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Joint Service of  
Saint Paul's United Church  
& Waverley United church  
SUNDAY February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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

**Director of Music – Victoria Warwick**

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Bea Nayduk

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.

## PRELUDE

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** VU# 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See

## WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

### CALL TO THE GATHERED

One: Come to this place to open your hearts and minds to God.

**ALL: We come to open ourselves to the Spirit.**

One: We come to be nurtured and challenged in our faith..

**ALL: We come as the followers of Christ.**

## 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) VU# 525

**Eternal God,**

**whose image lies in the hearts of all people,**

**We live among peoples**

**whose language is different from our own,**

**whose faiths are foreign to us,**

**whose ways we fail to understand.**

**Help us to remember**

**that you embrace all people with your love,**

**that all religion is a response to you,**

**that the yearnings of other hearts**

**are much like our own, and are known to you.**

**Help us to recognize you**

**in words of truth, things of beauty,**

**and actions of love about us.**

**We pray in the name of the One who calls us**

**to be neighbour and friend. Amen**

## HYMN MEDLEY

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

**Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no stands alone,**

**standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

**Refrain**

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.
3. I am an angry voice,  
I am compassion and consternation,  
I am an angry voice,  
I am an angry voice.
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.

GATHER US IN

Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you. (2x)

**THEME CONVERSATION  
LORD'S PRAYER**

*(children leave for 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:** Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18; Matthew 5: 38-48

**ANTHEM** Be Still and Know  
**SERMON**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Come Touch Our Hearts

**\*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**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN** **VU #506** Take my life and let it be

**\*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

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## Announcements



for February 19<sup>th</sup> 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 we will not be having coffee due to the Official Board meeting in the Great Hall.**

**Today we welcome the Waverley Congregation to our service.** Members of Waverley United Church and Unity United Church will be joining our Official Board in the Great Hall today for the remit voting.

### **\*\*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!

**Copies of the Annual Report for 2016.**

**You will find copies in the sanctuary at the Easy St. entrance door, at the front door of the church and also on the bookcase where copies of the 'Upper Room' are kept.**

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

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. **\*\*Volunteer applications are on the back window, please complete and return by April 30. Leave your application with Zena Pendlebury, Don Penrose or Marlis Dupuis or at the church office.**

**8-week Lenten Study - *The Eight Points of Progressive Christianity.*** Just a reminder the course is full. For those registered **we begin this Wednesday Feb 22** at 11:00-12:30 in the parlour.

**Men's breakfast at Mom's on Saturday, February 25 at 8:30am. All men are welcome!**

**The Fellowship Club** is hosting a **POT LUCK** supper on **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** in the Great Hall at 5:30pm. Bring your favorite casserole dish, or dessert or a salad and your own dishes and cutlery. **Everyone is welcome** and this is a great opportunity to meet more people and possibly join the club.



### **Request for Help**

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.

**Pancake Supper – Wyevale United Church on February 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017** ~ a service will be held at Unity United Church, Vasey at 2pm. If interested, please reply to [graham7050@hotmail.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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or Bev at 705-549-9896 or email her at:  
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