



Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2018 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: Theo Wolder
Scripture Reader: Nancy Whitnell
Fellowship Time: Mary Ellen Lee, H el ene Ellison and Mary McDuffe
Baker's Dozen: Mary Ellen Lee and Susan Burr
Count Team: Theo and Betty Ann Wolder, Jim Hawkins

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

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

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January 6th marks the 12th and final day of the Season of Christmas. Churches of the Eastern Tradition (Orthodox) officially mark this day as Christmas, using a more ancient Christian calendar. Known as Epiphany ('manifestation'), the day celebrates the 'appearance' or 'manifestation' of the Star which drew the ancient Sages to travel to Bethlehem to see what had come to pass. The colour for today is white.



Prelude

The Life and Work of the Congregation

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting and Lighting of the Christ Candle

God be with you.

And also with you.

As we light this candle to begin our worship, we proclaim that Christ is the Light of the World, and in Him is no darkness at all.

sung refrain – sung twice

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

Gathering in Worship *said responsively*

Hear again the good news:
the Word has become flesh to dwell among us.

**He has come full of grace and truth,
and we have beheld his glory!**

May the peace of Christ live in our hearts this day.

May the Word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, once again we have happily celebrated
the gift of your love in the humble birth of your son, Jesus.

**We continue that celebration today
as we join in the praise of the angels,
and the journey with the Wise Men to Bethlehem.**

Bless our time together, and let our lives
continue to be vessels of your love,

**showing your compassion and your generosity,
throughout this season and through the year
that lies ahead.**

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*** VU 92**

In the Darkness Shines the Splendour

An Epiphany Prayer VU 88

A Time with the Young and Young-at-Heart

Children may leave for Sunday School

Song

We Three Kings

remain seated

**We three kings of Orient are
bearing gifts, we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Chorus

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again.
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. (Chorus)**

**Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
worship him, God most high. (Chorus)**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom,
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
sealed in a stone-cold tomb. (Chorus)**

**Glorious then, behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice!
Alleluia, alleluia,
earth to the heavens replies. (Chorus)**

We Give with Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

We Present Our Offerings

* Offertory

VU 55 vs 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

* Prayer of Dedication

Ministry of Music

We Listen and Learn

Prayer for Illumination

Nancy Whitnell

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 36

VU p. 762

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Message **On Taking the Long Road** - *John Ambrose*

* VU 96

Will You Come and See the Light

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go In God's Name

* VU 87

I Am the Light of the World

* Benediction

* Choral Response

VU 974

Amen! Amen! Let us go in peace, amen!
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* Exchange of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

Postlude

Announcements - January 7, 2018

Looking for volunteers to help take down Christmas decorations in the sanctuary Thursday January 11 at 10:00am - please contact either Myra or Helene if you can help.

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.

Youth Group, led by Adam Cresswell, returns on Sunday January 14 at 11:00am. Parents, please let Adam know if your kid is attending!

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.

Every Sunday after the services a dedicated team makes coffee and tea and lays out the refreshments for fellowship time. We are looking for a few volunteers to help out on a rotating basis. Please contact Carol Kerr for more information or to volunteer.

Volunteers Needed for The Annex. A GIANT sign-up sheet will be available at the service on January 7. You can't miss it :) Please consider how you can be a part of the Annex magic!

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.

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

Tues Jan 9, 7:30pm
Wed Jan 10, 1:30pm
Sun Jan 14, 11:00am

Worship Committee Mtg
UCW Meeting
Youth Group

LL MR 2
Main Level Hall
Lower Level Hall



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

January 14 at 10:00am

Worship in the sanctuary

Worship Leader: Reverend John Ambrose

Worship in The Annex in the main level hall

Worship Leader: Adam Cresswell

Sunday School for kids during worship Fellowship time follows the services

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
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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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