

St. Paul's United Church

SONG OF FAITH

WE SING OF SCRIPTURE AND WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #326 O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing*
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (SAID IN UNISON)

We offer our worship this day as an outpouring of gratitude and awe. May we open ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, and to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

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)

Holy one, scripture is a song for the journey, the living word passed on from generation to generation to guide and inspire, that we might wrestle a holy revelation for our time and place from the human experiences and cultural assumptions of another era. Call us to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Amen

**HYMN #374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

Sacrament of Communion

Sanctus and Benedictus VU# 932(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation (Sung twice) VU#933

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer following Communion

**We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the present of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world
united in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ. Amen**

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

The Spirit breathes revelatory power into scripture, bestowing upon it a unique and normative place in the life of the community.

**Forgive us when we abuse scripture by interpreting it narrow-mindedly, using it as a tool of oppression, exclusion, or hatred.
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

Psalm 19 verses 7 - 10

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

ANTHEM Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise Jay Althouse

SERMON- "Song of Faith – We Sing of Scripture and Worship!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GOOD AND GIFTS

HYMN #343 I Love to Tell the Story

**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#313 *God, Whose Almighty Word*

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**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

Judy Frey

Director of Music

Paul Sloan

Pre-Service Music

Rick Taylor

Administrator

Judy McConnell

Custodian

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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 Trustees, please join us for this time of fellowship.**

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!

Fellowship Club Valentine Potluck Dinner – Tuesday February 7 at 5pm in the Great Hall. This first meeting of 2012 is open to Fellowship club members, and anyone interested in either joining the club or just participating in an evening of food and fellowship. Please bring your choice of a meat, starch, vegetable or dessert dish for four people as well as your own plate and cutlery. Beverages will be provided. Join us and beat the February blahs!

UCW executive will meet in the parlour at 10am on Tuesday, Feb 7th.

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

I would like to thank everyone in my St. Paul's family for their cards, flowers and words of condolence on the recent passing of my father Ray Faulkner. At the memorial service there was a beautiful bouquet which said from "Your family at St. Paul's" that touched my heart more than I can express. Thank You! Judy McConnell

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.

Unity United Church Women invite you to attend their 4th Annual Valentine Tea/luncheon on Saturday Feb 11 from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Unity United Church, Vasey corner of Vasey Rd & Rumney Rd. Free will offering.

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 st 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 st)	Scouts	7:00 to 9:00 pm	Gym
1 st Tuesday	UCW Executive	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
1 st Tuesday	Fellowship Club	7:00 – p.m.	Gym
2 nd Tuesday	UCW	12:30-4:00pm	Parlour
2 nd Tuesday	Worship Committee	11am	Minister office
2 nd Tuesday	Communication Committee	7:00 - p.m.	Parlour
2 nd Tuesday	Property Committee	7:00 - p.m.	Chapel
2 nd Tuesday	Scout Executive	7pm	Upstairs
4 th 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 st Thursday	Order of Eastern Star	4:00 – 11pm	Gym
2,3 rd &, 4 th Thursday	Guides	6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym
3 rd 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 th Day Adventist	9:00 am-1pm	Chapel
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1st Sunday	Faith Formation-Education	11:30-1:00pm	Upstairs Sunday School Room
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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. YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Milne Dick at home, 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.

There will be a celebration of **Fred McConkey's** life at the Wye Marsh in the back classroom on Saturday Feb 11th from 12-3 with ceremonies between 1-2.

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".

Par & Giving Envelopes: If you have not received a set of envelopes or you would like to go on PAR (your donation deducted automatically from your bank account each month) please contact the church office at **705-526-6077**. **We encourage anyone giving on a regular basis to use envelopes or PAR so they can receive a tax receipt at the end of the year!!!**

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

Feb 8 – TorQ-Perussion Ensemble – Tickets \$20

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 18th from 10am to 2pm. Table rental is \$20. Please call Sue Savage 705-549-8708 to book a table.

We Sing of Scripture and Worship
Sunday, February 05, 2012

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as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
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Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
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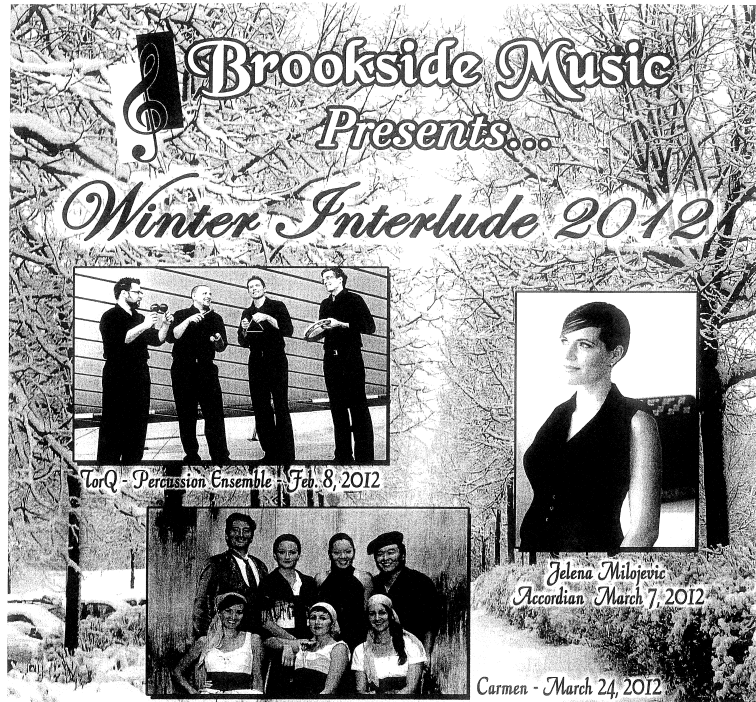
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The wholeness of scripture testifies
to the oneness and faithfulness of God.
The multiplicity of scripture testifies to its depth:
two testaments, four gospels,
contrasting points of view held in tension—
all a faithful witness to the One and Triune God,
the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.



Location: St. Paul's United Church, Midland

Time: TorQ & Jelena - 7:30 p.m.

Carmen - 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: TorQ & Jelena - Adults \$20 Students \$15

Carmen - Adults \$40 Students \$25

*Enhance the experience of Carmen with a pre-concert dinner
package featuring a Spanish meal at Explorer's Cafe.*

Dinner & Opera package tickets - Adults: \$80 tax and tip included.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT JOHNSTONE'S MUSIC LAND
OR ONLINE AT WWW.BROOKSIDEMUSIC.COM OR BY CALLING 705-528-0521

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