

St. Paul's United Church, Midland

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Remembrance Sunday

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

Music Director–Victoria Warwick

Guest Pianist: Amanda Clarke Trumpeter: Sadie Bridgeman

Scripture Reader: Winnie Paquette

Worship Participants: Doreen Gunson, John McCullough



PRELUDE

HYMN: VU ##526 Weep for the Dead

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: VU #684 **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

THEME CONVERSATION: St. Paul's Book of Memory

LORD'S PRAYER

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*(*Please stand if able)*

"O CANADA" (VU#524)

READING: "IN FLANDERS FIELDS"

THE LAST POST

*TIME OF SILENCE

*THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

*REVEILLE

*SILENT REMEMBRANCE

(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)

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

SCRIPTURE: [Isaiah 2:1-4, Matthew 5:43-48](#)

CHOIR ANTHEM: Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

SERMON:

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

*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 (responsively)

Remember the people, men and women who have died in active service.

And we remember their friends and family members who still feel deep grief.

Remember the men and women who still suffer the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wounds of war.

And we remember those for whom depression and post-traumatic stress is a reality.

Remember the naval, army and air force personnel who faced mortal danger.

And we remember civilians, bombed, shelled, and driven from their homes, and refugees living in camps without hope of a new life.

Peace-loving God,

While we commit ourselves to remembering, count us in when it comes to compassionate and practical support for those who suffer because of wars past and present.

We remember, and we act, because the Jesus spirit inspires us. Amen

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HYMN: VU #436 **Abide with Me**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION:

Go in love; have no fear.

God will guide you, God is always near.

Go in Love; take God's hand.

God will hear you, and will understand.

May God's light forever shine upon you.

May God's peace be always in your heart.

Go in love; face each day.

God will lead you, and will show the way.

Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

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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.

Welcome and thank you to Amanda Clarke, our guest pianist today, and to our trumpeter Sadie Bridgeman.

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 for the Youth Program Leader. Full job details are available on our website at www.stpaulsmidland.org. Please indicate your interest via e-mail to louise.leck@gmail.com



Canadian Foodgrains: The congregation has donated **\$5,960** to this year's Foodgrains campaign. **Great Job St. Paul's!**

Update on Finances as of Oct. 30th, from Your Stewardship Committee:

Contributions - \$169,751 (Budget \$191,465 - Shortfall \$22,714)

Expenses - \$240,520 (Budget \$256,172 - Positive Difference \$15,652)

The Net Deficit Budget over Actual to Date Is \$3,752

The Contributions Shortfall Is an Ongoing Concern to Your Stewardship Committee. Thank You to All Committees for Keeping Expenses below Budget and for Excellent Fundraising Efforts.

Property Committee Meeting is Tuesday November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., we will be putting up the large Christmas tree in the Great Hall. Any offers to help would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas tree decorating will be on Sunday November 19th after the service. All are invited to help.

UCW MEETING TUES. 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. We also have a limited number of 2018 calendars for sale at \$6 each. Please call Helen French at 705-526-8293 if interested.

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

Official Board meeting Nov 28th: Reminder to all committee chairs to submit your reports and any motions to the church office via e-mail by November 21st.

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

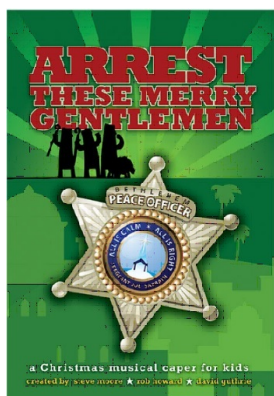
Captains and Volunteer counters – 2018 schedule: If any of the current captains or volunteers no longer wish to be included, **OR** if anyone does wish to be included, please contact Ria Gerritsen at 705-538-2632 or the church office.

Christmas Newsletter: A reminder that all committees are 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.

Elevate Accessibility - We Got It Done! Thank you to all who contributed to the fundraising efforts to make our new accessible building a possibility. Please don't forget to fulfill your outstanding pledge commitments. Together we built an inclusive place for all!



EVERYONE WELCOME!
Our Children's Musical Pageant
Sunday, December 10, 2017, 10 am
Come and enjoy the debut of this entertaining
Christmas musical!

Upcoming concerts at St. Paul's:



- Nov. 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Vox Huronia Community Choir – Dec. 2nd at 7:30 p.m.



Children's Community Choir - Dec. 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Brookside – Dec. 8th at 7:00 p.m.



Friday, Dec. 8th, 7:00pm - St. Paul's United Church