

St Paul's United Church
Tillsonburg Ontario
October 17, 2021 - 21st after Pentecost
AOTS Annual Church Service

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome and Announcements: Dave Morris

Introit: VU #522 Verse 1 Give thanks My Soul for Harvest

1. Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,
for store of fruit and grain;
but know the owner gives so
that we may share again.
Where people suffer hunger,
or little children cry,
with gifts from God's rich bounty
may thankfulness reply.

Lighting the Christ Candle – Dave Morris

As we light this candle we remember that Christ is the Light of the World,
And so we remember that it is our privilege and task to reflect His light in all we say, in all we think, and
in all we do.

Call to Worship:

Behold God makes all things new.
Behold God seeks to help feed the hungry,
house the Homeless, heal the sick, encourage those who feel helpless and hopeless.
May we sense God's closeness as we worship together in this place. Amen.

Hymn: VU #391 God Reveal Your Presence (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

1. God, reveal your presence:
as we now adore you
and with awe appear before you.
Here in this your temple:
all within keep silence,
gather now with deepest reverence.
You alone
God we own,
you, our God and Saviour:
praise your name for ever.
2. God, reveal your presence:
hear the harps resounding;
see the crowds the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy!"
Hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending.
Bow your ear
to us here;
hearken, O Lord Jesus,
to our humble praises.

3. O great Fount of blessing,
purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit;
like the holy angels
gathered all before you,
may I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will
ever still
rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.

Prayer of Approach and Confession: Rick Aubrey

Merciful, loving, healing and caring God we come into your peaceful presence seeking calmness for our worried soul. As we bow before you we pour out our feelings of frustration and anxiety for the way the world moves too often away from the love and compassion you want to make available to all creation. We confess our failure to assist your kingdom to happen here on planet earth. Thus forgiven may we go forward with renewed energy and commitment to do our part to make the world a better place for all your people everywhere. We pray in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: VU# 357 Tell me the Stories of Jesus (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
2. First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.
3. Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!
And how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Introduction of our Guest Preacher:

Children's Time:

The Lord's Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Lessons and Sermon by Rayburn Lansdell:

Theme: What Coat Are You Wearing?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

We Present Our Gifts: Dave Collis

Prayer of Dedication: Generous and healing God we are grateful for this opportunity to return to you, gifts that come for our hearts to be used to help bring new hope and wholeness to your church in this place and to places of need worldwide. Bless our gifts and our givings in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Rev. Maurice

WE ARE SENT OUT

Hymn: VU #507 Today We Are Called to be Disciples (4 verses)

1. Today we all are called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

2. God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

4. May we in service to our God
Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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We welcome all who join us in worship today.
Please be reminded that you must register to attend worship
Live-streaming will continue for your viewing on our YouTube channel

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We welcome Rayburn Lansdell, Coordinator for Youth For Christ in our area to AOTS worship today.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week:
Doreen Smith, the Fitzpatrick family, Fern Gowman, Brenda Marshall and Al Meyer.



A donation has been made to St. Paul's in celebration of the life of John Finlay, husband of Mary Anne Silverthorn. John passed away 11 years ago today.

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On Tuesday October 19th, we would like to wish **Bill Chanyi a very Happy 85th Birthday.**
On Saturday October 23rd there are 2 birthdays **Jenny Ramer celebrates her 86th Birthday**
Thank you Jenny for your help with Messy Church. and Birthday wishes also to Bill Cargill.
May God bless you **ALL** as you celebrate your special day and we pray that He will watch over you for many more years with good health.



October is clergy appreciation month. St. Paul's is very unique. We have one full time clergy and 3 VAM's (Volunteer Associate Minister). Please express your personal appreciation to Rev Karlene, Rev. Pat, Rev. Maurice and Rev. Bonnie throughout this month and each and every day.

Clergy often work long hours taking away for their own spiritual needs and the needs of their families They often hide their grief to support others who are suffering-- they are a calming presence in uncertainty. Please let your minister(s) know that they are making a difference. Pray for them, write a thank you note, send an email or letter of appreciation and encouragement. Show them you care and let them know they are making a difference!!!!

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Today the Sunday school message will be uploaded to YOUTUBE after worship. Each week the kids will get a story and the next day a bag will be delivered with their craft instructions and supplies in it. Each family will have two reusable bags - one for current week and **we ask that they hand the bag from previous week back on delivery date - to be used the following week.**



We are starting in-person Sunday school next week October 24 – looking forward to seeing you.

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The funds collected from the **Special "Anniversary"** envelopes will be sent to the **Canadian Food Grains and Community Kitchen.**

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The flower committee is seeking members who would be willing to begin their tenure immediately following Thanksgiving 2021.

Responsibilities include: taking a turn delivering flowers immediately following Sunday worship, delivering poinsettias(in December)to members of St. Paul's who are shut ins, decorating the church at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For further information please contact Dave Collis (chair of Worship committee) at: fcollis98@gmail.com 519 409-0204



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Sunday Oct. 24 will be the **Annual Meeting** for the year 2020. If you are planning to **attend in person** please register for worship. Registration is by email to m.silverthorn@sympatico.ca or calling 1-519-421-3241 on Wednesday Oct 20, or Thursday Oct. 21. Indicate the number attending. You will be given a reserved seat. Arrive wearing a MASK and we will ask you to sanitize your hands and then you will be ushered to your seat. Stay seated and refrain from visiting with others. Following worship there will be a 15 minute break to stretch etc. and the AGM will begin promptly at 11:15 AM.
If you are **attending on line** a link will be sent to you for joining the meeting and viewing it. That link will probably not be sent until Thursday or Friday Oct. 21 or 22.
Regardless of how you are attending the meeting you need to **find your AGM Report** and have it with you to follow along. In addition the **agenda attached** to this announcement is the current one. As has been indicated previously this meeting will be unique. There will be several motions to ratify decisions made previously by the Council. We anticipate this meeting will be completed by noon. If you have questions or comments please contact me asap. Thank you. Mary Anne -Acting Chair

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**AOTS SMOKED PORK CHOP TAKEAWAY SUPPER
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2021**

\$15 (Paid at Pickup, no change given)

CURBSIDE PICK FROM 4:30 TO 6:00 p.m. IN BIDWELL STREET PARKING LOT

Supper By Reservation ONLY

EMAIL: stpaulsaots84@gmail.com or

PHONE 519 842 4188 (Dave Morris)

NOT LATER THAN Monday, October 18th

Indicating number of dinners and contact phone number

Proceeds to Fund Community Youth Activities

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UCW online Frosty Fair Bazaar Supplies Still Needed – November 20th

Finished bazaar items can be dropped off at Laura’s or Julie’s house before – **PLEASE DROP OFF**

ASAP!

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| Old Christmas decorations | old Christmas greenery | old artificial trees | Ribbon |
| Buttons | old sweaters | thin gage wire | hot glue sticks (skinny) |
| Pins with white ends | felt (all colours) | small Ziplock bags | large Ziplock bags |
| Christmas tree cookie cutter | mason and glass jars | old music sheets | candles, red and white |
| Fabric: red, green, yellow, grey, white | | | yarn: red, green, yellow, grey white |

Craft supply items can be dropped off at Julie’s house.

Julie Avery: 36 Woodhaven Drive, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 0A5 Tel: 519-403-4192

Laura Mahoney: 4 Hampton Court, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 5G7 Tel: 519-842-8575



Please Note: You can VIEW items for the Bazaar early by going to Facebook – type in Frosty Fair Bazaar Tillsonburg; you will see the Snowman at the top of the page. You can choose category i.e. knitting, crafts that you would like to look at and then click on the items for the price and description.

Are you looking for stocking stuffers? Gifts for that special person with a sweet tooth? The UCW is once again selling Rheo Thompson chocolates as a fundraiser for our outreach projects. Watch for the catalogue and order form in your email or mail this week!



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