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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

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Welcome

SUNDAY, 26th March 2017

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

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Sandra Flint

Administrator - Louise Therrien, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for March is Sheila Thompson

Captain of the Counters is Tom Barber

DVD's are being delivered by Diane & Graham Patchell

*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 679** Let There Be Light

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

OUR LENTEN PROJECT – United Church - World Development & Relief Fund

CALL TO THE GATHERED (responsive)

One: Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;

**ALL: give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word.**

One: Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light.

**ALL: give us hearts to live more nearly,
as your gospel shining bright. Amen.**

(Marty Haugen; verses from VU#121)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

INTROIT: MV# 28 (vs 2)

**God in the struggles, God in our hunger,
Suffering with us, taking our part,
Still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

OPENING PRAYER (unison) VU# 110

**God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
help our lips speak the truth
that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life
that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. Amen**

HYMN MEDLEY

VU #585 JESUS BIDS US SHINE

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine
2. Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

GOD OF THE BIBLE

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home..

Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)

2. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)

IN YOU THERE IS A REFUGE

1. In you there is a vision,
in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert
may you be our living stream.
In you there is a future,
in you we find our way.
When hope has shed its brightness
may you show us a new day.

THEME CONVERSATION GOD'S SURPRISE – 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

LORD'S PRAYER *(children may go to Discovery Kids)*

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (Said by ALL)

May the scripture readings we hear today be a source of wisdom, courage and strength. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [Ephesians 5: 8-20](#)

**ANTHEM
SERMON**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS
OFFERTORY
SPECIAL MUSIC**

***DOXOLOGY: MV #79**

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***HYMN VU# 120 O Jesus I Have Promised**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*** SUNG BENEDICTION VU# 210 v.2**

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss.
You, the ever-lasting instant;
You who are both gift and cost.

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

Postlude

Announcements



for March 26th 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 in the church office, 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 coffee will be served in the Great Hall compliments of our Outreach committee.**

A special **Thank You** to Victoria and Marlie Tovell this morning for their duet.

Please welcome Louise Therrien to St. Paul's as our new Administrator.

P.S. See you on April 2nd when we celebrate Judy's retirement directly after church.

Everyone is welcome!



Bake Sale: after church today we are holding our **monthly Outreach bake sale** to raise funds for the church. Your donations of baking and your purchases of these go a long way to help your church!

Lenten Project – This year is World Development and Relief. This is an area of work within the global Mission & Service program of the United Church of Canada. Giving for World Development and Relief supports both longer term community development work and short term response to humanitarian crises around the globe. Short term responses would include responses to earthquakes, floods or people displaced by violence and war. Donations from the congregation to this Lenten Project will be matched up to \$5,000 by the Trust Funds.

You will find envelopes for your donations on the back window sill.

Observer Reflections – A new study group starting Monday March 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour! Bring a copy of the March 2017 Observer and join us for a conversation on the articles that interest you. Don't get the Observer? Copies are available in the library cart.

Thursday March 30 at 7pm at St. Paul's. **Tafelmusik** – Baroque Orchestra – Visions & Voyages – Canada 1663-1763 Inspired by the journey of the beaver pelts supplied by First Nations and European hunters to trade networks for European markets, this concert explores a fascinating century of Canadian history, weaving together projections of maps and works of art, diplomatic dispatches, and orchestral works by Purcell, Lully, Marais, and Handel. Tickets: Adults - \$40, Students - \$20 Add HST & S/C Children under 13 - FREE! **Tickets available at the MCC.**

York Regional Police Male Chorus Concert - April 1st at 7pm at the Salvation Army, 555 Dominion Ave, Midland. Admission \$10 – all proceeds will go to Missions work.

Waverley United Church cordially invites you to a **Celebration of Vimy Ridge on Sunday April 9th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** Our guest speaker will be Orland French, a native of Waverley, whose uncle wrote the letters that inspired him to write the book "Letters to Vimy Ridge". A *Light Lunch* will follow the service. RSVP by March 30, 2017, to Joan Adams at 705-322-1246.

Easter Food Drive: Winter has been long and hard on the supplies at the food banks. There is an ever-growing demand to help those who are destitute and in need of mere survival basics, such as food and shelter. Please remember what was given for us and remember to Share because We Care. St. Paul's food drive will occur on Sunday, April 2nd, April 9th and April 16th. **Please leave your donations on the 2 small pews in the corner of the Sanctuary, near the organ console.**

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

April 9th - Palm Sunday
April 13th - Maundy Thursday - 7pm Service
April 14th - Good Friday - 10am Service
April 16th - Sunrise Service 7am - Little Lake Park -
followed by breakfast at St. Paul's
April 16th - 10am – Easter Sunday Service



St. Paul's Yearly Auction 2017

of the talents of our parishioners is on **Saturday April 29th**.

This year we will be accepting your donations of talent, ***and*** we will also be accepting gently used items. We are looking for quality items, we also would like to limit these quality items to one per family. We regret we will **not** be able to accept furniture or large items.

Please find the sheets to fill out on the back window sill.

We appreciate getting them back by April 10th to the office or on the collection plate!

Host of Toronto Conference AGM 2017. The Toronto Conference Planning Committee is looking for volunteers again this year! **Conference dates are May 26, 27, 2017.** Volunteers will also be needed Thursday, May 25th to set up the arena meeting site. Up to (45) helpers will be needed to work specifically at the NSSRC over 3 days plus up to another (25) people at St. Paul's primarily on Saturday, May 27th. ***Volunteer applications are on the back window, and available through [our website](#), please complete and return by April 30th to: Zena Pendlebury, Don Penrose, Marlis Dupuis or leave at the church office.**

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

We are well underway with the accessibility renovations to make our building more inclusive to the community. The **total cost of this project is over \$750,000** and the **congregation's financial commitment is to raise \$250,000** (approximately one third of the total project cost). An update on the project expenses and funds was provided aill occur at the General Meeting in February. As we've reported last week, we're thankful for the generosity of the congregation. To date, **\$194,149.00 (recalculated amount)** has been donated and there is only **\$55,851.00** to go! Thank you for your continued generosity and we encourage you remember the Accessibility Fund in your annual pledge, use the "Donate Now" button on the website, and don't forget to watch for upcoming fundraising activities in the months to come. Together, we will create an accessible space for all in 2017! Thank you for your support!



The **VON exercise classes** are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon in the gym. Those who attend are enjoying the results of the strengthening exercises. You too can join them at any time. We do strengthening and balance exercises each week with each person working at their own pace and level. Everyone is welcome!

In case of a pastoral emergency you may call

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