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(\*Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN: VU#469 We Gather Here

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

One: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung response:

'I am the Light of the World!  
you people come and follow me.  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be."

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN MEDLEY:

COME TOUCH OUR HEARTS

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;  
love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.
2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,  
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
help us to open doors of understanding,  
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.
4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;

that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,  
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,  
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace

#### GATHER US IN

Gather us in, ground us in you. (3x)  
ground us in you.

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU# 932(SUNG)

Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,  
Hosanna in the Highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION VU #933 2x

Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come, come again.

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, you who are the light of the world and the light of our lives. May  
the bread and wine we have tasted this day remind us always that even in  
suffering, you give hope and courage to work for the kingdom of God  
wherever we are in the world. Amen

*(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)*

#### PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 147

SERMON:

#### GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

\*OFFERTORY: Break the Bread,

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#468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

\* COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: VU#974  
Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen. (3x)

POSTLUDE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://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.

Thank you to all of those who help make our coffee hour after church possible.

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. Stay tuned for more information!

Next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, is an All Ages service. There will be stories, singing and Chimes and lots of action for children and youth. Invite your children, grandchildren or young friends. There will be ample opportunity for 'your child' to remember your youth as well.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP (for ages 12 to 17) gets together again on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Friends are welcome! Valentines' Day is the theme so wear red!

Questions? Call or text Colleen at 204-724-7337 or email [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com). See you then!



St. Paul's Family bowling night is on Friday February 23, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Bayshore Lanes in Midland. Let St. Paul's treat you to an evening of fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome as well as friends! See Sheila or Colleen to sign up.

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the church service.

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. Refreshments will follow.

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>.

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: [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com)

### Volunteer opportunities

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

Faith Formation needs adult volunteers to assist the Discovery Kids and Youth Group programs. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the bottom of the steps after the service today.

Volunteer pastoral care visitors are needed. If you're interested, please contact Bev at (705)526-6077 or Sheila Thompson at (705) 526-2186 for more details.

Call for volunteers- 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) 526-6789.

Tuesday VON exercise class is temporarily cancelled until further notice. Classes continue as usual on Monday and Thursday.



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