

**Sunday January 6, 2019**

**11:00am**

**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 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 come to fellowship time following our services for conversation and refreshments!

**Participating this morning**

**Worship Leadership:** Reverend Dr. Dale Skinner

**Music Director:** Don Cassano **Piano:** Dawn Brodie

**Greeting:** Wendy Hodgkins **Scripture Reader:** Karen Tyrer

**Sound Team:** Helene Ellison **Offering:** Wendy Hodgkins

**Count Team:** Sue Paul, Graham and Anne Troake

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

**Bakers Dozen:** Mary Ellen Lee and Helene Ellison

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.

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

**We Gather As God's People**

**Prelude**

**\*VU 81** As With Gladness Men of Old

**Welcome**

**The Life and Work of Our Community**

**\*VU 82** A Light Is Gleaming

**Call To Worship**

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

**We will find the Babe in the laughter of children,  
in the wisdom of grandparents.**

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,  
where the oppressed are set free.**

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**We will find the Child where humility meets humility,  
where true human connections are made.**

We gather wanting to know,

'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

**We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,  
where hatred is overwhelmed by love,  
where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

**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.**

## We Listen For God's Word

### For The Child In All Of Us

### Choir Anthem

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12                      *Karen Tyrer*

**Word For Today:** Little Christmases

## 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

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet, what I can I give him – give my heart.

### Minute For Mission

### Pastoral Prayers

## We Go In God's Name

### \*VU96

Will You Come And See the Light

### \*Sending Forth

Let us be the people you have seen a great Light.  
Let us go into the world in the Light of Christ's presence  
and seek his presence especially when the shadows creep in.  
Let us share this Light of Christ's wondrous grace  
With ones who are exhausted and tired;  
May the gift of Christ's newness override our weariness;  
May we be ones who see and know and hear and trust in His goodness  
that we may have the energy, the courage, and the freedom to live  
in accordance to the Prince of Peace with deep joy and high hope  
in this brand new year and forever. Amen.

### \*Blessing

### \*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.**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of  
**Mabel Coulson** by Carol Hyde, Lisa Madill, Ron and Linda Break*