

## St. Paul's United Church, Midland

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 All Ages Worship

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

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Special Musical Guests: The Children's Community Choir

Bible Reader: Louise Reynolds



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

HYMN: VU #245 Praise the Lord

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE:

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY:

### **GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

*Refrain x2*

*Go make a diff'ence.*

*We can make a diff'ence.*

*Go make a diff'ence in the world. (Twice)*

So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
go make a diff'ence in the world.  
and the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.  
go make a diff'ence in the world.

*Refrain*

### **Draw the circle wide MV 145 (vs 1, 2, 3)**

*Refrain:*

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

*Refrain:*

3. 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*

**Make a Joyful Noise VU #802**

*Refrain*

Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise all the earth.  
Come to this place with a song!

1. Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place  
with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song!  
*Refrain*
2. Enter these gates, thanks giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God  
and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song!  
*Refrain*
3. Ages through endless ages,  
seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song!

THEME CONVERSATION: Psalm 100

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (unison) **May these words be a source of wisdom, courage & strength. Amen**

SCRIPTURE: [Colossians 2:1-7](#)

ANTHEM: I Remember

SERMON:

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Duermete (Angel's Lullaby)

\*DOXOLOGY: MV #135

**Called by earth and sky,  
Promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
Treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU #509 Here I Am Lord  
COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL SONG BENEDICTION: May the Road Rise to Meet You

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org)**

*Welcome Friends!*

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here!

Whether you are a child, youth, adult or elder,  
You are welcome here!

Whatever your ethnic origin or language;  
sexual orientation or gender identity;  
religious tradition or theological position;  
whatever your economic status or political persuasion  
You are welcome here!

If you are differently abled,  
you are welcome here!

If you are spiritually weary and in need of rest,  
If you are mourning a deep loss in your life,  
If you are skeptical;

if you have been hurt by religion,  
If you have questions,

If you come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,  
You are welcome here because you are God's creation, and WIDE is God's  
Welcome!!

Friends! You are Welcome in this Place – Just as you are.

**Christmas tree decorating is today** after the service. All are invited to help.

**The Outreach Committee** will be serving hot chocolate during the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please come to the church at 9:30 am.

**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>** is Welcoming Sunday. Interested in joining the church? Talk to Karen, Bev or Louise in the church office.

**Christmas food drive:** Please join in our effort to give a small amount of comfort to the needy during this special season. St. Paul's annual Christmas Food Drive will be held on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. and December 10<sup>th</sup>. The food shelves of the Salvation Army are in dire need of replenishment. Please Share Because You Care!

**Official Board meeting Nov 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Reminder to all committee chairs to submit your reports and any motions to the church office via e-mail by November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Pastoral Care Workshop:** The next workshop will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

**Save the date!!** There will be a luncheon with Christmas carols and special guest on December 17<sup>th</sup> after the service. There will be a freewill offering to cover expenses.

**Christmas Newsletter:** A reminder to all committees that your year-end reports are due this **MONDAY November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit them to the church office via e-mail.

**Fellowship Christmas Dinner:**

This year's event is on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Happy hour is at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the church office, or from Sharon Whiteside after Sunday service.

**ADVENT SERVICES 10 AM**

ADVENT 1 – DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup>, COMMUNION

ADVENT 2- DEC. 10<sup>TH</sup>, CHILDREN'S MUSICAL (*ARREST THESE MERRY GENTLEMEN*)

ADVENT 3 – DEC 17<sup>TH</sup>, CHOIR CANTATA

ADVENT 4 – DEC. 24

DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup>, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE -  
7 PM. COME JOIN US WITH YOUR FRIENDS



**Upcoming concerts at St. Paul's:**

**Serenata** - Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm.

**VOX** – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30 m.

**Children's Community Choir** - Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7 pm.

**Brookside Music** – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm.