



First Sunday in Lent February 18, 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. Dr. Dale Skinner

Music Director: Don Cassano

Piano: Dawn Brodie

Sanctuary Sound Team: Theo Wolder

Greeting: Wally Whitnell, Caroline Brodie and Jo McDuffe

Offering: Wally Whitnell, Caroline Brodie, Jo McDuffe, Wendy Hodgkins

Fellowship Time: Vicki Thomson and Janice Linke

Baker's Dozen: Sue Paul and Joanne Dundass

Count Team: Theo and Betty Ann Wolder, Jim Hawkins

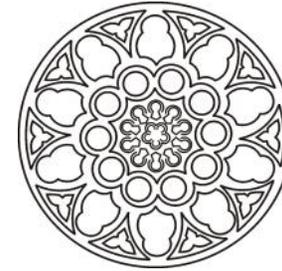
Scripture Reader: Wayne Heath

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

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

Sunday February 18, 2018

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Today marks the first Sunday in the Christian season of Lent. Lent consists of 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The forty days represent the period Jesus spent being tempted in the wilderness following his baptism yet preceding his earthly ministry. Lent was first observed in the fourth century, with a focus on self-examination and self-denial through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. The intention was to remind oneself of his/her dependence on God. The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "Lencten", meaning "spring." It not only refers to the promise of the season to come but of the promise of life in the resurrection of Christ.

A warm welcome is extended to all. Your presence both enriches us and this time of worship together. In the midst of the busy-ness of life, we have been gifted with this time and place in which we reconnect with God and with one another. Seeking to follow the way of Jesus, our aim is spiritual growth, a deeper faith, hearts for justice and a loving community.

Prelude

Welcome

The Life and Work of our Community

We Gather As God's People

* VU 218

We Praise You, O God

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God be with you

And also with you

We light this candle mindful that Christ is among us.

Jesus is the Light of the World,

bringing a light that shines in us and for us,

illuminating the way of abundant Life.

Gathering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

All are invited to pray in the tradition Jesus taught his disciples (Matt.6-9-13 & Luke 11:2-4). There are different versions and languages printed in the Voices United hymn book from pages 921-926. The ecumenical version below was agreed upon by the English Language Liturgical Consultation of 1988. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

* VU 82

A Light is Gleaming

For The Child In All Of Us

Afterwards, young people are invited to attend Kid's Church

We Listen For God's Word

Choir Anthem

Give Me Jesus

arr. Howard Helvey

Responsive Reading

Psalms 25

VU p. 752

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

NT p. 5-6

Wayne Heath

Word For Today

Appealing to a Higher Court

We Respond In Faith

Invitation to the Offering

We of St. Paul's are committed to the work of the Church. Weekly offerings, pre-authorized remittance (PAR), sharing of our time and talents and reaching out to friend and stranger are but some of the ways that we give.

"God loves it when the giver delights in the giving."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Presentation of our Offerings

Offertory Response

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.**

Prayers of the People

We Go In God's Name

* **VU 108** Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

* Words of Sending Forth

We are the hands and feet of Christ in this world we share. We each have a ministry to ease the suffering, to live with compassion, seek friendship and build up God's loving peace. As we go from this place of worship let us encourage one another to share the gifts we have been given. By grace, may we speak the truth, uphold the beauty in others, seek justice with mercy and embrace the freedom of life in the Spirit. May we go in love, go in peace, go with God.

* Words of Blessing

* Choral Response

VU 974

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

*Before we depart, we are invited to exchange "the Peace of Christ"
with the ones around us.*

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

Postlude

Announcements - February 18, 2018

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today in loving memory of **Wayne Morby**, by Jean and family.

Your 2017 church giving receipts are available in the atrium today after worship or in the office during the week. Those not picked up will be mailed on February 26.

The **Coldest Night of the Year Walk** is scheduled for Saturday Feb 24 beginning at 4:00pm. This event raises funds for Milton Transitional Housing and offers 2K, 5K, and 10K options. Delicious soup dinner follows the walk. Please let Lesley Fraser know if you are interested in walking this year.

On February 24, 6 (count 'em SIX) youth groups will be coming together at Wellington Square for a MASSIVE day of food, fun, community and worship! Our grade 8-12 youth are joining youth from 5 other churches and will all be vying for volleyball and dodgeball supremacy! We need ALL our grade 8-12 youth out to fight for the championship trophy so book this day in your schedules now, friends!

United Church Observer magazine. The Observer is a monthly magazine with many interesting articles about faith, justice and ethical living. Sample articles can be found on the UCO website at <http://www.ucobserver.org/>. Our group subscription is being renewed soon at a cost of \$25 per subscription. For new or renewal subscriptions, please provide your name, address and payment to the office or in an envelope on the offering plate no later than February 28, 2018.

Looking for scripture readers for the sanctuary service to the end of March. Please sign up in the atrium.

Volunteers needed 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.

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.

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

Calling All People with Time and Talent!

We are very blessed to have a very talented 'Church Family' at St. Paul's, who are willing to give their time! We need to strengthen our Church Council with new members willing to serve the church community. Come on board and help us and our new minister, Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner, chart our course for our exciting future.

Council is developing a revised constitution that will allow for a more effective and modern governance structure for our church and has formed a committee for this purpose. Therefore, we are only seeking a commitment for one year to the present church council structure. We need you all! If you are interested in sharing your talents in this manner, or nominating someone for a role on church council, please express your interest to Sue Butson or to any other member of the Nominating Committee (Wayne Heath, Bob McDonald, Jennifer Cummings, Rick Rye, Caroline Brodie, Theo Wolder). Let us support and rally around our new minister by joining our leadership team.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY IN THE ATRIUM!! A Shamrock Shindig is coming to St. Paul's on Saturday March 17, 2018! You're all invited, but only 100 tickets will be sold, \$25 for adults and \$12 for students. The supper, at 5:30 pm, will feature 'authentic Irish food'! We need more entertainment for the show following in the sanctuary. Talk to Nancy Whitnell or Jim Hawkins. Already we have fiddlers, dancers and sing-songs. We're looking for fun, not perfection! This is a great opportunity to showcase local talent of St. Paul's family & friends. Tickets available each Sunday in the atrium from members of our Events Team. Don't forget to wear green at the Shindig! This is a fun-draiser for the work of St. Paul's.

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.

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 Feb 20, 7:30pm
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Mon Feb 26, 7:30pm

M&O Committee Mtg
Nominating Comm. Mtg
St Paul's Council

Lower Level MR 2
Lower Level MR 1
Main Level Hall



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Church Administrator: Cindy Allin info@stpaulsmilton.com

Upcoming Worship

February 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

Sanctuary Worship at 10:00am
Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner

The Annex in the main level hall at 10:00am
Worship Leader: Adam Cresswell

Sunday School for kids during The Annex

Check out our website for information & updates:
stpaulsmilton.com

Music License CCLI # 2223542

Rev. Dr. Skinner's Office Hours:

Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm; Wednesday 10:00am-1:00pm, 6:00-8:00pm
Friday 10:00am-1:00pm

For emergency pastoral care: 905.878.8895 ext 24

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

Office closed on Monday February 19 for Family Day

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