

# St. Paul's United Church

## SONG OF FAITH- WE SING OF JESUS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

\*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #348 *Oh Love, How Deep*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (SAID IN UNISON)

Jesus announced the coming of God's reign  
a commonwealth not of domination  
but of peace, justice, and reconciliation.

**He healed the sick and fed the hungry.**

He forgave sins and freed those held captive by all manner of demonic powers.

**He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender.**

He preached and practised unconditional love

Love of God, love of neighbour

Love of friend, love of enemy

**He commanded his followers to love one another as he had loved them.**

And so we his followers gather to worship this day.

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ  
is in us and in Our world.

#### INTROIT: VU # 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

OPENING PRAYER (SAID IN UNISON)

**You have given us a new day, dear God, and we begin today by honouring you and offering our love. We sing our grateful praises to you. We ask that you would be present to us in this place, and fill our hearts with your compassion and grace. May peace and joy fill your house, great God of all. May we embrace the work and ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen**

\*HYMN #117 *Jesus Christ Is Waiting*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

### **SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

**Today we are baptizing Emma Grace Nicholson** daughter of Tim & Debra Nicholson, sister of Bryn & Avery.

*(Please follow along with the baptism insert in the bulletin, also if you could leave the insert in the pew when finished so we can use in the future, that would be appreciated.)*

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God, sometimes we forget the things that are most important. For many reasons, our time, money, and energy are spent in places and in ways that really don't have the first place in our hearts.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us to discern what it important. Turn us outward to discern the good in others and ourselves. Turn us outward to see the needs of others. Turn us inward to seek your peace. Help us in all places to feel your presence. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### **WE HEAR THE WISDOM OF THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SAID BY ALL)

**May we hear these ancient scriptures with trusting faith and gentle hope, with creative enthusiasm and honest doubt, rooted in the teachings of Jesus and grounded in your love. May we hear your call in scripture today. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 2: 1-11

INSERT – We Sing of Jesus (you may follow along with the insert in the bulletin)

ANTHEM            Everlasting Arms            Susan Naylor Callaway

SERMON- "Song of Faith – We Sing of Jesus

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### GIVING OF OUR GOOD AND GIFTS

HYMN #664 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

\*DOXOLOGY: #VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

- HYMN VU#120 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

### \*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

#### \* SUNG BLESSING

**Go in love; have no fear.**

**God will guide you, He is always near.**

**Go in Love; take His hand.**

**God will hear you, He will understand.**

**May His light forever shine upon you.**

**May His peace be always in your heart.**

**Go in love; face each day.**

**God will lead you, He will show the way.**

**Go in love and live in faith. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.

Ministers: All the People of God with the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Lay Reader

Colin Whiteside

Director of Music

Paul Sloan

Pre-Service Music

Rick Taylor

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## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A special welcome to all new friends as we gather to celebrate God's presence in our lives. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer, please make yourself known to us. If you have any questions, our greeters would be delighted to help you. Please put your name, mailing address and email address in our guest book so we may have a record of your visit. **Coffee today following the service will be served in the Great Hall, compliments of our Faith Formation Christian Development committee, please join us for this time of fellowship.**

**No Flash Picture taking during Baptism Service**

Please refrain from doing so during the service. You are welcome to take pictures after the service at the front of the church. Thank You!

**Name Tags:** if you do not yet have a name tag or you are still wearing the Dove tags and would like a regular name tag please check in the alphabetic boxes on the bookcase near the mailboxes. If your name tag is not there, please call, email or write out your name on a piece of paper and put through the office door and a name tag will be made for you for the following week and put on the shelves near the mailboxes for you to pickup. Thank You!

**Board Meeting and reports:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the parlour. Your reports and motions are due into the church office no later than **Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank You!

**UCW monthly meeting** on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the parlour. Bag lunch, everyone welcome.

Royal Canadian Legion Midland Ladies Auxiliary is having a spaghetti dinner on Friday March 2 from 5 to 7pm. Tickets are \$8.00 kids eat ½ price under 10 years old. Tickets on sale at the door or at the Branch.

A special thank you to Naw Doh for her volunteer help in cleaning the church. Mary Ellen

**Sunday, February 12, 2012, 7:00 pm** at St. John's United Church, Alliston the covenant service for Reverend Bev Irwin and Northern Waters Presbytery. Presbytery Chair Brian Nicholson, DLM will preside. Guest speaker: Reverend Philip Dallimore 56 Victoria Street East, Alliston, ON L9R 1L5

**Sunday February 26, 2012, 4:00 pm Rev. Bright Yun** wishes to invite the congregation of St. Paul's to attend his covenanting service at Coldwater United Church 14 Harriet St.

**Bible Study** is on Wednesday at 11:30am to 1pm in the parlour, come join us! Bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea will be provided, all are welcome! We are studying the "Song of Faith".

**Schedule by Room - Weekly and Monthly Activities at St. Paul's**

**Monday** Drop In Centre 8:00 – 10.30 p.m. Gym  
 Monday Beavers 6:00 – 7:00pm Gym/Choir Rm  
 Monday Cubs 7:00 - 8:30PM Gym/Choir Rm  
 Monday Vox Huronia 7:00 – 10:00 pm Sanctuary  
 Monday Yoga 5:00 to 8:00 pm Rm # 10 (Spring & Fall)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Monday M&P 7:00 pm Parlour  
 3rd Monday The Circle 7:00 – 9:00 Parlour  
 Monday Girl Guides Executive 7:00 – 9:00 Chapel (Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr)

**Tuesday** Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30 Gym  
 Tuesday (not 1<sup>st</sup>) Scouts 7:00 to 9:00 pm Gym  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday UCW Executive 9:30 a.m. Parlour  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Fellowship Club 7:00 – p.m. Gym  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday UCW 12:30-4:00pm Parlour  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Worship Committee 11am Minister office  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Communication Committee 7:00 - p.m. Parlour  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Property Committee 7:00 - p.m. Chapel  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Scout Executive 7pm Upstairs  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (Sept, Nov, Feb, June) Official Board 7:00 – 9:00 pm Parlour

**Wednesday** Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30 Gym  
 Wednesday Bible Study 11:30- 1:00 Parlour

**Thursday** Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30 Gym  
 Thursday Little Treble Makers 4-5pm Rm #10  
 Thursday Children's Comm Choir 6:30 – 8:30pm Rm #10  
 Thursday Pathfinders 6:30-8:30pm SS Rm#1  
 Thursday Venturers/Rovers 6:00 – 9:00 Log Cabin  
 Thursday Church Choir 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Chapel  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Order of Eastern Star 4:00 – 11pm Gym  
 2,3<sup>rd</sup> &, 4th Thursday Guides 6:30 – 8:30pm Gym  
 3rd Thursday Outreach Committee 2:00 – 4:00pm Parlour

**Friday** Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30 Gym  
**Last Friday mth** Faith Formation Family Night 5:00 – 9:00 pm Gym

**Saturday** 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist 9:00 am-1pm Chapel

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** Faith Formation-Education 11:30-1:00pm Upstairs Sunday  
 School Room

If you are interested in more information on any of these Committees and groups, or see changes that need to be made, please call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY YOU MAY CALL KAREN AT HOME AT 705-355-0224 OTHERWISE PLEASE CALL CHURCH AT 705-526-6077. KAREN NOW HAS HER OWN EMAIL ADDRESS: [MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM). YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.**

Please keep the following people in your prayers: we are happy to see Milne Dick back at church and doing much better, Norma Graham at home, Amara Van der Zwan, Doug Mosley at home, Frank Mustard at home, Joan Doolittle and Evelyn Banks in Hillcrest in your prayers and anyone else who may need our support by prayer at this time.

**Saturday March 3, 2012 - 9am-5pm - Emmanuel College in Toronto *Day With Emmanuel*** is an event for prospective students who are interested in delving deeper in their theological and spiritual journey and/or considering a vocation in ministry/chaplaincy or music ministry. Prospective students are welcome to bring a guest(s). Emmanuel offers excellent graduate programs with part-time learning options, competitive financial aid and scholarships including the *MDiv Entrance Tuition Grant* for 2012 and 2013, opportunities for non-credit lay studies and continuing education, and the benefit of studying within the University of Toronto, Victoria University and ecumenical consortium of the Toronto School of Theology. More information about the event and registration is available on the website at [WWW.EMMANUEL.UTORONTO.CA/PROSPECTIVE](http://WWW.EMMANUEL.UTORONTO.CA/PROSPECTIVE) or contact the Admissions Counsellor Leanne O'Neil at [LEANNE.ONEIL@UTORONTO.CA](mailto:LEANNE.ONEIL@UTORONTO.CA) or 416-585-4464.

**Dinner & Movie** – Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm at Hillcrest Village in the Celebration room - sponsored by Knox Presbyterian church. Cost is \$10 which includes supper and the movie, which is “Courageous”. See poster for more information on how to get tickets.

See posters showing the line-up of talent Brookside music is bringing to the church in February and March:

March 7 – Jelena Milojevic – Accordion – Tickets \$20

March 24 – Carmen – Tickets \$40 – Students \$25

Tickets can be purchased from Johnstone's Musicland. See poster for more information.

Once again this year All Saint Anglican church 1 Peel St, Penetanguishene will be opening up the hall to let crafters show and sell on Winterama Weekend. This is on Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Table rental is \$20. Please call Sue Savage 705-549-8708 to book a table.

**We Sing of Jesus**  
**Sunday, February 12, 2012**

We find God made known in Jesus of Nazareth,  
and so we sing of God the Christ, the Holy One embodied.

We sing of Jesus,  
a Jew,  
born to a woman in poverty  
in a time of social upheaval  
and political oppression.

He knew human joy and sorrow.  
So filled with the Holy Spirit was he  
that in him people experienced the presence of God among them.  
We sing praise to God incarnate.

Jesus announced the coming of God's reign—  
a commonwealth not of domination  
but of peace, justice, and reconciliation.

He healed the sick and fed the hungry.  
He forgave sins and freed those held captive  
by all manner of demonic powers.  
He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender.  
He preached and practiced unconditional love—  
love of God, love of neighbour,  
love of friend, love of enemy—  
and he commanded his followers to love one another  
as he had loved them.

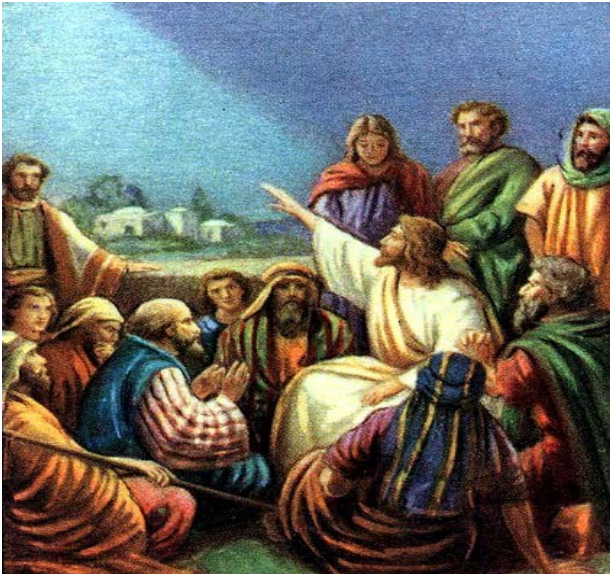
Because his witness to love was threatening,  
those exercising power sought to silence Jesus.  
He suffered abandonment and betrayal,  
state-sanctioned torture and execution.  
He was crucified.

But death was not the last word.  
God raised Jesus from death,  
turning sorrow into joy,  
despair into hope.  
We sing of Jesus raised from the dead.  
We sing hallelujah.

By becoming flesh in Jesus,

God makes all things new.  
In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering,  
God empowers us to live in love.  
In Jesus' crucifixion,  
God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world.  
In Jesus' resurrection,  
God overcomes death.  
Nothing separates us from the love of God.

The Risen Christ lives today,  
present to us and the source of our hope.  
In response to who Jesus was  
and to all he did and taught,  
to his life, death, and resurrection,  
and to his continuing presence with us through the Spirit,  
we celebrate him as  
the Word made flesh,  
the one in whom God and humanity are perfectly joined,  
the transformation of our lives,  
the Christ.



Jesus teaching about the kingdom.