

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

February 16, 2020

## PRELUDE

## PROCESSION OF COLOURS – Guiding and Scouting Groups

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Collis**

## WELCOME

**INTROIT: “He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”**

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**Lighting of Christ Candle - Scouts**

## GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Jesus said: Love one another.

**All: We come to worship God who is love,  
that we may learn to love one another.**

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants;  
now I call you my friends.

**All: We come to worship God,  
whose friends we are in Christ.**

One: Let us sing praise to God,

**All: and live in love and friendship;  
through Jesus Christ.**

### OPENING HYMN VU #402 “We Are One” (vs. 1 & 2)

We are one, as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise, on our lips, there's a sense that God is near.

We are one, as we sing, as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one, as we share, as we share, brokenness and fear,  
in the touch, of a hand, there's a sense that God is here.

We are one, as we care, as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

### PRAYER OF APPROACH

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,  
we confess that too often our words and actions  
are not consistent with our beliefs.**

Often we ignore the needy,  
show indifference to the lonely,  
and reject those who seem different from us.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: This is the Good News. Your sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus!

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **SCOUT AND GUIDING FOCUS**

#### **Guiding Leader Greetings**

*Brownies – pledge*

#### **Scouts Leader Greetings**

*Scouts – pledge*

**Congregational Prayer for Guiding and Scouting Movements (*in unison while those from the groups stand*)**

**O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.**

**We lift to you the ministry of guiding and scouting,  
those who lead and those who follow.**

**We offer you thanks for camping,  
to teach our children that the world is their great home;  
for study and work, to build character;  
for service, to see their responsibility to those in need;  
for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.**

**Bless the work of guiding and scouting, in this place and around the world,  
that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord,  
increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people.  
Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S SING ALONG**

#### **If You Happy and You Know It**

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands x 2

If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet x 2

If you're happy and you know it, nod your heads x 2

If you're happy and you know it, say Amen! x 2

If you're happy and you know it, do all four x 2

## **My Head My Shoulder**

My head my shoulders my knees my toes

God made them all

My um my shoulders my knees my toes

God made them all

My um my um my knees my toes

God made them all

My um my um my um my toes

God made them all

My um my um my um my um

God made them all

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURES:**     **Old Testament:** Isaiah 6:8-10 pg. 636 - **Scouting**

**Psalm 100**            Make a Joyful Noise VU pg. 820

Refrain:            Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
                          Worship your God with gladness.  
                          Make a joyful noise all the earth.  
                          Come to this place with a song!

Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song! R

Enter these gates, thanks giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song! R

Ages through endless ages,  
seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song! R

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 6: 27-38 pg. 64– **Brownies**  
**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**MINISTRY OF SONG:** The Choir

**MESSAGE:** Together We Are One!

**HYMN VU #376 “Spirit of the Living God” (vs. 1)**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## **COVENANTING WITH AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL 2020**

**Presentation of Church Council** - (As names are called persons are asked to come forward)

### **Statement of Purpose**

**Leader:** Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that you have been called by God, and chosen by the people of St. Paul’s United Church for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing, an honour, and a responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us, with us, and on our behalf. We thank you and challenge you to offer your best to God, and to all God’s people.

### **Covenant Questions and Promises**

**Leader:** You are called by God and elected by our congregation to serve as Members of the Church Council within our community of faith. As you begin the duties of your office, let us make a covenant before God and with one another, I ask you:  
Do you profess your faith in God your Creator, in Jesus Christ your Redeemer and in The Holy Spirit your Teacher and Guide?

**Officers:** **We do.**

**Leader:** As a disciple of Jesus Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities/duties in this congregation with integrity and joy?

**Officers:** **We will, God being our helper.**

**Leader:** Will you, the members of St. Paul’s United Church, Tillsonburg honor the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

**Church:** **We will, God being our helper.**

### **Prayer (in unison)**

**Loving God, you have called these people to serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made today. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace always. Amen.**

## **Declaration**

Leader: In the name of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as the Council of St. Paul's United Church Tillsonburg 2020.

## **HYMN VU #513 "Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart" (vs. 1 & 2)**

Give to Me, Lord, a thankful heart  
And a discerning mind;  
Give, as I play the Christian's part,  
The strength to finish what I start  
And act on what I find

When in the rush of days,  
My will is habit bound and slow  
Help me to keep in vision still  
What love and power and peace can fill  
A life that trust in you

**(Officers will return to seats during the singing of the verses)**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**Children collecting Food Bank Items**

**OFFERING – Collected by Brownie Group**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERING: MV # 191 "What Can I Do?"**

What Can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

**God of all peoples and God of all places,  
we present these offerings,  
that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.  
With them, we offer our varied ministries,  
that each of us may be part of your answer  
to the cries of the world. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn: VU #606 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great family of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.
  
3. Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
  
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christ-like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**PARTING HYMN VU #402 “We Are One” (vs. 4)**

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive there’s a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God’s ways as we move together from this place.

**RECESSING OF THE COLOUR PARTY – Brownie and Scout Groups**

**POSTLUDE:**

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We welcome all who join us in worship today. If you are here for the first time today, please introduce yourself to Rev. Karlene or to a member of the congregation. Please stay for refreshments in the Friendship Room after worship, members of the Congregation are hosting.

A special welcome to the Brownie and Scout groups who meet in our building on a weekly basis.

We are happy you could join us for worship today.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week

Harold Kirktown, Jerry Koza, Ute Jurchuk, Marilyn Hall, Sharon Hagell,  
brother Don & daughter Cathy and Albert Yake (son of Barb Yake-Kuhl).

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Reader: Dave Collis      Greeters: Barb Gall & Marion Partlo

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The flowers this morning are given by Mary Anne Silverthorn in memory of her husband,  
John Finlay and her Parents, Ferne & Ray Silverthorn and sister, Donna Mae.





We would like to acknowledge our very dear **Doreen Smith**, and wish her a very Happy Birthday today **February 16th**. Doreen is the St Paul's energizer bunny who just keeps going and going. We don't know which birthday it is, but judging from the way she still bakes all those delicious pies that we all enjoy, she is young at heart and definitely not over the hill.

On Tuesday **February, 18th** **Lynda Atkinson** will celebrate another birthday. We would like to thank both of these ladies for the many years of involvement at St Paul's and wish them both a very Happy Birthday and God's blessings for many more in good health.

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**Bible Study** on February 21 - All are welcome to join Ruth Francis, 11 Peach Street. 519 688-7724.



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The Membership, Fellowship and Care Committee invite you to a **pot-luck luncheon** on **Sunday, February 23rd**. Please bring a favourite dish to the banquet hall before church service. Also, please sign up ahead of time so we know how many tables to set up. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

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**UCW Unit 1 Meeting – Monday, Feb. 24 at 1:30 p.m.**

Program: Norma Collis and Beth Sandor will speak about Messy Church in the Friendship Room - All ladies are welcome.

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**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tues. Feb. 25 – 5-6:30 p.m. BH**

Cost \$7 – Adults, \$4 – Children, \$20 max./family

All proceeds to Sunday School and Messy Church. Sign up before and after church. More helpers always needed. Contact Karon Harris for more info. 519-842-8596



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**UCW Unit 6 Meeting – Wed. Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m.**

Program: Lost Sheep in the Friendship Room

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**Family Movie Matinee**

**Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.** snacks available - hot dogs after the movie.

**Open to all our Sunday School children and family**

Each year, our children pick a children's charitable organization to raise money for. This year they picked Make-a-Wish foundation. We are asking for the congregations help in raising funds as well. A representative from Make a Wish will be coming to make a short presentation to all of us but no date confirmed yet. We are raising monies effective immediately and will be doing a presentation at the end of March to the organization. Thank you for your support of our children's outreach. Karen Hodges.



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**The Lenten Special Offering**

will be divided equally between the Tillsonburg **Helping Hand Food bank** and the **United Church World Development Fund.**

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**Messy Church - March 14** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Our theme is "March" of the Penguins.**

Crafts, music, story, games and lunch provided.

All welcome. Children should be accompanied by an adult please.

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**Please do not leave any valuables in your coat pockets during the Worship Service.**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	
Mon. Feb. 17	Family Day – office closed		
Mon. Feb. 17	Concert Com. Mtg.	1:00 p.m.	MR
Tues. Feb. 18	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	MR
Sun. Feb. 23	Potluck Lunch	after worship	
	<b>GROUPS</b>		
Feb. 24/26	Exercise	10:00 am	BH
Feb. 24/26	Yoga	7:00 p.m.	BH
Feb. 25/28	Tai Chi	9:30 a.m.	MPR

**Winter is here!** At this time of year it may be difficult for some people to get to church. We want everyone to be able to attend. If you or someone you know would like a ride, please call the church office, Monday to Friday mornings at 519 688-0011 or Jed Drew at 519 842-8786 or email [stpaulsunited@execulink.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@execulink.com)

DID YOU KNOW?	...that Home Communion is offered for those unable to attend Church? Please contact the office.
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**Please pick up your 2019 Tax Receipt after the Worship Service from Laurie or Doreen.**



**COME HELP US CELEBRATE  
Violet Jackson's 100th birthday**



The family is holding an open house  
here at St. Paul's in the Banquet Hall

On Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>

From 12.00-2.30 PM

(Sit down lunch at 12.00 PM)

All are welcome.

***Jackson Family***



**First-time Worshippers, Members and Friends!**

We are glad you came today and welcome you in friendship and love. Our caring extends beyond our worship service and we would love to hear from you if you need us. Please find contact information for our support staff.

St. Paul's United Contact Information

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Brenda Marshall, Christian Development

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**Lenten Service schedule followed by lunch at 12 noon**

Feb. 26 @ Bethel Pentecostal Church, Doug Dawson – Gen. 22:1-14

Mar. 4 @ Salvation Army Church, Dave Shields - Exodus 12

Mar. 11 @ Avondale United Church, Ryan McNamara – Psalm 22

Mar. 18 @ North Broadway Baptist, Karlene Brown-Palmer –Isaiah 53:1-6

Mar. 25 @ St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Mark Barrett – Isaiah 53:7-12

Apr. 1 @ St. Paul’s United Church, Paul Robinson – Matthew 26:20-30

**Roof Fundraising Campaign**

Balance forward donations	\$ 25,850
Donations received Feb. 9 worship	0
Total donated	<b>\$ 25,850</b>
<b>Fundraiser Goal</b>	<b><u>\$ 30,000</u></b>
<b>Amount still needed</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,150</u></b>