

# Sunday September 23, 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

**Sunday School children** start with their parents and leave partway through the Annex or combined services for Sunday School

**Washrooms** are located off the atrium

**Pew Cushions** are available to the left of the front platform in the sanctuary

**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:** Reverend Dr. Dale Skinner

**Music Director:** Don Cassano

**Piano:** Dawn Brodie

**Greeting:** Sandra, Glen and Heather Shore

**Sound Team:** Bill Woodcock

**Scripture Reader:** Linda Edgar

**Offering:** Wendy Hodgkins and Jo McDuffe

**Count Team:** Rye Team

**Fellowship Time:** Betty Tonelli and Jo McDuffe

**Baker's Dozen:** Anne Troake and Glenda Calara

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

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

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A warm welcome is extended to all this morning. 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 to reconnect with God and with one another. We seek to discern a life beyond life and behold the larger reality Jesus revealed in his own life, death and resurrection. Our aim is spiritual growth, a deeper faith and a loving community.

## **We Gather As God's People**

### **Prelude**

**\* VU 274**

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

### **Call to Worship** *(inspired by James 3:13-4:8)*

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**We long to hear God's Word  
spoken to our hearts.**

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

**We long to learn the timeless ways  
of Wisdom and Righteousness.**

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**We long to live lives of Light and Grace.**

God grants God's wisdom generously  
to those who are humble in heart.

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.

Come near, people of God!

**We come, we knock, we seek, we ask.**

**Let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.**

## We Listen For God's Word

### Welcome

### The Life and Work of our Community

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
full of grace and truth.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all.

**We light the Christ Candle,  
knowing that Jesus is our hope,  
our peace, our joy and the source of love.**

### 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 version below appears in the Anglican Prayer Book of 1662. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.*

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### For The Child In All Of Us

### Choir Anthem

I Hear God's Music

*Besig/Price*

### Prayer of Illumination

*Linda Edgar*

### Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-12; 18-21

*NT. p.260*

### Word For Today

**The 'Isms' That Define Us -  
Cynicism**

## 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 544*

**In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.**

### Prayers of the People

### Minute for Mission

## We Go In God's Name

\* VU 333 Love Divining, All Excelling

### \* Words of Sending Forth

As we return now to our homes, workplaces,  
and communities,  
may God's Spirit open our eyes anew  
to the vastness and splendor  
of the deeper beauty all around us.  
May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch  
The glory of God evident  
in the wonder of creation.  
Above all, let us see God's beauty  
even in the brokenness  
of our brothers and sisters—  
all of them, created in God's image,  
may we celebrate the gift of sacrifice  
and of the hope that comes  
when we follow the way of Christ.  
We go now to love and serve the Lord—Amen.

### \* Words of Blessing

\* Choral Response Let Us Serve Him

Let us go and let us serve him  
with a love for all to see.  
Let us show that we have heard him  
and we believe, yes we believe!

### \* 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 - September 23, 2018

**Attention All Interested Persons** On Saturday, September 29, from 8:30am-10:30am there will be a gathering that welcomes anyone with an interest in being a part of our Christian Development and Education (CD&E) program. A healthy CD&E program needs the support of volunteers like you. We need individuals who can step up occasionally and support the CD&E programs we hope to offer to children, youth and adults. This could include volunteer opportunities to provide occasional teaching, leadership or chaperoning roles. Maybe help with snacks or crafts or planning a summer day camp. It is hoped that we can have a great roster of volunteers so commitments are rotational and volunteers have time to participate in other parts of the life and work of the community. REMEMBER, you don't have to be a young parent to enjoy teaching a Sunday School class or mentoring a young person. All ages and interest levels are welcome. Please RSVP to Dale at [dskinner@stpaulsmilton.com](mailto:dskinner@stpaulsmilton.com). Coffee, tea, juice and muffins will be served. Hope you can make it.

**Calling all youth!** Celebrate Fall by falling out of bed on Sat. Sept 29 and come for brunch at the Church. It is hoped we can spend some time getting to know each other and do some planning for the year ahead. Bring your ideas, bring yourself and feel free to bring a friend! Please RSVP the church office to say you will be there and let us know of any dietary needs.

Plan on supporting the U.C.W.'s **Muffin Mania**, a delectable assortment of muffins for you. Purchases can be made for a **take home treat** after services on Sunday, September 30.

**Grief Group** Are you grieving or would you like to learn more about the topic of grief? There will be a "Grief Group" this Fall at St. Paul's during the month of November on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Books are \$10 and are available from Rev. Skinner in advance.

**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.

**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.

**On the Way to Bethlehem Bowl-A-Thon.** Sat Oct 20 at Champs in Milton. We hope to enter a team to fundraise for the Nativity Pageant in late November, sponsored by Milton Area Christian Churches Working Together. Information and sponsorship sheets are on the bulletin board across from the washrooms. Contact Sue Butson for details.

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

**Upcoming Events sponsored  
by the St Paul's Fellowship and Events Team.**

**Card-A-Rama** at St. Paul's on Friday afternoon, October 12, 2018. Delicious lunch at noon, followed by bridge, euchre and bid euchre at 1:00pm. Fun, fellowship and lots of prizes! Tickets are \$10 each and available from Carol Kerr, Nancy Whitnell or the church office. Tickets will be sold by FET members after services.

**St Paul's Spaghetti Supper**, Sat Oct 27, doors open at 5:30pm, supper at 6:00pm. A fun family event! Adults \$15, children \$10, family \$40, available from Darlene Harris, Nancy Whitnell or soon from the church office.

**Date Night 2**, Sat Nov 10, 7:30pm at St Paul's. Once again the women of the Harmony Singers of Etobicoke and the Queensmen Male Chorus perform an evening of romantic songs! Adults \$20, students \$15, available soon from the church office.

**Journey to the lands of the Bible.** In May of 2019, Rev. Dale Skinner and Rev. Maryann Skinner are planning to lead a group of travellers on a journey through some of the lands of the Bible. The tour has professional guides, air-conditioned coach and will be limited in registration to assure the best experience possible. Tour pricing is all-inclusive (except lunches). There are brochures and registration forms available on the counter in the atrium. Please speak to Dale if you have any questions.

**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**

Mon Sept 24, 7:30pm	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Main Level Hall
Thurs Sept 27, 7:00pm	<b>MACCWT Annual Meeting</b>	Lower Level Hall
Thurs Sept 27, 7:30pm	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	Lower Level CE Office
Sat Sept 29, 8:30am	<b>CD&amp;E Welcome Program</b>	Main Level Hall
Sat Sept 29, 10:30am	<b>Youth Group Brunch</b>	Main Level Hall



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**The Staff of St. Paul's**

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**Upcoming Worship**

**Sunday September 30**

Worship Leader: Reverend Dale Skinner

**The Annex at 9:30am** in the main level hall

**Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am**

*Sunday School during The Annex*

**Thanksgiving Sunday October 7**

Combined Annex and Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am with Communion

**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 2:00-4:00pm, 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday 3:00-5:00pm, Friday 9:30am-12:30pm

(office hours are subject to change)

Appointments welcome via phone or email

**Main Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm, closed noon to 1:00pm for lunch

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