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*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN VU #412 This is the Day

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

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 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.
3. 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.

GOD OF STILL WAITING

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.
2. Spirit of promise, Spirit of purpose,
Spirit of ceaseless prayer:
bathe us in life full and free,
kindle our wonder and hope.
3. Word who comes to us, Word who lives with us,
Word who disturbs and heals:
silence our chattering fears,
waken our unconscious faith.
4. Word true and faithful, hope-bringing Spirit,
God of enfolding love:
come in your fullness and grace;
work through our lives for your praise.

THEME CONVERSATION:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE:

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

ANTHEM:

The Time for Singing Has Come

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

Be Still and Know

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 #684 Make Me a Channel

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 28th, 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.

Thank you to the members of our **Official Board** for all of their hard work, leadership and commitment.

Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things (Talent Auction) will be on Saturday Apr. 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!

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday Feb. 25th, immediately following the church service.

Theological Studies Group continues this **Wednesday** Jan. 31st from 11:00 to 12:30, then again from Feb. 21st onward. We will be studying Bishop John Spong's "A New Christianity for a New World". If you're interested, please contact Karen.

A disruption of our elevator service

This will occur from Feb. 1st to Feb 3rd for waterproofing and service maintenance. Please contact the church if you require alternate arrangements during this period.

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 9th**.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP ~ (for ages 12 to 17) will get together again on Feb. 11th. 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. See you then!



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.

Call for volunteers - 2018 Toronto Conference of the United Church

This year's event is May 25th and 26th - with set up day on Thursday May 24th.

Please consider volunteering if you are able and help us make this another successful event! Volunteers have helped generate over \$45,000 in the first two years for St. Paul's! 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.

You can contact Zena at: zenapendlebury@hotmail.com or call 705 527-6789.