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Congregational responses in **bold**

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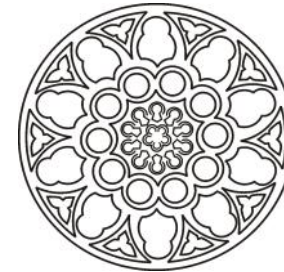
Welcome to St. Paul's United Church
and to our service today - we are happy that you have come!

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.



A warm welcome and a Happy Easter to all! Easter is the holiday that celebrates and commemorates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year. In both the Catholic and Orthodox churches the entire liturgical year of worship are arranged around Easter. Although we know the holiday as Easter, Non-Anglo-Saxon languages follow the Greek word used by the early Christians: Pascha, from the Hebrew Pesach (Passover). Jesus is often referred to as the Paschal Lamb. Although Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ every Sunday, at some point in the first two centuries it became customary to have a special celebration of the resurrection on one day each year. This day is different for Catholics and Orthodox Christians, but the meaning is the same: This day we celebrate the great gifts of Easter -new life, unexpected joy and everlasting hope. This day we celebrate the mystery of Easter - the tomb had been sealed but Christ is risen!

Participating this morning in the sanctuary service

Worship Leadership: Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner
Music Director: Don Cassano
Piano: Dawn Brodie
Special Music: St Paul's Brass Ensemble with conductor Judy Hunter
Trumpet: Randall Least, Bruce Manore, John Martin;
Trombone: Marshall Bax, Lorne Greenwood, Peter Hummel; *French horn:* Sherry Cameron, Jean Cringan
Tuba: Wally Cringan; *Organ/piano:* Don Cassano
Sanctuary Sound Team: Theo Wolder
Greeting: Joanne Dundass, Anne Troake, Jo McDuffe, Wally Whitnell
Scripture Reader: Jim Hawkins
Offering: Joanne Dundass, Jo McDuffe, Wally Whitnell, Wendy Hodgkins
Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith and Jean Morby
Baker's Dozen: Jo McDuffe and Mary McDuffe
Count Team: Blended Team

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

We Gather As God's People

The table at the front is decorated with symbols of the resurrection.

A White Cloth – Symbolic of the shroud the body of Jesus had been wrapped in and then was found empty.

Fragrant Oil – Early on Easter day some women came to prepare Jesus' body for a proper burial after his crucifixion.

A Stone – The stone which sealed the tomb had been rolled away.

Bread – On the first day of Easter, Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. They recognized him when he broke bread with them.

A Cup – The cup represents the life of Christ poured out for us and the promise of God's unconditional love.

A Cross – A symbol of great power and a reminder of Jesus' suffering and death. This cross is now empty and Jesus has landed on the side of Life.

Pitcher of Water – Reminds us of the water of baptism and the Spirit led life we share united in Jesus' own baptism.

A Candle – This sacred story, embodied in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is a light to the world. Like the candle, we also are meant to shine.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship The Testimony of Peter Acts 10:34-35
Adam Cresswell

*** VU 155** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Lighting of the Christ Candle

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (*adapted from John 1*).

**We light candle this knowing that Christ is risen!
 Jesus is the Light of the World,
 bringing a light that shines in us and for us,
 illuminating the way of abundant Life.**

Opening Prayer and the 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.

We Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All Of Us Hallelujah!

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! ...

Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! ...

Praise ye the Lord!

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Responsive Reading Psalm 118:1-24 VU 837

Choir Anthem When In Our Music God is Glorified
trumpet Randall Keast

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8 N.T. p. 55
Jim Hawkins

Word For Today **The Uncontained Spirit of God**

* VU 703 In the Bulb There is a Flower

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

Offering Song Easter Joy

Offertory Response

VU 218 v. 1

**Grant us God the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

Pastoral Prayers

Announcements - April 1, 2018

We Go In God's Name

* VU 232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

* Words of Sending Forth

When it takes hold, resurrection doesn't let go,
it shakes the dead awake,
it shakes the darkness from the light,
it shakes the silence from our throats
and it wrestles death from all that is dying.
As a resurrection people
let us go out into the world
and seek the life no one contain,
for this is the life of Christ.
The life that lives again for the love of all.

* Words of Blessing

* Choral Response

VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude Hallelujah Chorus *St Paul's Brass Ensemble*

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.

Reverend Dale's study leave. Reverend Dale is on study leave from April 2 to 8. Worship leaders on Sunday April 8 are Reverend Maryann Skinner in The Annex and Carol Hyde in the sanctuary service. For emergency pastoral care, contact Reverend Brenna Baker at 905.277.3656.

Scripture Readers in the sanctuary service for 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.

Mark your calendars for this community event. **The Halton Regional Police Chorus is performing at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 12.** This event, Celts 'n Kilts, will feature guests, the Halton Police Pipes & Drums, the Monstrous Beasties and Irish Dancers from the Graham School. The Concert begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and free for accompanied 16 & under. More details later.

Visitors Offering Envelopes. Any donations provided in one of these envelopes will allow the giver to obtain a receipt for income tax purposes. Visitors envelopes are available in the atrium and worship areas.

Donation baskets for the Food Bank and for women and children at Halton Women's Place are available in the main level hall on the south wall. These are ongoing outreach projects of St Paul's the Mission & Outreach Committee. Thank you for your continued support.



The Rose Window Memorial plaque (in the sanctuary) was created approximately 20 years ago to allow folk to recognize and remember individuals who were important in their lives. Order forms are available in the atrium and in the Memorials section of the St Paul's website. If interested, please contact Carol Kerr, Chair of Trustees, (ckerrs17@gmail.com), any member of the Board of Trustees or the church 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. 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

Most 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 April 3 7:30pm
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FET Meeting Lower Level CE Office
Nominations Meeting 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

Sunday April 8

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

Worship Leader: Reverend Maryann Skinner

Sunday School for kids during The Annex

Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am

Worship Leader: Carol Hyde

Check out our website for information & updates:

stpaulsmilton.com

Music License CCLI # 2223542

Rev. Dr. Skinner's Office Hours:

(on study leave April 2-8)

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

Friday 10:00am-1:00pm

For emergency pastoral care during study leave:

Rev. Brenna Baker at 905.277.3656

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 Good Friday and Easter Monday

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