

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, February 11, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
All Ages Sunday**

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



*Please stand as you are able.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: This is the sixth Sunday of Epiphany, the last Sunday before Lent. Let's review, what is Epiphany?

Epiphany means a sudden insight or new understanding. It comes from the Greek word *epiphainein*, meaning "to reveal" or "to manifest". The Season of Epiphany began on January 6. Think back over the past six weeks, have you had any sudden insights in your life? Have you had any "aha" moments when suddenly the light came on and you saw more clearly? Have you had any moments when you said, "Wow, now I see!"

PRELUDE

*HYMN VU #679 Let There Be Light

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS What's a' happenin' in our community?

CALL TO THE GATHERED

This Little Light of Mine (very slowly)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine, Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine, Let it shine!

Voice 1

Omnipotent Deity. Dignify your self effacing faction with your attendance during these sunlight hours. May we gain knowledge and feel affection in our occasion collectively. Approach and permit us revered Deity.

Voice 2

You... God... Love... Holy Presence... You are more than words can name.
Fill us with your warming love in our time together.
May everyone here feel your love... Like a soft gentle breeze.
Teach us...through wise words and music through pictures and story and light.

This Little Light of Mine (lively)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine, Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
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Let it shine, shine, shine, Let it shine!

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

ST. PAUL'S GEORGIAN BAY RINGMASTER'S HANDCHIME CHOIR - On The Water

STORY - Everyone Needs Bright Light - Ralph Milton p.87 Yr. B
(based on John 3: 14-21)

*HYMN VU #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

STORIES - Where have you seen or experienced the Light shine?

THE GIVING AND BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS Chimes – Evening Prayer

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.**

STORY - The Light of the World - Ralph Milton p.37 Yr. A
(based on John 1:1-14)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

HYMN: VU #87 I Am the Light of the World

BLESSING

We are all people of the Light.
We can shine our lights wherever we go.
We shall go out into the world, community, church, homes and schools to offer
what we can to keep all our lights shining.

God gives each of us a light.
The light of the Christ shines through every baby born on this planet.

Let's keep those lights burning.
Let's go out with joy and never let that light go out.

* SONG 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
February 11th, 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) gets together this Sunday evening from 5:30-7:30pm. Friends are welcome! Valentines' Day is the theme so wear red!



The United Church Women (UCW) meets this Tuesday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlour. Our guest speaker will be Joan Neville, speaking on "Art and Spirituality". Everyone is welcome!

St. Paul's Family bowling night is on Friday February 23, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Bayshore Lanes in Midland. Let St. Paul's treat you to an evening of fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome as well as friends! See Sheila or Colleen to sign up.

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday February 25th, immediately following the church service. Please note that at this meeting we will be addressing the resignation of Norm Grieves and will be putting forward some nominations for election to the Board of Trustees.

World Day of Prayer is on Friday March 2nd. Please join us here at St. Paul's at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

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**.

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!



Parents and Tots: - Interested in forming a weekly group to play, sing songs, do crafts, read stories and interact with others? Please email Colleen at: cgareau02@gmail.com



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.

Volunteer pastoral care visitors are needed. Please contact Bev at (705)526-6077 or Sheila Thompson at (705) 526-2186 for more details.

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 website under Get Involved or the back window in the Sanctuary. You can contact Zena at:

zenapendlebury@hotmail.com or call 705 527-6789.



2017 Tax Receipts are ready and available for pick up in the Atrium. Please help us keep mailing costs down by picking them up.

The **Tuesday VON exercise** class is cancelled until further notice but Classes continue as usual on Monday and Thursday.