

St. Paul's United Church

185th Anniversary - Nov. 26th, 2017

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Introduction & Menuet Boellmann

***Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***Lighting Christ Candle**

***Introit:** Come Touch our Hearts MV 12 (vs 1)

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy and praise we celebrate.

Let the Lord reign, for God is loving, just and merciful

From God's hands we are blessed, by the Word we are led.

Come, see, pray and know the Lord

We come to worship with all our hearts!

*** Gathering Hymn:** God of the Bible MV 28

Prayer of the day

Gift of Music: The Lord God Made The Earth and Sky - Sleeth
Duet: Muriel Falkenstein & Kirsten Simpson

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Sharing our Story Alcoholics Anonymous Terry

Narrative Lectionary Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 Bob Miller
Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem I Trust in The Lord Martin

Sharing our Story: Adult Learning (GED Program) Sarah Dunne

Preacher's Focus Scripture: Psalm 100:1-5 Bob Miller
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Message The Natural Monastery Of Later Life:
Reflections on Spirituality and Aging Bill Randall

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** I Have Called You By Your Name MV 161

Sharing our Story: They Shared Their Light

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah McKenchnie

Duet: Alexis Ervin & Dr. Sharon Pond

Dedication Verse: What Can I Do? MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** Rejoice, the Lord is King VU 213

* Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):

From this service of celebration we go,

strengthened by the stories of God's love we have heard.

Go to the world to serve the Lord of life and King of kings.

We go with joy to live lives of praise!

God who is faithful from generation to generation sends love to embrace us, grace to free us and the holy spirit guides us as we walk into the future. Amen.

Choral Closing: To Show By Touch and Word VU 427

**Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.**

**Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.**

Ministry of Music: Finale from Sonata No. 1 Guilmant

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Announcements

Greeters:

Ushers: Left Side: Bob Miller & Roger Miller
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes
Coffee: November 26 Worship

St. Paul's Marks 185 Years

Today we celebrate our 185th anniversary. Thank you to our guest speaker Bill Randall, author, gerontologist and former minister at St. Paul's. Everyone is welcome to attend a potluck lunch following the service.

Today in Sunday School: The Wise King

Anchor Point: We can ask God for what we need. Bible Verse for the month: "God gave Solomon wisdom and very great understanding." 1 Kings 4:29. Bible Story: Solomon Dedicates the Temple—1 Kings 8:1—66. After its dedication, the Temple became the focal point of all religious practices in Israel—the place where God could be specially honoured, sacrifices made, and where God's chest containing the covenant would sit.

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Cathy and Danny King in the death of Cathy's brother Terry Flannigan whose memorial service was held yesterday in New Maryland.

Christmas Wish Tree Reminder!

Thank you for supporting the Children's Wish Tree. Please be reminded to return your gifts on or before **Sunday, December 3rd**. If you have questions or need help finding your special gift, please contact Carrie Phillips at #459-8586 or by email carrieph74@gmail.com

Advent Recitals: Spend your lunch time at St. Paul's United as we celebrate the Advent season with music. On Wednesday, December 6th, we will have Piano and Flute music offered by Dianne Roxborough Brown and Julie Grant, and on Wednesday, December 13th, Dr. Sharon Pond will offer us her gift through the playing of the Organ. Following her playing there will be a Reception and CD launch for her CD of Christmas music played on the organ. Get your copy, and take in some of the music in person. We hope you can make it to one or both of these days as we make our way through the Advent season towards Christmas.

The **Advent Carol Festival**, held each year at St. Paul's, will take place on Wednesday, December 6 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Local church and community choirs will join us to present a program of new, as well as familiar, Christmas music. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to join in the festive singing. A freewill offering will be received with proceeds going to the CBC Feed a Family Campaign.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Reading: Come to St. Paul's to hear the classic story, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas as read by Tim Yerxa. There will be musical offerings as well from The Vocal Collective, Sharon Pond, and Alexis Ervin. Join us for the story and the music at 7 PM on Friday December 15th. There will be a Free Will offering at the door in support of **CBC Feed a Family**

St. Paul's Upcoming Events

Dec. 3	1st Sunday of Advent—please return gifts Pantry Sunday
Dec. 6	@ noon Advent Recital—Sanctuary @ 7:30 p.m. Advent Carol Festival
Dec. 13	@ noon Advent Recital, CD launch & reception
Dec. 15	@ 7 p.m. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas reading

Last week of Advent/First week of Christmas Schedule

Dec. 21	@ 7:00 p.m	Blue Christmas/Longest Night (@ Wilmot)
Dec. 24	@ 10:30 a.m.	Advent 4: Love
	@ 3:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve Service
	@ 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candle-light Service
	@ 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion Service
Dec. 31	@ 10:30 a.m.	Joint Worship @ St. Paul's

Christmas Wreaths: *Last Day to Order*

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is again raising funds through the sale of beautiful fresh double sided Christmas wreaths. We will take orders for undecorated 12 inch balsam fir wreaths @ \$12 or decorated wreaths @ \$14. To order please call Nancy MacGarvie 455-3026 or Sue Short 455-5377 Please pick up at Wilmot on Sunday, December 3rd.

When you are planning Christmas financial donations please consider the **Interchurch Refugee Committee**. We have been supporting several new refugee families. Our costs have been greater than anticipated due to unexpected expenses. In order to meet commitments to our families we need to raise funds. Donations will be gratefully received to your local church treasurer and designated for the interchurch Refugee Fund. Many thanks.

A Christmas Nativity 'Tea' will be held on Friday, December 1 from 2-4 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring a variety of lovely nativity scenes. Enjoy sandwiches and sweets along with tea and coffee. Free-will donation. No reservation required.