

Communion Sunday and Joint Service
of Waverley United Church and St. Paul's United Church, Midland
Sunday, November 05, 2017

Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director: Victoria Warwick
Bible Reader: Velma Bertram

HYMN: MV #1 Let Us Build a House

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard;
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

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:

MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU

Refrain:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.

1. O God you are my God,
and I will always praise you.
In the shadow of your wings
I cling to you and you hold me high.
2. Through the day you walk with me,
all the night your love surrounds me.
To the glory of your name
I lift my hands, I sing your praise.

Refrain

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY(2x)

Bread for the journey, food for the way.
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.

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 (SUNG TWICE) VU #933

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**ALL: May the bread and the wine remind us always O God, that you are part of the body
of Christ, gathering together with Christians from all nations as we seek to follow
you. Amen**

(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)

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

SCRIPTURE: [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

SERMON

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: One Bread, One Cup

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 #579 The Church is Wherever God's People

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU #974

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen. (2x)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 22nd, 2017 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.

THANKS FOR MAKING OUR ACCESSIBILITY DREAM COME TRUE

The congregation of St. Paul's
St. Paul's Trust Funds
Northern Waters Presbytery
Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation
Government of Canada – Enabling Accessibility Program
Town of Midland – Community Improvement Program
Midland Scouts Canada

Volunteers and groups who organized suppers, dances, sold photo cards, and handmade pens.
Those who held fundraising concerts, including The Georgian Bay Brass,
St. Paul's Georgian Bay Chime Choir, The Community Children's Choir,
The Little Treble Makers, Sistema and Karen Warner.

A special thanks to our Project Coordinators Cam Bonner and Bruce Wilcox
The Phase 2 Elevate Accessibility Now Funding Committee

St. Paul's Property Committee
Shertine Construction Company
Bob Laurin—Architect
Vertechs Elevator Installation

Independent Living Services of Simcoe County and Area
Toronto Conference AGM committee and volunteers

All who participated in and supported fundraisers
Communications and videos team

All who built furniture, painted walls, stairs, banisters, floors, moved furniture, hung pictures, etc.

All who wrote grant support letters
Our church staff, and ministers.

*Thank
you*

Canadian Foodgrains Bank - final week. Please make your cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church. So far, the congregation has donated **\$4,570!** **Great job St. Paul's!**

Calling all youth –TODAY from 5:30-7:30 in the Great Hall for **grade 6 and up**. Gather up your friends and come spend a couple of hours getting to know one another and exploring some activities for the fall and winter months. We will order pizza when people arrive.



Job opportunities: St. Paul's United Church currently has vacancies for two part-time positions - that of Children and Youth Program Leader and Program Assistant. Both positions are 6 hours/week with Sunday mornings a requirement. Full job details are available on our website at www.stpaulsmidland.org. Please **indicate your interest via e-mail** to louise.leck@gmail.com.

Observer Reflections is this Monday November 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour. Bring your October magazine. Everyone is welcome.

UCW meeting Tuesday Nov. 14th: In the Parlour from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Our guest speaker is Chester Graham, who will be talking about Remembrance Day.

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

Captains and Volunteer counters – 2018 schedule: If any of the current captains or volunteers no longer wish to be included, **OR** if anyone does wish to be included, please contact Ria Gerritsen at 705-538-2632 or the church office.

Christmas Newsletter: It's that time of year again, and all committees are asked to start working on their year-end report. Please submit them to the church office via e-mail by November 20th, for distribution the following week.

Coffee pot is on Monday to Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Atrium. Come on by and chat with our Connections Team, who are here to assist those who come needing information, directions to meeting locations, looking for lost items or seeking a quiet place while the office is closed.