



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

\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

\*HYMN

MV #28 God of the Bible

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
Suffering with us, taking our part,  
Still you empower us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
3. Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Refrain

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger  
Will our world order change in a day,  
But by your people, fearless & faithful,  
Small paper lanterns, lighting the way.
5. Hope we must carry, Shining and certain  
Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain

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

HYMN MEDLEY

Vu #563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Be still and know that I am God (4x)

THEME CONVERSATION: THE STORY OF JONAH

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)



PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE: [Mark 1:14-20](#)

ANTHEM: Be Still and Know

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

SOLO: Jackie Hopkins "A Time for Everything"

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#266 Amazing Grace

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

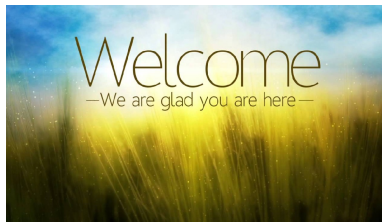




## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21<sup>st</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.

**Welcome and thank you** to Jackie Hopkins, our soloist today.

**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!

**Thank you** to our volunteers on the **Tech Team** who give us sound, cameras and PowerPoint each week. Your time is greatly appreciated.

**2017 Annual Report:** All Committee chairs, please have your reports in to the church office by e-mail, no later than this Monday January 23rd.

Official Board meets this Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

**Theological Studies Group** will start up again this Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 12:30.

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP** (for ages 12 to 17) will get 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!

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

### **Volunteer opportunities**

**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](mailto:judymc300@gmail.com)

### **Call for volunteers- 2018 Toronto Conference of the United Church**

Here we go again, for the third and final year, TC 2018 is coming to Midland. This year's event is on May 25th and 26th - with set up day on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had approximately 75 volunteers who helped St. Paul's stage a very successful event. We want to do even better this year! Please consider participating if you are able. If you helped last year and can help again, please let Zena know. If you are new, please see Zena for a registration form. Volunteering is the best way to get to know other St. Paul's folks and people from the community. It is also a great community builder. Volunteers have helped generate over \$45,000 in the first two years for St. Paul's!

Please contact Zena Pendlebury at [zenapendlebury@hotmail.com](mailto:zenapendlebury@hotmail.com) or 705 527-6789 if you're interested.

#### **CORE VALUES**

- Loving and engaging community
- Diverse and open spirituality
  - Respect for all creation

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To be an open, Christian community seeking spirituality and loving relationships.