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\*Please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN                    VU #395 "Part of the Family"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT  
CALL TO THE GATHERED

LIGHTING 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 #187 vs 1

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!  
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!  
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.  
New light, new day, the spring has come,  
let all the church be part of it!

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY

MV #145    Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the stillpoint of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Refrain

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Refrain.

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

MV #178 Who Is My Mother

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us colour or status  
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:  
family failings, human de-railings  
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

MV #7 Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you. (2x)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Emmett Alan Michael Sauve-St.Amant*  
*Son of Ashley Michelle Sauve and*  
*Réal Jerome Bernard St.Amant*



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: [Psalm 1](#)

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: In The Hands Of The Lord

\*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

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: VU #884

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE



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## Announcements

Sunday, May 13, 2018

[www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org) Tel: 705 526 6077

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.

Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things: Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or made purchases this year. This year's auction raised \$4,916.14, that will go toward church expenses.

May is music festival month.

St. Paul's will be hosting the music festival from May 14 to May 17.



St Paul's men's breakfast is on May 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Mom's restaurant. All are welcome.

Pentecost Sunday is May 20, 2018. Please wear red, yellow or orange, in celebration of Pentecost.

Toronto Conference May 24 - 26: If you are volunteering for the Toronto Conference AGM and have not yet received your Volunteer Schedule, please contact Zena at (705)527-6789.

Memory Discussions: On Monday May 28 and June 4, two presentations and discussions on the topic of Memory will take place in the Upper Room of St. Paul's, for members of the congregation. Each session will start at 10 a.m. and run for about 1.5 hours. The main presenter is Dr. Raymond Hébert who will attempt to explain our understanding of memory as we now know it, help answer your questions, and work hard to ease any fears and misconceptions around memory and memory loss presented in our modern media. Medications will not be discussed.

Butter Tart Festival – June 9

St. Paul's will be serving peameal on a bun and hot dogs in the Great Hall, from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Waverley United Church will be closing in June 2018. A Service of life Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. Guest ministers will share their memories of this congregation. Dinner is hot beef on a bun, potatoes, salads etc. Please RSVP (for dinner count) by April 30 to Doug Truax at 705-835-5553 or Doug Drinkill at 705-322-6324 or by e-mail to [dnatruax@gmail.com](mailto:dnatruax@gmail.com) or [drinkilldoug@gmail.com](mailto:drinkilldoug@gmail.com)

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CAMP AWESOME – is July 30 to August 3, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's. Registrations are now being accepted. Forms are available on our website at [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org) or at the church office.

If you know a child who may be interested but not able to attend Camp Simpresca due to financial constraints, please speak to Colleen or to Louise in the office. If you would like to assist a child in going to Camp Simpresca this year, contact the church office.



The Tuesday VON exercise classes will resume on May 29, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Come on out and improve your health and energy, Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.