

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

November 3, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kelly Springer

WELCOME

INTROIT: The Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

In Tillsonburg, as we gather on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples, dating back countless generations, we acknowledge the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, showing respect for the long-standing relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come as those who love God,

All: He will come and deliver us.

One: We come as those who know God by name,

All: He will cover and protect us.

One: We come as those who know how to call on our God,

All: He will hear and answer us.

One: We come as those seeking our God,

All: He will receive us as His own.

OPENING HYMN: MV #29 "Spirit Open My Heart"

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.
As You love, may I love; in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God replace my stony heart, with a heart kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to Your grace, I now surrender. **(Refrain)**

Write Your love upon my heart, as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed, may my living be Your glory. **(Refrain)**

May I weep with those who weep; share my joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **(Refrain)**

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life. **(Refrain)**

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

One: Come to us, Holy God,

All: as we gather before you; encircle us with your love.

One: Bless us with your sustaining presence; surround us with your grace.

All: Draw us around your living word and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ, whose Spirit is in our midst.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsively)

One: No matter where we are, God is there. No matter what we have done, God forgives. No matter our reluctance to accept God, God has accepted us.

All: With that assurance, we receive God's forgiveness, and live in fullness and in hope. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS:

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 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 HYMN: VU # 218 "We Praise You O God" (vs. 1)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Caring God, attend to the words of our lips, as in this moment we render our praise and thanksgiving. We wrestle with the need to forget our daily stress and seek to be enfolded in your peace. Our prayer is to worship you with our gifts and seek to be renewed by your grace. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION: Silent Witnesses - Pastor Paul Robinson

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: VU #527 "God! As With Silent Hearts"

1. God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause - and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

2. Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, Lord, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

3. Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

4. So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE



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Welcome all who join us in-person worship today and online.

Ken Parnell is our greeter for November.

Everyone is invited to join for fellowship and refreshments in the Friendship Room down the hall after today's service. Members of the Ministry & Personnel Committee are hosting today.



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In our thoughts and prayers this week:
Jim Donaldson, Karen Kaufman, Darlen Stafford and Jim Withington.

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Happy Birthday wishes to:

Julie Putoczki on November 6th

Gerrit van Hoeve on November 8th

Congratulations to Marlen Gilbert turning 89 on November 9th

Two November 10th birthdays: Aliyah Helsdon and Dianne McPherson

Enjoy your special celebrations everyone.

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The flowers today are given in memory of Thelma Hadwen by her daughter Joanne and son-in-law Rob Hammers. Thelma continues to be missed by all.



Community Closet is seeking donations of new socks, hats and gloves/mittens.



The weather will soon be turning colder and the need for these items will increase greatly in the coming months. If you are able to donate please contact Keith or Julie at 519-403-4192 or kjavery1@gmail.com and we will be able to come pick them up. Alternatively you can leave the items in the multipurpose room on the piano and we will then add them to our inventory.



DUTY OF CARE WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 6 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM.

Just a little info on this workshop with Kathy Douglas from Regional. It is for anyone who works with children, seniors or others with special needs. We will find out what policies and procedures we need to have in place to satisfy the requirements of our insurance companies as well as ensure that we are protecting our church, volunteers and the vulnerables. This is open to anyone who either works in these areas or just wants more information. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby to attend this workshop. As other churches have been invited please ensure to sign up so that you will have a spot.

Thank you,
Karen Hodges

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT WORKSHOP
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

Online Fraud Prevention



Constable Randi Crawford, representing OPP for Community Safety & Media Relations will be at St. Paul's on Wednesday, **November 13th** at 1pm to discuss the prevention and protection from events that could endanger the safety and security of the public and seniors.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table outside the Friendship room. Refreshments will be provided.

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DID YOU KNOW?

As we move ahead in our church calendar --- did you know we need people to help with refreshments after worship???

--- do you know we need people for committees' etc. beginning in 2025

Those committees are Christian Development, Finance, Property, Worship, Stewardship, Membership, Fellowship and Care.

Do you have time to help??

If you are interested contact Mary Anne Silverthorn for details?

1-519-421-3241 home or 519-788-3705- Cell

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Who doesn't like chocolate? The deadline is fast approaching for orders! Just a reminder that chocolate orders are due **Wednesday, November 13th.** If you or any of your friends or family are looking for stocking stuffers or a special gift, the Rheo Thompson chocolates available through the UCW are just perfect! Delivery will be the last week of November. You can place your order by calling or emailing Shirley Godfree (519) 842-8580 or sgodfree@oxford.net or Jean Mills (519) 842-8543 or



randjmills@rogers.com or Mary Johnson (519) 688-3132 or mcjburg68@gmail.com . Thank you so much for your support of St. Paul's UCW!

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UCW Frosty Fair Bazaar November 23, 2024 9:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$10 includes soup, biscuit, apple crisp and tea/coffee.

Come out and do your Christmas shopping early, bake table, crafts, knitting, Christmas decorations, greenery, jams, pickles and so much more...



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AOTS Men's Club's annual Sunday service is Sunday, November 24, 2024

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UCW FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - The next UCW Friendship Circle meeting and programme is scheduled for Wednesday November 27th beginning at 1 p.m. in the Friendship Room. We will be celebrating Christmas as we learn about special Christmas decorations called "Crismons". Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Following the UCW meeting when we had a speaker from **Sakura House**, some attendees wanted to help by donating items that can be used for the comfort of the patients and their families during their most stressful times. If you wish to donate an item listed on "**The Giving Tree**", please bring it to Church by November 27th. The donations will be delivered to Sakura House after that date.

For more information, please contact Mary Hessler 519-409-0716.

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For friends or family in hospital (here in Tillsonburg or elsewhere) please contact our Church Office (519-688-0011) with Hospital name and details to let Karlene know so she can follow-up with a visit or phone-call. Hospitals no longer provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss anyone.

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Food Bank Items requested for November –

- Pancake Mix
- Canned Green Beans
- Cereal
- Fruit Cups
- Instant Oatmeal



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