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Music Director: Victoria Warwick
Discovery Kids: Colleen Gareau
Scripture Reader: Doreen Gunson

*Please stand as you are able.

*HYMN VU #395 "Part of the Family"

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 VU #644 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reginald Joseph Lars Gadoury
Son of
Josh Gadoury & Kaitlyn Hatton



The United Church of Canada Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*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 #556 "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"
(vs. 1,2,3)

*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

* A SUNG 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS
March 18th, 2017 www.stpaulsmidland.org

**LENT/EASTER SERVICES
AT ST. PAUL'S**

**Palm Sunday
March 25 - 10 am**

**Maundy Thursday
March 29 - 7pm**

**Good Friday
March 30 - 10 am**

**Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday April 1
Little Lake Park - 7 am
Followed by breakfast at
St. Paul's at 8 am**

**Easter Sunday Service
April 1 - 10 am**

Please join us for a special lunch today in the Great Hall immediately after the service, compliments of the Gadoury family.

Easter Food Drive: St. Paul's food drive starts today and will continue March 25 and April 1. **Please leave your donations on the 2 small pews in the corner of the Sanctuary, near the organ console.**



Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things (Talent Auction) is on Saturday April 28 in the Great Hall. Viewing is at 9:30 a.m. followed by the auction at 10:00 a.m. A light lunch will be available for purchase.



St. Paul's Youth Group will meet again on Sunday April 8. The theme is "*Bring Your Own Utensil*". Friends are always welcome. For more information, contact Colleen at: cgareau02@gmail.com

CAMP AWESOME – is July 30 - August , 2018, from 9:00 am to noon at St. Paul's. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Kitchen help will be needed, so if you're able to assist, please contact Colleen at: cgareau02@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2018 Toronto Conference of the United Church

Volunteers are still needed for this year's event on May 25 and 26, with set up day on May 24. Applications for volunteers are available on the back window in the Sanctuary, or on our website <http://www.stpaulsmidland.org/> under 'Getting Involved'. You can **contact Zena** at: zenapendlebury@hotmail.com or call (705) 527-6789.

The Property Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with normal maintenance issues and with gardening around the church. If you have a green thumb or are handy with a hammer or paint brush and can help us out, please contact the church office.



Attention all knitters - you can bring hope to people with leprosy by volunteering to knit "Hope Dolls" for The Leprosy Mission of Canada. If you are interested, please contact Jacqueline Hebert at 705-245-0492.

In Grandmother's Hands Huronia is having a pasta dinner here at St. Paul's on Friday April 13. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner is at 6:00 pm. This is a free will offering with proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

