



Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Music Director – Victoria Warwick  
Scripture reader: Sheila Thompson

\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

\*HYMN VU #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

SUNG RESPONSE: VU#186 vs. 4

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
Love is come again, Like wheat arising green.**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN MEDLEY MV # 84 In You there is a Refuge

1. In you there is a refuge, in you we find our peace.  
When all we know is chaos may our trust in you increase.  
In you there is a silence, in you our minds are clear.  
When all we hear is discord may your quiet draw us near.
2. 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:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: [Romans 4:13-25](#)

ANTHEM: One Song

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: God Says

\*OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE

**All that we have, all that we are, we offer here today.  
To bring good news of hope & joy to cherish on the way.  
To feed the hungry, heal the sick, and set the captive free.  
To build a world where love is lived, proclaiming liberty.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN: VU #634 To Abraham and Sarah

\*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

\* A LENTEN RESPONSE MV #20 (vs.1)

**God of still waiting, God of deep longing,  
God of the heart's true rest:  
Hold us in fathomless peace,  
Guard us with unwaning love.**

POSTLUDE

We ask that you remain for the Congregational AGM that follows immediately following the service. Thank you. Please grab a coffee and join us.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 25, 2018 [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org)

**St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting** is TODAY following the service. Please note that at this meeting we will be addressing the resignation of Norm Grieves and will be putting forward some nominations for election to the Board of Trustees.

**Accessibility Committee** meeting is on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

**Toronto Conference AGM** also meets on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

**Theological Studies Group** meets on **Wednesdays** from 11:00 to 12:30. We are studying Bishop John Spong's "A New Christianity for a New World". If you're interested, please contact Karen.

**World Day of Prayer** is on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us here at St. Paul's at 2:00 p.m. for a special service. Refreshments will follow.

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP** will meet Sunday, March 4th at the Galaxy Theatre for a movie evening. More details to follow.



**Art and Spirituality** starts up again on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, (excluding March 31<sup>st</sup>) for 8 weeks, from 10:00 to 1:00. Everyone is welcome as we explore spirituality through the process of making art! All supplies are provided, and the cost is \$80. To sign up, contact Joan Neville at 705-526-3276.

**Observer Magazine:** If you **do not** wish to renew, please contact the church immediately. **For continued subscriptions**, please make your cheque payable to St. Paul's in the amount of \$25.00 and drop off at the church office **BY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**.

**Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things** (Talent Auction) will be on Saturday April 28th in the Great Hall. This is one of our larger annual fundraisers and the proceeds go toward church expenses.



**Parents and Tots:** - Interested in forming a weekly group to play, sing songs, do crafts, read stories and interact with others? Please email Colleen at: [cqareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cqareau02@gmail.com)

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Northern Waters Presbytery** - Reps are needed to represent St. Paul's. Please contact Karen or the church office if interested.

**Volunteer pastoral care visitors** are needed. Please contact Bev at (705)526-6077 or Sheila Thompson at (705) 526-2186 for more details.

### **2018 Toronto Conference of the United Church**

This year's event is May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, with set up day on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>. **Please consider volunteering if you are able** and help us make this another successful event! If you helped last year and can help again, please let Zena know. If you are new, applications are available on the back window in the Sanctuary or on our website at: <http://www.stpaulsmidland.org/> under "Getting Involved". **You can contact Zena at:** [zenapendlebury@hotmail.com](mailto:zenapendlebury@hotmail.com) or call (705) 527-6789.