

St. Paul's United Church, Midland

Sunday, November 26th, 2017

Welcoming Sunday

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

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Guest Pianist: Amanda Clarke Guest Singer: Karen Warner

Bible Reader: Victoria Tovell



PRELUDE

HYMN:

[VU #395 Part of the Family](#)

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:

MV #1 Let Us Build a House - (vs. 1 and 5)

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

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

MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name (vs. 1 and 2)

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

MV #221 I am Walking a Path of Peace (2x)

I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
lead me home, lead me home. (2x)

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS & ADHERENTS:

By Affirmation of Faith:

Lisa King
Dianne MacMenemey
Victoria Tovell

By Reaffirmation of Faith:

Peggy Wallace

Transfer of Membership:

Colleen Gareau from Central U.C. Brandon, Manitoba
Joyce and Peter Erb: from Trinity U.C. Bowmanville, Ontario

Welcome as Adherents:

Rev. Heather Graham
Rick MacKenzie

THEME CONVERSATION:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)

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

SCRIPTURE: [**Matthew 25:31-46**](#)

ANTHEM: "Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise!"

SERMON:

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Karen Warner

*DOXOLOGY: MV#135

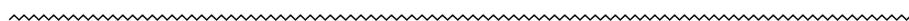
**Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: [**VU #331 The Church's One Foundation \(vs 1,2\)**](#)

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26th, 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.

Official Board meeting Nov 28th:

Reminder to all committee chairs that we need your reports and any motions to the church office via e-mail by **Monday morning**, November 27th.

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

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 26th, December 3rd. and December 10th. The food shelves of the Salvation Army are in dire need of replenishment. Please Share Because You Care!

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



ADVENT SERVICES 10 AM

ADVENT 1 – DEC. 3RD, COMMUNION
ADVENT 2- DEC. 10TH, CHILDREN’S MUSICAL (*ARREST THESE MERRY GENTLEMEN*)
ADVENT 3 – DEC 17TH, CHOIR CANTATA
ADVENT 4 – DEC. 24
DEC. 24TH, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 7 PM. COME JOIN US WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Board of Trustees meeting will be on December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room.

Pledge cards and envelopes for 2018 are ready and are in the Atrium. **Please help us keep costs down by picking them up.** We are working on the 2018 budget and your pledge card to the church is a very important part of that budget. If you do not have envelopes and would like a set, please contact the church office at 705-526-6077.

Fellowship Christmas Dinner:

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



Poinsettia orders: Once again this year we will be selling memorial poinsettias to help the Children’s Community Choir raise funds. The deadline for ordering your poinsettia is Monday December 7th by 10:00 a.m. The cost ranges from \$8 to \$25 and the flowers are available in burgundy, pink, red and white. Please drop by the church office or email us to secure your poinsettia. If you wish the flower to be placed in memory of a loved one, please include the person’s name.



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UCW Church Calendars:

U.C.W have a limited number of 2018 calendars for sale at \$6.00 each. Please contact Helen French at 705-526-8293 if you are interested.

Upcoming concerts at St. Paul’s:

Serenata - Nov. 25th - 7:30 pm. **VOX** – Dec. 2nd - 7:30 m.
Children’s Community Choir - Dec. 3rd - 7 pm.
Brookside Music – (Liona Boyd – A Winter Fantasy) - Dec. 8th - 7 pm.

OUR CORE VALUES

A LOVING AND ENGAGING COMMUNITY WITH DIVERSE AND OPEN SPIRITUALITY AND WITH A RESPECT FOR ALL CREATION

OUR MISSION

TO BE AN OPEN, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SEEKING SPIRITUALITY AND LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

VU #395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down (Part of the Family)

Chorus:

Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

1. You know the reason why you came,
 Yet no reason can explain,
 So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
 For we are a part of the family.

Chorus

2. God is with us in this place
 Like a mother's warm embrace
 We're all forgiven by God's grace,
 For we are a part of the family.

Chorus

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine,
 We are the branches, Christ is the vine,
 This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
 But we are a part of the family.

Chorus

4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all,
 There's a yoke that is easy and a burden that's small,
 So come in and worship and answer the call,
 For we are a part of the family.

Chorus

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VU #331 The Church's One Foundation (vs 1,2)

- 1 The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 we are His new creation, by water and the Word;
 from heav'n He came and sought us that we might ever be
 His living servant people, by His own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
 one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 one holy Name professing and at one table fed,
 to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led..

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