



# Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 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**

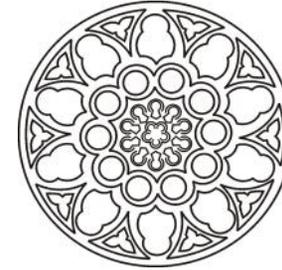
**Worship Leadership:** Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner  
**Music Director:** Don Cassano  
**Piano:** Dawn Brodie  
**Sanctuary Sound Team:** Bill Woodcock  
**Greeting:** St Paul's Choir  
**Scripture Reader:** Carol Hyde  
**Offering:** Jo McDuffe, Wendy Hodgkins  
**Fellowship Time:** Cassie Smith and Jean Morby  
**Baker's Dozen:** Betty Ann Wolder and Maria Postma

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

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

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Today marks the second 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 348

O Love, How Deep

### 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 356

Seek Ye First The Kingdom

### 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

A Rose in the Valley

*Joseph M Martin*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

*p. 539  
Carol Hyde*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:24-33

*NT p. 6-7  
Carol Hyde*

Word For Today

First Things

## 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 575** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

### \* 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 25, 2018

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

**Date Night**, Saturday March 24, 6:30-8:30pm, with Middle School Group Sleepover afterwards. Ask Kim for details!

**Easter Bake Sale**, Sunday March 25 during the services. Bakers needed! Please contact Kim or Lesley for details.

**United Church Observer magazine - deadline to order/renew is February 28!** 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**.

**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. Visitor's envelopes 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](mailto: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 Feb 26, 7:30pm  
Tues Feb 27, 7:30pm  
Wed Feb 28, 3:00pm

**St Paul's Council**  
**St Paul's Trustees**  
**Constitution Committee**

Main Level Hall  
Lower Level MR 2  
Kitchen

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.

### St Paul's Annual General Meeting - Save the Date!

The AGM is scheduled for **Sunday, April 22, 2018**. After worship in the sanctuary, we will have a "potluck" lunch, followed by the AGM. Please bring "finger food" ONLY (eg. sandwiches, cookies, etc., no hot dishes). Please bring the food plated, wrapped well, and ready to serve. There are/will be sign-up sheets in the atrium. Come and support your council and learn more about the life and work of your church. Nominated volunteers will be presented for election. All are welcome!

### SHAMROCK SHINDIG! 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 5:30pm, will feature 'authentic Irish food'! 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-raiser for the work of St. Paul's.



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### The Staff of St. Paul's

**Minister:** Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner [dskinner@stpaulsmilton.com](mailto:dskinner@stpaulsmilton.com)  
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**Church Administrator:** Cindy Allin [info@stpaulsmilton.com](mailto:info@stpaulsmilton.com)

### Upcoming Worship

## March 4 - Third 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](http://stpaulsmilton.com)

Music License CCLI # 2223542

#### Rev. Dr. Skinner's Office Hours:

Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm; Wednesday 1:00-3:00pm, 5:30-7:30pm

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

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