



Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18, 2018

10:30am

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

The Annex - 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

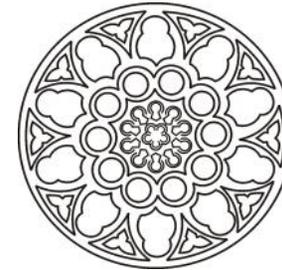
Worship Leadership: Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner
Music Director: Don Cassano
Piano: Dawn Brodie
Sanctuary Sound Team: Hélène Ellison
Greeting: Wally Whitnell, Caroline Brodie, Jo McDuffe
Scripture Reader: Linda Edgar
Offering: Wally Whitnell, Caroline Brodie, Jo McDuffe, Wendy Hodgkins
Fellowship Time: Mary Ellen Lee, Mary McDuffe, Hélène Ellison
Baker's Dozen: Judy Hiscott, Marilyn Elsley
Count Team: Graham and Anne Troake, Diane Dickie

**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 fifth 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.

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

* VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God calls us from many places;
some of us come from busy homes with many people,
some of us from places that are more solitary.
As we gather, we welcome familiar faces,
and acknowledge newcomers and visitors with us.

The past week has been different for each of us;
some of us may have happy news we want to celebrate and give
thanks or some of us may have faced grief and need to heal.
As we gather in this place, we come as we are,
Christ Jesus invites us to be members of God's family.

Today we come to this same place;
seeking God's presence in our lives, seeking God's presence
with each other.
We are called to be the church,
"To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others."
Together we become God's family. Let us worship God together.

* VU 267 Like A Mighty River Flowing

Welcome

The Life and Work of our Community

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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 wel-
come 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 835 Praise To The Lord *Psalm 113*

For The Child In All Of Us

We Listen For God's Word

Choir Anthem Christ Alone *Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *N.T. p.184
Linda Edgar*

Word For Today **Hello, I Am**

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 625** I Feel The Winds Of God Today

* 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!
Amen! Amen! Let us go in peace, amen!**

* 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 - March 18, 2018

Today in the Annex we celebrate the baptism of **Harrison Landry Bennett**, son of Stephanie and Daniel Bennett and also of Harrison's Dad **Daniel**.

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.

Exploring the Topic of Grief. Sooner or later we all experience the grief that comes with change and loss. Would you like to learn more that might help you and help others navigate this often ignored topic? This spring, Rev. Skinner will be leading a five week group meeting using H. Norman Wright's small book "Experiencing Grief" as a guide. Books are available for purchase for \$10. The group will begin on Thursday, April 12 at 2:30pm and meet each Thursday until the last session on May 10. Please let Dale know if you would like to participate or pick up a book in advance. Enrollment is limited to ten participants. A similar group will be offered at a later time and date for those unable to attend this one.

Youth Confirmation. Attention all parents of high school aged youth (grades nine and up). You and your child are invited to discuss the viability and scheduling possibilities for a Confirmation group for later this Spring. This gathering will take place on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00pm in one of the meeting rooms downstairs. Please speak with Rev. Skinner if you require more information and to confirm your attendance.

St. Paul's U.C.W. will hold its meeting on Wednesday, March 21 at 1:30pm in the main level hall. Happy Face Team is in charge. Guest presentation on **Fitness for Older Adults**. Others interested welcome to attend after 2:00pm.

Demonstration of exercises for older adults. The UCW invites anyone in the congregation or their friends to attend a presentation and demonstration of exercises for older adults on Wednesday March 21 at 2:00pm in the main level hall. Chantal Angelis of *Freedom Fitness* is the presenter.

Scripture Readers in the sanctuary service for April and May. Please sign up in the atrium.

Count Team Members. There is an urgent need for volunteers to help count the offering after church services. You will be part of a team and will be scheduled to count every few weeks. Training is provided. Please contact one of the Rick Rye (church treasurer), Hannah Freiberg (envelope secretary) or the church office, for information or to volunteer.

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. 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 combined worship, 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!

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

The Annex worship at 9:45am in the main level hall

Sunday School during The Annex

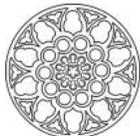
Sanctuary worship at 10:30am

Friday Morning Coffee - every Friday at 10:15am - all welcome!
United Church Women (UCW) - second Wed monthly, Sept-June, 1:30pm

Coming Up

Tues March 20, 7:00pm	M&O Committee Mtg	Lower Level MR 2
Wed March 21, 1:30pm	UCW Meeting	Main Level Hall
Wed March 21, 7:00pm	Parent Mtg - Confirmation	Lower Level MR 2

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



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The Staff of St. Paul's

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Church Administrator: Cindy Allin info@stpaulsmilton.com

Upcoming Worship

March 25 - Palm Sunday

Combined Communion Service with Palm Parade at 10:30am
Sunday School for kids during the service

March 30 - Good Friday

Good Friday Service at 10:30am
Come Walk with Me

April 1 - Easter Sunday

Easter Sunshine Service on the lawn at 9:00am
Easter Service in the sanctuary at 10:30am
Special music from the St Paul's Brass Ensemble

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 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