

St. Paul's United Church

BAPTISM OF JESUS SUNDAY & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS



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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN VU#679 “Let There Be Light”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #82

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms through-out the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.**

OPENING PRAYER: Unison

Source of Life, we stand on the shoreline of faith waiting to wade into the waters of your love. Encourage us into the ebb and flow of life in you. Amen

(from Seasons of the Spirit)

HYMN MEDLEY

MV #82 Bathe Me in Your Light

**Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.**

**Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release.**

**Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no length.**

THEME CONVERSATION

SOLO: “Come Let Us All This Day” sung by Shayla Brown

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: unison

Be with us, O God.

Fill our hearts, our minds and our souls with the waters of creation.

Refresh us with your Spirit that we might live abundant life!

Make us sensitive to your moving in the world, so that we might move with you – to bring healing and wholeness.

We know that there are times we've brought discord to our relationships as well as inside ourselves.

We know there have been times We've hurt rather than healed.

(a time for silent prayer)

Forgive us we pray and help us to be made new, living by the grace of your love and in Christ's name. Amen

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WORDS OF AFFIRMATION:

PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE: [Psalm 139, Mark 1:4-11](#)

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Psalm 139 choir

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

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISM VOWS

*HYMN MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name!

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;

read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name; speak the word your soul can claim,

offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;

feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.

Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,

hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

* SUNG BLESSING MV#215

Peace be with you, peace forever,
Peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14th, 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.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP (for ages 12 to 17) - resumes this **Sunday January 14th** from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Friends are welcome! Theme is "Going Bananas" - **WEAR YELLOW!!** Questions? Call or text Colleen at 204-724-7337 or email cgareau02@gmail.com . See you then!



Upcoming meetings

- The next **HUB meeting** is on **Monday January 15th at 7:30 p.m.**
- Board of Trustees** also meets on Monday January 15th at 2:00 p.m.
- Worship and Stewardship** will meet after the service on Sunday January 21st.
- Official Board** meets on Tuesday January 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.
- Theological Studies Group** will start up again on Wednesday January 24th from 11:00 to 12:30.

Fellowship Committee: Sixty years ago, a group of people got together and formed a Couple's Club. Over the years, it became the Fellowship Club, to include single people. They met once a month with various speakers and or outings, and this fun-loving group carried on. However, over the last few years, it has become apparent that for various reasons, we **MUST** decide how to go forward. As a result, there will be a meeting on **WEDNESDAY JAN 17TH** at 11 a.m. in the Great Hall. This meeting is open to **EVERYONE** including **ALL NEW** Parishioners.

2017 Annual Report: Its that time of year again, so we ask that you please have your reports in to the church office by e-mail, no later than Monday January 23rd. The date for the annual meeting will be announced soon.

St Paul's budget time: Every year at this time we ask each committee to tell us their goals for expenses and fundraising for the next 12 months. Budget forms have been sent to all committees. Once you have had a discussion with your members, please complete the form and return it to the church office by Monday January 15th.

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

Volunteers needed

The **Faith Formation Committee** is looking for 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.



Volunteers are also needed to train on **Sound and PowerPoint systems**. If interested, please contact Judy at 705-526-6077 or email to judymc300@gmail.com

The [Northern Waters Presbytery Newsletter](http://mailchi.mp/united-church/a19h1jz69e-2021145?e=5880d18708) - January 2018 edition - is available on-line through our website and at <http://mailchi.mp/united-church/a19h1jz69e-2021145?e=5880d18708>

Our **VON exercise classes** continue on Mondays from 1-2 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Classes are geared toward seniors and there is no cost to attend. Come on out and improve your health & energy.

