



Sunday January 21, 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

Guest Organist: Luiz Otávio do Carmo

Sanctuary Sound Team: Brent and Karen Tyrer

Greeting: Wally Whitnell, Karen Tyrer, Caroline Brodie

Offering: Wally Whitnell, Karen Tyrer, Caroline Brodie, Wendy Hodgkins

Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith and Jean Morby

Baker's Dozen: Kim Wenger and Carol Wilson

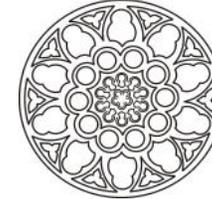
Count Team: Brent and Karen Tyrer, Diane Dickie

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

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

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We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Preludio in F

Johann L. Krebs (1713 - 1780)

The choir and minister are gathering for the prelude to honour the visit of our guest organist, Luiz Otávio do Carmo from Brazil

Announcements

The Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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.

Opening Sentences

God of Light, rising each new day,
you gather us together in worship

Be at the heart of our praising.

You gather us to hear your good news.

Be at the heart of our listening.

You gather us to meet again the Living Christ.

Be at the heart of our seeing.

You gather us to send us out in faith.

Be at the heart of our serving. AMEN

Opening Prayer

* **VU 244**

Sing Your Praise to God Eternal

A Prayer of Self-Examination

by David Sparks and inspired by Psalm 139

You have “searched us and known us,” O God.

**We seem to lose you in the busyness of our day,
and in the variety of our interests,
but you are there.**

Even before we speak, you know, O God, what we will say.

**If only we would hold our tongue more often,
and listen to your voice, the voice of conscience!**

It seems we cannot escape from you, O God,
though there are times when we would like to!

**You are there as we celebrate and rejoice;
you are there, also, in our evasive
and self-centred moments.**

You know our deepest thoughts and feelings.

**You give us the power to overcome the darkness
that often clouds our thoughts and actions,
and return us to the eternally good way.**

Moment of Quiet Reflection

When we lose sight of your presence and enduring love,
we rejoice, that in a world constantly shifting and changing,
you remain our rock, our one enduring reality.

And so we are able to trust you.

When we wander astray,

you draw us back to truth,

and give us the will to follow again

the compassionate way of Christ.

Thanks be to God! AMEN

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

Hymn

Come Touch Our Hearts

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We Give with Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

We Present Our Offerings

Offertory Music

* Sung Dedication

Tune, VU #218

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful thanksgiving our offerings we bring.**

**We come now before you with hearts
that adore you;**

to you, for all life's blessings, glad praises we sing.

Julia Corey, adapt.

* Prayer of Dedication

Ministry of Music

People Need the Lord

by G. Nelson & P. McHugh, arr. L. Larsen

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We Listen and Learn

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 139 *VU p 861*

Message **The God Who Comes to Meet Us**

* **VU 278** *In the Quiet Curve of Evening*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go In God's Name

* **VU 657** *He Leadeth Me*

* **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 *Fuga in D William Selby (1738 - 1798)*

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the postlude of our guest organist

We are pleased to welcome Luiz Otávio do Carmo (Luiz) as our guest organist this Sunday. Luiz is a talented young pianist, budding organist, music teacher, and choral director currently living in Sorocaba, Brazil, in the state of Sao Paulo. He has been attending conferences of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, including the Waterloo Conference last July. He is interested in pursuing a music career in Canada, and is now on a short holiday trip to explore possibilities. I have known Luiz for several years, and am very pleased to welcome him to Milton and to be a guest in our home. He will be playing the Prelude and Postlude for the service this Sunday. My thanks to Don Cassano for his gracious willingness to welcome a visiting organist.

Sunday January 28 in the sanctuary service will be a festival of much-loved African-American spirituals with some background on the movement from slavery to emancipation in the US and Canada. The theme is *We Shall Overcome* and it will be an introduction to honour Black History Month, which takes place in February. **This is also Reverend John Ambrose's last Sunday at St Paul's.**

Youth Group, led by Adam Cresswell, is on Sundays January 28 and February 4 at 11:30am. Parents, please let Adam know if your kid is attending!

Next month 6 (count 'em SIX) youth groups will be coming together at Wellington Square for a MASSIVE day of food, fun, community and worship! Adam is putting together a day with our grade 8-12 youth joining youth from St John United in Oakville, Calvary United in Waterloo, The Meeting House Burlington, St John United in Hamilton and Wellington Square United will all be vying for volleyball and dodgeball supremacy! The day will have an inter-youth group volleyball tournament, dodgeball tournament, while having lunch and dinner all together and a time of worship to close our day! This means we need ALL our grade 8-12 youth out to fight for the championship trophy so book this day in your schedules now, friends!

2017 Annual Report. It's that time again! Committee and group chairs, please submit your 2017 annual report as soon as possible to Marlene Grimwood at pmgrimwood@gmail.com.

Looking for volunteers to help count the offering after the services. You will be part of six week schedule, with training provided. Please contact either Hannah Freiberg, the church treasurer or the office for more information or to volunteer.

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.

Coming March 17 - A Shamrock Shindig! St Paul's FET team invites you to an Irish supper followed by entertainment - singing, fiddling, dancing and more! Tickets are limited, so get yours early! Adults \$25, students \$12, available soon from Nancy Whitnell, Shelley Woodcock 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.

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. 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.

Memorial Flowers. If you would like to place memorial flowers in the worship area on a Sunday morning - to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special event - please let the office know. You may also sponsor a Sunday bulletin - please contact the office for details.

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 Jan 22, 7:30pm
 Sun Jan 28, 11:30am

St Paul's Council Meeting
Youth Group

Main Level Hall
 Lower Level Hall

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



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Upcoming Worship

January 28 at 10:00am

Worship in the sanctuary
A Festival of African-American Spirituals
Honouring Black History Month in February

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
 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