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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



rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS** VU# 932 (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy are You God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of 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 FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)** *Louis FitzGerald Benson*

For the bread which has been broken, for the wine that has been poured, for the words  
which have been spoken, we give you thanks O Lord.  
By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to live for  
justice, hallow our lives, O Lord. Amen

**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 60: 1-6, Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14, Luke 2: 22-40

**SERMON:**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** When the Wind of Winter Blows!

**\*DOXOLOGY:** VU #55 (vs 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\* HYMN

VU #87 I Am the Light of the World!

\*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

VU #974 Hallelujah Amen

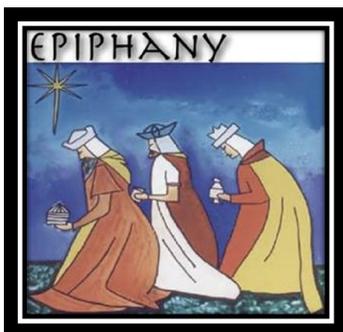
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*Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.*

Postlude

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## Announcements



for January 8<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 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 M&P committee.**

### 2016 Annual Report!

**Could you please have your report in to the church office no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The annual meeting will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

**Stewardship committee will meet on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the parlour.**

**UCW will meet in the parlour on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 \$184,798.00** and are within reach of the \$250,000 fundraising goal (**only \$65,202.00 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](mailto: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. If the weather is poor the class will be cancelled. Everyone is welcome!



### **Happy Birthday from your family at St. Paul's January Birthdays**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gabriela Dell	Naw Doh	Joyce Ellis	Judy Stiles
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Donna Earl	Eh Moo Soe		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lois McQuirter	Diane Patchell		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Zoschke			
7 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Nicholls			
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kathryn Foot	Helen French		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Joy Edwards			
12 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Thompson	Ken Woods		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sefi Held			
14 <sup>th</sup>	John McCullough			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Yvonne Kemp			
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Dell			
20 <sup>th</sup>	Leta Collins			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matt Middaugh			
27 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Whiteside			
28 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Hazell			
29 <sup>th</sup>	Lorelei Blane-Smith			
30 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Brotherton	Jean Coryell	Gail Wilcox	