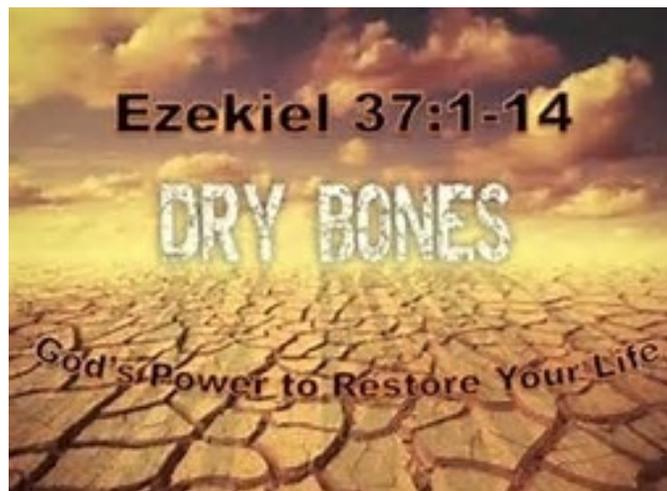


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CORE VALUES

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, 2nd April 2017

Joint Service with Waverley United Church

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

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Sandra Flint

Administrator - Louise Therrien, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for April is Bud Wooldridge

Captain of the Counters is Linda Wilcox

DVD's are being delivered by Max Wagg

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

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** **VU# 113** To the Desert Jesus Came

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

OUR LENTEN PROJECT – World Development & Relief Fund

CALL TO THE GATHERED (responsive)

One: Sometimes life is full of excitement and joy. We can hardly wait to embrace the day and see what it brings.

ALL: Sometimes life is difficult and we feel like old bones, dried up and we are weary. We just want to crawl back into bed.

One: Remind us O God, that your spirit is in all things and in all of our days. Jesus promised us abundant life..

ALL: May our spirits become refreshed as you breathe new life in us, each day, every day. May we open to you O God in worship.

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)

As we gather this morning Creator God, be with us. Make us alive in our faith and continue this Lenten journey with us. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY

WHEN THE WIND OF WINTER BLOWS

1. **When the wind of winter blows, bringing times of solitude,
fill the silent icy night; be our hearts' compassion.**

Refrain:

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

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2. **When we shiver in despair, when the chill of death comes near,
hold us, Spirit, calm our fear, while the evening deepens.**

Refrain:

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

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- 3. When in days of fallen snow, change confounds or love burns low,
from the ashes may there rise phoenix of our growing.**

Refrain:

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

GOD OF STILL WAITING

- 1. God of still waiting, God of deep longing,
God of the heart's true rest:
hold us in fathomless peace,
guard us with unwaning love**
- 2. Spirit of promise, Spirit of purpose,
Spirit of ceaseless prayer:
bathe us in life full and free,
kindle our wonder and hope.**
- 3 Word who comes to us, Word who lives with us,
Word who disturbs and heals:
silence our chattering fears,
waken our unconscious faith.**
- 4. Word true and faithful, hope-bringing Spirit,
God of enfolding love:
come in your fullness and grace;
work through our lives for your praise.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU# 932 (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!**

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION VU#933 (sung twice)

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come, come again.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (unison)

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the cup of the new vine. With the bread and the wine we have tasted, remind us that you breathe into us new life and new visions for us and for your world. Amen

(Children are invited to Discovery Kids time)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (Said by ALL)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [Ezekiel 37: 1-14](#)

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Bread of Heaven

*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

THANKS TO JUDY McCONNELL FOR !& YEARS OF SERVICE

*HYMN

VU# 579

The Church is Wherever God's People

COMMISSIONING & 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 April 2nd 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 Communication committee.**

Remember this Sunday, we celebrate **Judy's retirement** immediately after our church service. Everyone is welcome. Come celebrate this special occasion and join us in honoring Judy after 17½ years of service

Lenten Project – This year we are supporting World Development and Relief in 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 responses 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 on the back window sill.**

Waverley United Church cordially invites you to a **Celebration of Vimy Ridge** on **Sunday April 9th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** Our guest speaker will be Orland French, a native of Waverley, whose uncle wrote the letters that inspired him to write the book "Letters to Vimy Ridge". A *Light Lunch* will follow the service. RSVP by March 30, 2017, to Joan Adams at 705-322-1246.



Memorial flowers for Easter: If you would like to purchase a spring flower in memory of a loved one, they will be displayed in the church on Easter Sunday. This is being done in **to support the Children's Community Choir.** The following flowers are available for purchase: Easter Egg Mums \$10.00, Daffodils \$9.00 Hyacinths \$9.00 Tulips \$9.00 Pansy Bowl \$10.00. All orders need to be into the church office **no later than Monday April 10th.**

Easter Food Drive: Winter has been long and hard on the supplies at the food banks. There is an ever-growing demand to help those who are destitute and in need of mere survival basics, such as food and shelter. Please remember what was given for us and remember to Share because We Care. St. Paul's food drive will occur on Sunday, April 2nd, April 9th and April 16th. **Please leave your donations on the 2 small pews in the corner of the Sanctuary, near the organ console.**

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 April 29th 2017

This year we will be accepting the donations of our parishioners' talent, and we will also be accepting gently used items. We are looking for quality items, however we would like to hold these quality items to one per family. We **are not** able to accept furniture or large items. A time and date will be announced when you can bring in your items. **We reserve the right to only accept quality used items.**

Please find the sheets to complete on the back window.

We appreciate getting them back by April 10th either in the office or on the collection plate

Host of Toronto Conference AGM 2017. The Toronto Conference Planning Committee continues to look for volunteers for this year's event. **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:

Exciting news!!! The orange tarps are coming down as the finishing touches are applied to the accessibility renovations. It's anticipated that **95% of the construction will be completed by mid-April!** Although we're seeing the drywall dust settle and there's a light at the end of the tunnel, we still need your help! The congregation still has 25% of their \$250,000 commitment to fulfill. We only have **\$45,851.00** left to fundraise through your pledges and support. Tell your family, friends and neighbours to **save the date for Saturday, May 13th** when everyone will be invited to see the transformation of our building. Stay tuned for more details! Thanks for your continued support in making St. Paul's a more welcoming place for all.



The **VON exercise classes** are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon for 45 minutes. It is open to both men and women and everyone has felt the benefits of the strengthening exercises. The classes are free and will continue indefinitely (if we have people coming out) so you can join at any. 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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