

Order of Service ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND Announcements

Sunday, January 13, 2019

BAPTISM OF JESUS SUNDAY & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS



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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN VU #644 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

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: MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name!

- 1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.**
- 2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name; speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.**
- 3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.**

**4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISM VOWS



(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3: 21-22

ANTHEM: "Be Not Afraid"

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Beloved"

OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: MV #182

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love.
Grateful for the light of Jesus,
Thankful for his teachings too,
Jesus is the light within us and in our world as well.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU #660 (vs. 1-4) How Firm a Foundation

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

* SUNG BLESSING VU #974 (2x)

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen.

POSTLUDE



Announcements

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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.

Youth Group (ages 13 to 17) meets this Sunday January 13, 2019, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come join us for our 2019 planning session.

Official Board meets on January 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour.

Theological Studies group resumes on Wednesday January 23, 2019 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., in the Parlour. **Please note** the change in time. Please contact Karen if you're interested in joining.

Pledge card reminder - If you have not completed and handed in your pledge card, it's not too late. We are working on the 2019 budget and your pledge card to the church is a very important part of that budget.

St Paul's budget time: Every year at this time we ask each committee to tell us their goals for expenses and fundraising for the next 12 months. Budget forms have been sent to all committees. Once you have had a discussion with your members, please complete the form and **return it to the church office by this Tuesday, January 15th.**

2018 Annual Report: Its that time of year again, so we ask that all committees please have your reports in to the church office by e-mail, no later than **Monday January 21, 2019.** The date for the annual meeting will be announced soon.

St. Paul's 2019 calendars are still available at the church office at a cost of \$15 each. Proceeds go to St. Paul's United Church.

You can order coffee again this week and pick up previously ordered coffee in the Great Hall after the service. Coffee orders can be placed at the office during the week, with delivery one week later.



VON exercise classes have started up again in 2019. Class on Monday is from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. while Tuesday and Thursday classes are from noon to 1:00 p.m. Come on out and join us and improve your health and energy!



We have a system for hearing support.
Please speak to an usher for assistance.

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