



Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2017 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: Theo Wolder
Greeters: Jo McDuffe, Jennifer Cummings, Murray and Carol Wilson
Candlelighter: Wendy Hodgkiins
Offering: Wayne Heath, Jo McDuffe, Wendy Hodgkins, Murray and Carol Wilson
Fellowship Time: Vicki Thomson, Janice Linke and Andrea Mindenhall
Baker's Dozen: Marlene Grimwood and Karen Sawyer

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

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

Sunday December 10, 2017

10:00am

*On this Second Sunday of Advent we continue our journey to Christmas. The word 'advent' means 'coming' or 'arrival'. Advent looks forward to the anniversary of the coming or arrival of Jesus in Bethlehem. **The colour for Advent is purple.***



We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering in Worship *said responsively*

God be with you.

And also with you.

Like the little town of Bethlehem,
we wait beneath the silent stars of winter,

waiting for the child born of Mary.

How silently will come the gift that is given.

**God will impart to humble hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.**

We'll hear the Christmas angels,
their great glad tidings tell.

**O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord, Emmanuel.**

Opening Prayer *said together*

God of Advent promise,
as we continue our journey to Christmas,
and look forward to the wonder
of the Christmas event,
receive our praise for the hope and possibilities
of this sacred season.
As we anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth,
may our worship be filled with hope
and eager anticipation.
In the name of the Holy One we pray. Amen.

* VU 29 Hark the Glad Sound

Lighting the Second Advent Candle *service on purple insert*
Wendy Hodgkins

A Time with the Young and the Young-at-Heart

* VU 46 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child *tune: Wencelas*

We Give with Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

We Present Our Offerings

* 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

Go Sing It on the Mountain

A Cantata by Pepper Choplin

presented by the St. Paul's Choir

Director: Don Cassano

Accompanist: Dawn Brodie

Liv Schachter: Flute Andrew De Jong: Guitar and Banjo

Narrator: Wayne Heath Descant: Sherry Cameron

Rise, O People, and Bring Good News

A Child is Gonna Come – *Jennifer Viveiros*

Call His Name Jesus

Angel Band – *Nancy Whitnell, Betty Ann Wolder, Linda Edgar*

Hush, Little Baby – *Karen Davidson, Lorne Greenwood*

Go Sing It On the Mountain

Star Eternal – *Judy Hunter*

Scottish Worship Carol

Joyous Nowell to the World

Prayer

Announcements - December 10, 2017

We Go In God's Name

* **VU 43** Go, Tell it on the Mountain

* **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

Christmas Giving Tree. A large, lighted, and decorated Christmas tree now graces the atrium at St. Paul's United Church. It stands as a blessing to the many hundreds of people who come through the doors of our building every week. But more than that, it is a giving tree. It will 'give' practical gifts to people in our community and beyond who are in need of assistance. And the gifts will come from all of us... mittens, socks, toques, gloves, scarves, and any other winter clothing items you think might help a child or adult. These can be left under or hung on the tree. But you might also consider **\$25 gift cards** from Walmart or food stores in the Loblaw chain. The gift cards can be left in the church office or placed on the offering plate with a note to leave them for the office. These will be so very helpful in meeting the urgent requests we receive in the weeks and months to come.

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!

Your 2018 church envelopes are now available for pickup in the atrium.

Calling all St Paul's Youth Grades 5-12! 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 - last meeting is on December 17. Parents can email Adam at adam.cresswell1@gmail.com to let him know if their kid is attending!

Volunteers Needed for The Annex. A GIANT sign-up sheet will be available at the service this week. You can't miss it :) Please consider how you can be a part of the Annex magic!

A special shout out to those that can **help on Christmas Eve at the 4:00pm family service.** We would love to show our Christmas Eve visiting families the magic of the Annex and are looking for greeters, bakers, and beverage specialists (non-alcoholic of course). If you are able to come early or stay a little after, please speak with Lesley or see our GIANT sign-up sheet at the service.

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

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.

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.

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.

The Rose Window Memorial plaque was created approximately 20 years ago to allow folk to recognize and remember individuals who were important in their lives. Order forms are available in the atrium and in the Memorials section of the St Paul's website. Prices from 20 years ago are being held until December 31 of this year and will increase on January 1, 2018. The proceeds will be used by the St Paul's trustees to fund several identified capital projects, including noise abatement in the atrium by the installation of aesthetically pleasing sound absorbing baffles and maintenance and repair of the existing stained glass windows, including the Rose Window. If interested, please contact Carol Kerr, Chair of Trustees, (ckerrs17@gmail.com), any member of the Board of Trustees or the church office.

Visitors Offering Envelopes. Any donations provided in one of these envelopes will allow the giver to be obtain a receipt for income tax purposes. If you would like a visitor's envelope, they are available in the atrium.

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

Mon Dec 11	7:30-9:00pm	Adult Faith Study	Main Level Hall
Mon Dec 11	7:30pm	St Paul's Council	Sanctuary
Wed Dec 13	noon	UCW Christmas Mtg	Main Level Hall
Sat Dec 16	evening	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun Dec 17	11:30am-1:00pm	Youth Group	Lower Level Hall



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Upcoming Worship

December 17 at 10:00am

Combined Worship in the sanctuary
"The Early Show- St. Paul's Special 'Joy' Edition"
Sunday School Pageant

Fellowship time follows the services

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

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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

Please remember St Paul's is a perfume free and nut free environment