



# Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 2017 10:00am

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

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10:00am

**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 partway through the service for Sunday School*

**Washrooms** *are located off the atrium*

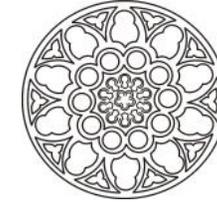
*Two accessible entrances to St Paul's. One is on Main Street via the atrium, with the elevator located just inside the entrance. Best parking to use for this entrance is the town lot west of the church, with two handicapped parking spots. The second accessible entrance is via the ramp off our parking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

**Participating this morning**

**Worship Leadership:** Rev. John Ambrose  
**Music Director:** Don Cassano  
**Piano:** Dawn Brodie  
**Sanctuary Sound Team:** Glen and Sandra Shore  
**Greeters:** St Paul's Choir  
**Offering:** Wendy Hodgkins, Wally Whitnell and Wayne Heath  
**Scripture Reader:** Carol Hyde  
**Fellowship Time:** Carol Kerr and Diane Dickie  
**Baker's Dozen:** Joanne Dundass and Maria Postma  
**Count Team:** Sue Paul, Marg and Sherry Cameron

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



## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

As we begin our worship, we light this candle to declare that the One who came among us as the embodiment of love, hope, and peace,

**is for us, and for all who believe,  
the Light of the World,  
and in Him is no darkness at all.**

*(Sung Response)*

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

# We Give with Thanksgiving

## Opening Sentences

This is the day that God has made.

**We come together as a family of faith.**

As a family of faith, we are committed to live to the fullest in the times in which we find ourselves.

**But we also look beyond these times  
to another time  
when a new spirit will prevail among us:  
a spirit of compassion and justice,  
of generosity and love.**

We call that time the 'reign of Christ', when wars shall cease, and people will live more fully in partnership with one another.

**This is the vision of God's will that Jesus gave us,  
and we will work every day to bring it nearer.**

May our worship, this day and always,  
prepare us for the coming reign of Christ.

\* VU 399            God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us

Prayer for the Reign of Christ VU 214

Time for the Young and Young-at-Heart

Song                    God Is Here Today *(a song from Mexico) seated*

1. God is here today:  
as certain as the air we breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain as God hears the song we sing.

2. God is here in you...

3. God is here in me...

Invitation to the Offering

We Present Our Offerings

Offertory Music

\* Offertory

VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

Ministry of Music

O Worship the King

Robert Lau

## We Listen and Learn

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Hyde

First Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Psalm 100

VU p. 824, refrain 2

Second Reading

John 18:33-37

Message

**The Incognito Christ**

\* VU 457

As We Gather at Your Table

## We Gather at the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving *(see bulletin insert)*

The Breaking of Bread and Lifting of Cup

Receiving the Bread and Wine

Music during Communion      At This Table      *Allen Pote*

Prayer after Communion

## We Go In God's Name

\* **VU 211**      Crown Him with Many Crowns

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Response**      *VU 431*

*Sing Amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.*

*Sing Amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.*

*Sing Amen: Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!*

*Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Repeat)*

*South African*

**Exchange of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

**Postlude**

## **Announcements - November 26, 2017**

Today in the main level hall, there is a **Lunch and Family Advent craft** after the Annex service.

**St Paul's Trustees** meet on Tuesday November 28, 7:30pm in the lower level meeting room 2.

**Your 2018 church envelopes will be available** for pickup in the atrium starting Sunday December 3.

**Christmas Pageant.** Mark your calendars to attend the annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant this year. Join us on Sunday December 17 at 10:00am for 'The Early Show- St. Paul's Special 'Joy' Edition' hosted and presented by our Sunday School. Learn more about the Christmas story from Mary and Joseph's perspective as Mary and Joseph make a special guest appearance on The Early Show, along with other important characters and musical guests!! If your child plans to be a part of the pageant they will need to attend practices held during Sunday School on November 26, December 3 and 10. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the practices, help with audio visual components and to contribute to props and costumes. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Kim Wenger at kim.wenger12@gmail.com. Thanks!

**Do you have a knack and a passion for decorating?** If so, the Worship Committee is looking for a coordinator to guide willing volunteers of St. Paul's (also required) in decorating the sanctuary in preparation for Advent and Christmas during daytime hours either Thursday, 30 November or Friday, December 1. We have all the decorations, but need somebody to organize the set up. Information will be available as a guide and a clipboard for volunteer signup will be in the atrium to get things rolling. For more information please contact Myra Hudspeth at mhudspeth@cogeco.ca, or Helene Ellison at h\_aclair47@hotmail.com. Please consider offering leadership and assistance getting this done. Many hands make light the work, and the resulting ambience enhances our worship during the season.

**Calling all St Paul's Youth Grades 5-12!** Adam is leading Youth Group! Food, Fun and Faith will all be part of every gathering! Youth Group will run every other Sunday after church from 11:30am-1:00pm until Christmas - next time is December 3. Parents can email Adam at adam.cresswell1@gmail.com to let him know if their kid is attending!

**Givings.** We have been asked how to support our church while you are away this winter. You may want to consider going on PAR or providing post dated cheques so that your givings will continue during your absence. If you require more information, please contact the office or the treasurer.

**For the Sunday School to continue to grow** and meet the needs of the youngest members of our congregation, the Sunday School is looking for one more teacher that can help teach our kids approximately two Sundays a month. We currently have three dedicated teachers but a fourth would allow for the middle school group to run more consistently and the kids to have more age appropriate activities to encourage their spiritual growth at the church. It also would allow the current teachers some time to attend church themselves. If you are interested or have questions please contact Kim Wenger at kim.wenger12@gmail.com.

**Adult Faith Study Group.** Continuing until December 11, Adam Cresswell is leading an Adult Faith Study Group, open to any and all adults who would like to take part! Each week we watch a short film on a topic related to God and the life of faith, and then discuss the topic together over coffee, tea and light snacks. Dates are as follows: November 27; December 4 and 11. We are taking part in a video bible study by prominent, well respected Christian author Max Lucado. The Series is called "**Max on Life**". We ask interested parties to phone or email the church office to register so we may have a sense of the number of attendees.

**On the Way to Bethlehem,** Friday December 1 to Sunday December 3, 6:30-8:30pm at Country Heritage Park, telling the Christmas story in an outdoor, living pageant. Admission is \$5 for those 13 and older, 6-12 is \$2, under 6 are free. A project of Milton Area Christian Churches Working Together. More information at onthewaytobethlehem.com. See insert in today's bulletin.

**Donation baskets are in the atrium for the Food Bank and for gifts for women and children at Halton Women's Place.** These are ongoing outreach projects of St Paul's the Mission & Outreach Committee. Thank you for your continued support.

**Ongoing Activities**

**All are welcome to join in any of the following activities.**

If you need more information, 905.878.8895 x. 21 or info@stpaulsmilton.com

**Sundays**

**Worship (The Annex & Sanctuary or combined)** at 10:00am,  
fellowship time follows the services  
**Sunday School** during the services

**Friday Morning Coffee** - every Friday at 10:15am - all welcome!  
**United Church Women (UCW)** - second Wed monthly, Sept-June, 1:30pm

**Coming Up**

Sun Nov 26, 11:30am	<b>Annex Advent Event</b>	Main Level Hall
Mon Nov 27, 7:30pm	<b>Adult Faith Study</b>	Sanctuary
Mon Nov 27, 7:30pm	<b>St Paul's Council Meeting</b>	Main Level Hall
Tues Nov 28, 7:30pm	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	Lower Level MR 2

**Deadline for weekly bulletin announcements—Wednesdays at 4:00pm in the office**



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**The Staff of St. Paul's**

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**Music Director:** Don Cassano  
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**Church Administrator:** Cindy Allin  
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**Upcoming Worship**

**December 3 at 10:00am - Advent 1  
and Celebration of Baptism**

**Combined Worship in the sanctuary**

*Worship Leader: Reverend John Ambrose*

**Sunday School for kids during worship**

**Fellowship time follows the service**

**December 10 - Advent 2, Cantata 'Go Sing It on the Mountain'**  
at 10:00am in the sanctuary service

**December 17 - Advent 3, Sunday School Pageant**  
'The Early Show- St. Paul's Special 'Joy' Edition' in a combined service

**December 24**

**Advent 4**, one service in the sanctuary at 10:00am, Brass Ensemble

**Christmas Eve family service** at 4:00pm

**Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion** service at 9:00pm

**December 31, Café Noel**, one service at 10:00am in the hall

**Check out our website for information & updates:**

stpaulsmilton.com

Music License CCLI # 2223542

**Office Hours for Reverend John Ambrose**

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Office Phone: 905.878.8895 x. 24 Emergency Pastoral Care: 905.826.2831

**Main Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm, closed noon to 1:00pm for lunch  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm

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