TO THE GATHERED (responsive)

One: Lord Jesus, spring of living water, give us always that water that purifies our heart:

ALL: Jesus Christ, spring of living water, give us the water that makes our faith grow.

One: Lord Jesus, spring of living water, give us the water that quenches our thirst for the fullness of your life and love:

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord, and give us the living water of your gentle forgiveness. Water your life in us and let it well up to everlasting life. Amen.

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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: **MV# 28 (vs 2)**

**God in the struggles, God in our hunger,
Suffering with us, taking our part,
Still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**ALL: God of life and giver of all that is good,
we want to drink your life to the full.
Let Jesus, your living Water, speak to us from heart to heart.
Give us an unquenchable thirst for the things that matter:
for faith and for meaning in our lives,
for hope in a better world filled with your justice and peace,
for a spirit of committed love that knows how to share itself.
Generously give us all these
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Amen**

HYMN MEDLEY

VU #345 COME, CHILDREN, JOIN TO SING (verses 1 and 2)

1. **Come, children, join to sing; Hallelujah!**
Praise to our Servant King Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!
2. **Come lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!**
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends, the helpless he defends,
A love that never ends: Hallelujah!

BY THE WELL A THIRSTY WOMAN

1. **By the well, a thirsty woman**
found the life that you could give,
we, too, thirst like empty vessels -
fill us full that we may live,
Jesus, source of living water,
Well-spring bubbling deep within,
By the waters of our baptism
wisdom purpose life begin.
2. **Plant us firm, like trees by water,**
send our roots down deep in you,
quench our parched and thirsty spirits
with your water, pure and true.
Jesus, source of living water,
Nourisher of all on earth,
By the waters of our baptism
quicken growth and give new birth.
3. **May we be your streams of justice,**
as the water, may we move
through your people – by your Spirit
showing mercy, sharing love.
Jesus, source of living water,
Ground-swell forcing truth to view,
By the waters of our baptism
set us free to live for you.

O BEAUTIFUL GAIA

- O beautiful Gaia,**
O Gaia, calling us home.
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on. (2x)

THEME CONVERSATION and BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

LORD'S PRAYER *(children may go to Discovery Kids)*

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (Said by ALL)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: John 4: 5-42
ANTHEM God So Loved the World
SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM Beside Still Waters

***DOXOLOGY:** MV #79

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** VU# 266 Amazing Grace, How sweet the Sound

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

*** SUNG BENEDICTION** VU# 210 v.2

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss.
You, the ever-lasting instant;
You who are both gift and cost.

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Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.*

Postlude

Announcements



for March 19th 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.





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 coffee will be served in the Great Hall compliments of our M&P committee.**

A special **Thank You** to **Keith Stam**, who this morning is sharing the music leadership with Victoria Warwick.

Please welcome Louise Therrien to St. Paul's as the new Administrator. My last day as Administrator for St. Paul's is March 24th, I will then be starting my new career as a retired person, and I am looking forward to having that second cup of coffee in the morning. I have loved working these 17 years at St. Paul's and I know you will support Louise as you have me! Thank You! *Judy McConnell*

P.S. See you on April 2nd when we celebrate my retirement directly after church.
Everyone is welcome!



Bake Sale: Sunday March 26th after church we will be holding our **monthly Outreach bake sale** to raise funds for the church. Your donations of baking and your purchases of these go a long way to help your church!

Lenten Project – This year is World Development and Relief. This is an area of work within the global Mission & Service program of the United Church of Canada. Giving for World Development and Relief supports both longer term community development work and short term response to humanitarian crises around the globe. Short term responses would include responses to earthquakes, floods or people displaced by violence and war. Donations from the congregation to this Lenten Project will be matched up to \$5,000 by the Trust Funds.
You will find envelopes for your donations included in your bulletin.



Men's Breakfast Saturday March 25th at **Mom's** at 8:30 am!

Concert on Thursday March 30 at St. Paul's at 7pm. Tafelmusik – Baroque Orchestra – Visions & Voyages – Canada 1663-1763 Inspired by the journey of the beaver pelts supplied by First Nations and European hunters to trade networks for European markets, this concert explores a fascinating century of Canadian history, weaving together projections of maps and works of art, diplomatic dispatches, and orchestral works by Purcell, Lully, Marais, and Handel. Tickets: Adults - \$40, Students - \$20 Plus HST & S/C Children under 13 Attend for FREE! **Tickets available at the MCC.**

York Regional Police Male Chorus Concert on April 1st at 7pm at the Salvation Army, Midland. Admission \$10 – all proceeds will go to Missions work. 555 Dominion Ave, Midland

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

April 9th - Palm Sunday
April 13th - Maundy Thursday - 7pm Service
April 14th - Good Friday - 10am Service
April 16th - Sunrise Service 7am - Little Lake Park -
followed by breakfast at St. Paul's
April 16th - **10am – Easter Sunday Service**



St. Paul's Yearly Auction 2017

of the talents of our parishioners is on **Saturday April 29th**.

This year we will be accepting your donations of talent, ***and*** we will also be accepting gently used items. We are looking for quality items, we also would like to limit these quality items to one per family. We regret we will **not** be able to accept furniture or large items.

Please find the sheets to fill out in the bulletin today, we appreciate getting them back to the office or on the collection plate by April 10th !

Host of Toronto Conference AGM 2017. The Toronto Conference Planning Committee is looking for volunteers again this year! **Conference dates are May 26, 27, 2017.** Volunteers will also be needed Thursday, May 25th to set up the arena meeting site. Up to (45) helpers will be needed to work specifically at the NSSRC over 3 days plus up to another (25) people at St. Paul's primarily on Saturday, May 27th. ***Volunteer applications are on the back window, and available through [our website](#), please complete and return by April 30th to: Zena Pendlebury, Don Penrose, Marlis Dupuis or leave at the church office.**

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 was provided aill occur at the General Meeting in February. As we've reported last week, we're thankful for the generosity of the congregation. To date, **\$194,149.00 (recalculated amount)** has been donated and there is only **\$55,851.00** 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!



The **VON exercise classes** are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon in the gym. Those who attend 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!

In case of a pastoral emergency you may call

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