

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

November 17, 2019 – Children's' Sunday

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mary Hessler

WELCOME

INTROIT: (*in unison*) Hymnary # 594 “Praise Him, Praise Him” (vs. 1)

1. Praise him, praise him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise him, praise him, all ye little children.
God is love; God is love.

Lighting of Christ Candle

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: We are all one family, made in the image of God.

All: We are all one family, all over the world.

One: We are all one family, each unique, each special.

All: We are all one family, brothers and sisters on one journey of faith.

One: We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.

All: We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.

OPENING HYMN VU # 291 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]
2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]
3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them, every one. [Refrain]

4. The rocky mountain splendor,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies
the forest in the fall [Refrain]
5. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Lord we come into your house filled with praises today.

All: We are your creation and we have come lift up our praises.

One: Today we are assured that you create all people in your image.

All: Open our eyes to see the beauty and worth of every person.

One: Open our minds to understand that we are all equal in your sight.

All: Open our hearts to worship you this day and to love each other with your love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you all the days of our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Forgiven, we are filled by Christ's Light and commissioned to share this light in the world.

All: Forgiven, we can care for one another, weep with one another, serve one another, and spread the light. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn: VU # 450 "Here at This Font"

Here at this font, Source of all life,
we bring a child for you to bless.
Met in our worship, may we know
the gospel's way of happiness.

Pour out this water, fresh and clear.
Make it a sign of life and love.
Now, as at Jordan long ago,
show your approval, Holy Dove.

Embrace this child with gentle arms,
as on that day in Galilee
You called the young, and showed to all
the power of humility.

Guide church and parents in our task
to teach each child to walk your way.
May Christ's commandments be obeyed
in all we think or do or say."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction Leader:

Presentation: Chair of Council

Commitment of Parents

Commitment of God-Parents

Congregational Pledge (The congregation is invited to stand as a sign of your support)

Leader: Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

Resp: As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.

Leader: May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Resp: Amen.

Corporate Profession of Faith (A New Creed of The United Church Creed, 1995)

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give our thanks to God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

(Pouring of the water in the font)

The Baptism

All: Amen.

The Blessing

All: Amen.

Anointing with Oil

All: Amen.

Giving of the Light

Welcome, Presentation of Certificates and Gifts

WE LISTEN AS GOD SPEAKS

Song: My head my shoulder my toes

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

Scripture Matthew 10:29-31 pg. 10

CHILDREN'S SONG: If I were a Butterfly

If I were a butterfly,
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings.
And if I were a robin in a tree,
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing.
And if I were a fish in the sea,
I'd wiggle my tail, and I'd giggle with glee,
But I'd just thank you, Father, for making me Me!

'Cause you gave me a heart,
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus,
And you made me your child.
And I just thank you, Father, for making me Me!

Scripture Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14 pg. 577 N.T.

Song: Jesus Loves the little children of the World x 2

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red, brown, yellow
Black and white
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children
Of the world

MESSAGE: “God Made Me Special”

MINISTRY OF SONG THE CHOIR – “A Perfect Heart”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

Kids Collecting Food Bank Gift during singing of MV #145 “Draw the Circle Wide” ref. & vs.1

Refrain: Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle,
draw the circle wide...

God the still-point of the circle
Round you all creation turns
Nothing lost but held forever
in God's gracious arms (Refrain)

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Dear Holy One, we offer our gifts to you,
You claim us as children,
you name us beloved,
and you celebrate our presence.
Use these gifts and our service
to further your kingdom. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

IN JESUS’ NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN VU: # 575 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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We welcome all who join us in worship today. If you are here for the first time today, we invite you to introduce yourself to Rev. Karlene or to a member of the congregation. Please stay for refreshments in the **Banquet Hall today** after worship. Members of the Worship Committee are hosting this month.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week
Harold Kirktown, Bob Cheetam (brother of Debbie Rushton),
Helga Neumann and her daughter Ute Jurchuk.

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Rev. Derrick Shelley (age 71 years) passed away in his sleep on Sunday night. Rev. Derrick grew up in Tillsonburg and was a candidate for Ministry from St. Paul's. Our white communion table cloth was made by his wife, Heather as a thank you to St. Paul's. Arrangements have not been announced at time of printing – details from Mitchell Funeral Home in Huntsville.

Here's a link to an article about Derek that was published locally.
If you don't have an online Toronto Star - You don't have to register to read the article.
<https://www.muskokaregion.com/community-story/9701119-huntsville-loses-one-of-its-most-loved-derek-shelly-dies-at-age-71/>

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Reader: Mary Hessler Greeters: Tim & Linda Stafford & Sunday School Kids

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The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of David, John & Alice Coldham
& Beulah Guthrie by their family, Janine, JD, Christ and Stacey.



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Bible Study – you are most welcome to join our regular participants on Friday, **November 22 at 9.45 a.m.** in the home of Ruth Francis, 11 Peach St. For more information please phone Ruth at 519 688-7724.



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PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please make sure to come down after church to pick up your little ones and to sign them out. (This is part of our legal obligations to the children in our care). Thank you for your co-operation. Karen.



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TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Thank you for your donations.



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Next Sunday is The AOTS Service and Brunch- Nov 24.

You are invited to have brunch with AOTS after their Annual Church Service. \$10.00. Guest Speaker: Rev. Paul Browning from London. Music by Terry Pond and his Barbershopper Quartet The NorthShore4. Sign up (at back of Church) for Brunch. Catered by Dave Beres.

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Tickets (\$25) for **Roy LeBlanc**, an award-winning Elvis, are available at Coffee Hour or from Helen during office hours. Roy will perform on **Saturday, November 30 at 2:30 pm.** The Concert Committee hopes to see you then.

DID YOU KNOW	... that we had 21 children during Sunday school last week? Some new children who have attended our PA Day program.
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HELP NEEDED - The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign runs six days a week at 5 locations in town, from mid-November to Christmas Eve. This year St Paul's is manning the kettle at Zehrs on Saturday, November 23rd and Saturday, November 30th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the rotunda if you are able help. All the money raised will stay in Tillsonburg and the surrounding area to fund the good work done by the Salvation Army throughout the entire year. If you would like to help but are unable to volunteer on our two Saturday's, please call the Salvation Army office and offer you time on a different day.

Thank you, the gift of your time is appreciated more than you know!

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Volunteer drivers are needed for delivery of poinsettias on December 15- after church. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you



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United Church Gifts With Vision

The United Church of Canada has issued its new catalogue for 2019-20 for your viewing in the Rotunda or online at: www.giftswithvision.ca

Roof Fundraising Campaign	
Balance forward donations	\$18,145
Donations received Nov. 10	1,100
 Total donated	 \$19,245
Fundraiser Goal	<u>\$30,000</u>
Amount still needed	<u>\$ 10,755</u>

DATE	EVENT	TIME	
Tues. Nov. 19	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	MR
Thurs. Nov. 21	Choir/Cantata	5/7:00 p.m.	
Nov. 23	Community Kitchen	11:30 a.m.	MPR
Sun. Nov. 24	AOTS Sunday		
Mon. Nov. 25	UCW Unit 1 Meeting	1:30 p.m.	FR
Wed. Nov. 27	UCW Unit 6 Meeting	7:00 p.m.	FR
	GROUPS		
Nov. 18/20	Exercise	10:00 a.m.	BH
Nov. 18/20	Yoga	7:00 p.m.	BH
Nov. 19/22	Tai Chi	9:30 a.m.	MPR

Messy Church Saturday December 14 at 10 a.m.

A Cat in the Hat Theme Fun activities, sing along and lunch provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult please. No charge.



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Cantata ‘Good News from Home’ is on December 15 at 2:30 p.m. featuring soloists: Leo Archdekin, Linda McAllister, Dave Ramer and Bobbie Williams. Musical director & Accompanist is Shelley Vermeersch. Come out and hear the music of the Season. Freewill donations appreciated.



For friends or family in hospital (here in Tillsonburg or elsewhere) please contact our Church Office (519-688-0012) with Hospital name and details to let our minister know so she can follow-up with a visit or a phone-call. Hospitals no longer provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss you.

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The Tillsonburg Senior Centre choir presents a Christmas concert on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Community Centre (519-688-2520).



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First-time Worshippers, Members and Friends!



We celebrate your presence and welcome you in friendship and in love. Thank you for sharing in our worship today. After the service, and before you leave this building, turn worship into ministry by greeting someone you don't know.

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