

Sunday April 28, 2019

11:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church

and to our services today - we are happy that you have come!



Sunday Morning Nursery

Toys and other nursery items are available during the service

Sunday School children start with their parents and leave part-way through the Annex or combined services for Sunday School

Washrooms are located off the atrium

Pew Cushions are available to the left of the front platform in the sanctuary

Two accessible entrances to St Paul's. One is on Main Street via the atrium, with the elevator located just inside the entrance. Best parking to use for this entrance is the town lot west of the church, with two handicapped parking spots.
The second accessible entrance is via the ramp off our parking lot, with two handicapped parking spots in the parking lot.

We invite you to pick up informational brochures in the atrium. Please introduce yourself to one of the hosts; we would be most happy to help you. **Visitors and guests are encouraged to sign the Guest Book located in the atrium.** We hope you will come to fellowship time following our services for conversation and refreshments!

Participating this morning

Worship Leadership: Reverend Dr. Dale Skinner

Music Director: Don Cassano **Piano:** Dawn Brodie

Greeting: Jennifer Cummings **Offering:** Jennifer Cummings & Wendy Hodgkins **Scripture Reader:** Marilyn Pickett **Sound Team:** Bill Woodcock

Count Team: Brian Swainson, Amy Hayden & Jennifer Cummings

Fellowship Time: Carol Kerr & Diane Dickie

Bakers Dozen: Diane Patterson & Judy Hiscott

**Large print bulletins available -
please ask one of our ushers**

* Please stand if able
Congregational responses in **bold**

A warm welcome is extended to all this morning. Your presence both enriches us and this time of worship together. In the midst of the busy-ness of life, we have been gifted with this time and place to reconnect with God and with one another. We seek to discern a life beyond life and behold the larger reality Jesus revealed in his own life, death and resurrection. Our aim is spiritual growth, a deeper faith and a loving community.

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

Music Amazing Grace *Men to Boys*

Welcome and Announcements

*VU 348 O Love, How Deep *verses 5-7*

Call To Worship

We are here because we have heard a promise of peace and we have faith its day will come.

**We have heard a rumour of justice
and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard a whisper of hope and we have faith its day will come.

**We have heard a hint of love
and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard of the one called Jesus –the Saving One and we have faith his day is here.

**We gather this day in gratitude and praise
of a Spirit who calls us to share
"one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph.4:5).**

Let us worship God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle mindful that Christ is among us. Jesus is the Light of the World, bringing a light that shines in us and for us,
illuminating the way of abundant Life.

Gathering Prayer

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

*VU 376 Spirit Of The Living God

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17 *Val Ewan*

Presentation

Wendy Hodgkins

On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church, I present the following persons for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Cairo Tulloch - son of Imesia Ewan-Tulloch and Ty Tulloch
Ariel MacDonald - daughter of Lauren and Craig MacDonald*

Parental Vows for Baptism

Question: Do you desire have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Response: **I do.**

Question: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, crucified and risen, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Response: **I do.**

Question: Desiring the freedom of life in Christ, do you choose to seek justice, resist evil, and to live by the Holy Spirit?

Response: **I do, by the grace of God.**

Question: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with your child in the Christian faith?

Response: **I do, by the grace of God.**

Congregational Commitment

Minister: Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism.

Question: Do you, with God's help, pledge to love and support these persons as together we seek to faithfully live out the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

Response: **We do, by the grace of God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Baptism - Marking with the Sign of the Cross - Laying On of Hands

Choir Anthem Friends In Christ

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading John 20:19-29 Marilyn Pickett

Word For Today Resurrection Stories

We Respond In Faith

Invitation to the Offering

*We of St. Paul's are committed to the work of the Church. Weekly offerings, pre-authorized remittance (PAR), sharing of our time and talents and reaching out to friend and stranger are but some of the ways that we give.
"God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Presentation Of Our Offerings Judgement Day Men To Boys

*Offertory Response VU 538

**For the gift of Creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Pastoral Prayers

Lord's Prayer

All are invited to pray in the tradition Jesus taught his disciples (Matt.6-9-13 & Luke 11:2-4). There are different versions and languages printed in the Voices United hymn book from pages 921-926. The version below appears in the Anglican Prayer Book of 1662. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.**

We Go In God's Name

*VU 586 We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection

*Words of Sending Forth (Celtic traditional)

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with us on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out our hands to serve.
May Christ who loves with a wounded heart open our hearts to love.
May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet
And may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.

*Words of Blessing

*Choral Response