



308 King St, Midland, Ontario.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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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, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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

**Director of Music – Victoria Warwick**

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Terry MacPherson

Administrator - Louise Therrien, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for April is Bud Wooldridge

Captain of the Counters is Linda Wilcox

DVD's are being delivered by Max Wagg

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

## PRELUDE

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      **VU# 123**      Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

**WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING**

**CALL TO THE GATHERED**

**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** (responsive)

One: Holy One, Jesus wanted us to live passionate, justice seeking, God-centred lives. As we move closer to Good Friday, we feel the excitement of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We thank you for his faith, courage and love. He dared to live Your way in the presence of his enemies. May we too proclaim our faith bravely in the face of all opposition.

**ALL: Be with us in our worship.**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS** (*today the offering will not be brought forward*)

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** – Palm Sunday Processional

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **THE PASSION NARRATIVE**

(Please remain seated for the hymns during "THE PASSION")

## **THE UPPER ROOM & THE LAST SUPPER**

Scripture Reading: [Mark 14:12-16,22-25](#)

**Were you there when they shared the bread and wine?  
Were you there when they shared the bread and wine?  
Oh!- sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they shared the bread and wine?**

Reflection

Anthem:      The Upper Room!

## **THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

Scripture Reading: [Mark 14:32-46](#)

Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?  
Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?  
Oh! –sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?

**Reflection**

**Hymn**

VU#133

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” vs 1

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
you that feel the tempter’s power;  
your Redeemer’s conflict see;  
watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his grief away:  
learn from him to watch and pray.

**COURTYARD AND PETER’S DENIAL**

**Scripture Reading:** [Mark 14:53-56; 66-72](#)

Were you there when Peter denied his Lord?  
Were you there when Peter denied his Lord?  
Oh! –sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when Peter denied his Lord?

**Reflection**

**Hymn**

VU#132

Bitter Was the Night (verses 1,2,3,6)

Bitter was the night, thought the cock would crow forever.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Saw you passing by, told them all I didn’t know you.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Told them all a lie, and I told it three times over.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Bitter was the night, thought there’d never be a morning.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

**JESUS DIES**

**Scripture Reading:** [Mark 15:21-41](#)

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! –sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

**Reflection**

**Solo:**

*Karen Warner – There is a Green Hill Far Away*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER** (unison - a Paraphrase by Phillip Yantz)

Eternal Spirit  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

\*HYMN VU# 149 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross  
COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

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

Postlude

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## Announcements



for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Sunday Service and School 10am

A special thank you goes out to Madeline Rice and Isabel Reader of the **Youth Ringers**, playing the chimes this morning.



*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, (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 Property Committee.**

**The church office will be closed on April 14<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) and on April 17<sup>th</sup> (Easter Monday).  
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**

Just as a reminder to everyone, the **new office hours** are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**Lenten Project** – This year we are supporting World Development and Relief in 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 responses 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.**



**Memorial flowers for Easter:** If you would like to purchase a spring flower in memory of a loved one, they will be displayed in the church on Easter Sunday. This is being done in **to support the Children's Community Choir.** The following flowers are available for purchase: Easter Egg Mums \$10.00, Daffodils \$9.00 Hyacinths \$9.00 Tulips \$9.00 Pansy Bowl \$10.00. All orders need to be into the church office **no later than Monday April 10th.**

### **EASTER SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S**

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



**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>. **Please leave your donations on the 2 small pews in the corner of the Sanctuary, near the organ console.**

### **St. Paul's Yearly Auction April 29th 2017**

This year we will be accepting the donations of our parishioners' talent, and we will also be accepting gently used items. We are looking for quality items, however we would like to hold these quality items to one per family. We **are not** able to accept furniture or large items. A time and date will be announced when you can bring in your items. **We reserve the right to only accept quality used items.**

Please find the sheets to complete on the back window.

We appreciate getting them back by April 10<sup>th</sup> either in the office or on the collection plate

**Host of Toronto Conference AGM 2017.** The Toronto Conference Planning Committee continues to look for volunteers for this year's event. **Conference dates are May 26, 27, 2017.** Volunteers will also be needed Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. **\*Volunteer applications are on the back window, and available through [our website](#), please complete and return by April 30<sup>th</sup> to: Zena Pendlebury, Don Penrose, Marlis Dupuis or leave at the church office.**

### **Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:**

Exciting news!!! The orange tarps are coming down as the finishing touches are applied to the accessibility renovations. It's anticipated that **95% of the construction will be completed by mid-April!** Although we're seeing the drywall dust settle and there's a light at the end of the tunnel, we still need your help! The congregation still has 25% of their \$250,000 commitment to fulfill. We only have **\$45,851.00** left to fundraise through your pledges and support. Tell your family, friends and neighbours to **save the date for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** when everyone will be invited to see the transformation of our building. Stay tuned for more details! Thanks for your continued support in making St. Paul's a more welcoming place for all.

**"In Grandmothers' Hands"** invites you to join us for a **Pasta Dinner** on **Friday April 21st** at St. Paul's, in the Great Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. This event is **free of charge, with donations** and all proceeds going to **[the Stephen Lewis Foundation](#)**. This organization of local grandmothers supports women in Africa raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. We look forward to seeing you there.



The **VON exercise classes** are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon for 45 minutes. It is open to both men and women and everyone has felt the benefits of the strengthening exercises. The classes are free and will continue indefinitely (if we have people coming out) so you can join at any. 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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