

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND
SUNDAY, February 3, 2013
HOLY COMMUNION

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #509 / The Lord of Sea & Sky*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Something awakened us this morning – perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sounds of alarm on the shelf.

All: And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day.

One: Something moved us this morning – we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

All: And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

One: May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we serve our God.

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: **Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace.
I can feel the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

OPENING PRAYER

THEME CONVERSATION - John 12: 1-11

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN #129 Said Judas to Mary*

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 AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

We have come to your table O God. May the bread and the wine remain always for us symbols of your love and of your light on our path and in our world.

(The children may go up to Sunday school now)

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 READING: VU # 740 Psalm 19

ANTHEM

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN VU# 130 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN # 602 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN Hallelujah Amen #974

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(Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary)

Postlude

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. **Please join us for coffee after the service in the gym compliments of the Communication.**

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

Lay Reader: Tom Hazell

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

Pre-Service Music: Rick Taylor

Administrator: Judy McConnell

Custodian: Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for February – *Bill & Trudy Coveyduck*

Wilma Plews & Ewing Rae will be delivering
the DVD's for the month of February.

Yvette Todd will be in the Nursery today.

Captain of the Counters for January – *Ria Gerritsen*

Communion Preparers – *Cathy & Byron Metzgar*

Thank you to our Communion servers today.
Phone 526-6077 Fax 526-4020
Email: stpaulsunited@rogers.com, Website: stpaulsmidland.org
Office hours Monday thru Friday 9-12, 1-4pm

The 2012 tax receipts are ready in the parlour for pickup. Thank You!

Our condolences go out to Pat Giles & the McAdam family due to the passing of Pat's mother **Evelyn McAdam** on January 28th. Please keep Pat and her family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Sharon Whiteside her sister **Margaret Olsen nee (Rivet)** passed away on January 4th, and she will be greatly missed by her family. Please keep Sharon & Colin and their family in your prayers.

Newsletters: Your Communication Committee needs your help. We have a small route in Penetang that is in need of someone to deliver newsletters 3 times a year. If this interests you please call Sheila Thompson at 705-526-2186. *Thank You!*

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK FEB 4TH THRU FEB 8TH			
Monday	M&P	7:00 pm	Parlour
Tuesday	UCW Executive	10:00am	Parlour
Tuesday	Fellowship Club Pot Luck	7:00pm	Gym
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel

Don't forget to let the church know if you're meeting day or time changes!

The Observer: would you like to receive this award winning magazine monthly. If you are presently getting the Observer and wish to continue doing so, you need do nothing. If you are not receiving it and would like please contact the church office. Donations are always welcome to the church to offset the cost of the subscriptions. The cost for one year is \$20.00, but donations of any size are accepted. Please indicate on your envelope that the monies are for the Observer. We reach out to our community by providing copies to nursing homes, and other locations throughout the Midland area. For more information please call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH. 2013
VALENTINE POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT
REFRESHMENTS AT 5:30
DINNER AT 6:00 PM – Everyone Welcome!**





The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be on **Sunday February 24th** in the sanctuary following the morning service. Everyone member and non members are invited to attend this meeting and take part in the future of your church. Reports for the Annual Report are due in the office! *Louise Leck, Congregational Chairperson*

An information evening has been organized on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It is a free event. This would be especially helpful to parishioners who work in, or have family members who work in emergency, correctional, military, medical and nursing services and see tragic events every day. The event has been organized by the family of the Midland O.P.P. constable who took his life last April. The registration page is:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6y0xi023893078f&llr=isdxdingab>

Are you or someone you know in need of dental hygiene care, but can't afford it? Below, please find information about the "Gift from the Heart" program. For the fourth consecutive year Registered Dental Hygienists all across Canada will be giving a different type of GIFT this Valentine's weekend. On Saturday February 09, 2013 Registered Dental Hygienists all across Canada will open their hearts and clinics to provide oral health care to the public who may be financially unable to receive dental hygiene care or who have difficulty accessing dental hygiene treatment; at no cost. **MIDLAND**, Genesis Dental Hygiene Care/Nicole Brunelle RDH 340 First Street, Midland, ON 705-526-3600

WWW.GENESIDENTALHYGIENECARE.COM

The Hygienics Studio in Midland/Roma Czech RDH
741 Yonge Street Unit 3, Midland, Ontario 705.526.3232

WWW.THEHS.CA

GATEWAY Centre for Learning Formally Midland Reading Council

we offer FREE confidential services to both adults and youth/children in reading, writing, math, computer skills, employability skills and life skills. We want to reach those in need to increase people's quality of life. We also have a demand for volunteers to tutor our learners.

For Further Information Call Contact:

Gateway for Learning, 488 Dominion Avenue, Midland, ON 705-527-1522 or email me at ILVDRESSAGE@HOTMAIL.COM

DVD library of past services is located on the bookshelves in the middle row of the church towards the north side of the sanctuary. If you are unsure, please ask a greeter or Sheila Thompson. The DVD's are copies of past services and are available for anyone who may have missed a service, or enjoyed one so much that they'd like to watch it again, or share it. DVD's can be picked up and returned at your convenience.

Lay Visitor cards are on the back window sill for any of our visitors who need more cards. Thank you to all our visitors for the very important work they do for the church!

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.

Annual Kitchen Clean up - Thank you to Helen French, Gail Wilcox, Brenda Fleming, Eleanor Hunter, Bernice Matthews, Louise Bath and Mary Graham for helping with the Kitchen cleaning and Inventory. **There are still several items that have been left in the kitchen. They will be in the Great Hall during Coffee Hour. Please take a look!**

4th Midland Scouting will be hosting a **Pancake Supper** on Tuesday February 12th. The Supper will be available from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and tickets are available at the door. Cost is \$7 an adult and \$5 for children under 8. Supper consists of pancakes, syrup, sausages, coffee, tea, juice and dessert. All proceeds will be used to help send our Scouts to the Canadian National Scouting Jamboree in Alberta this summer. Thank you for your support!

SINGERS wanted! – Missa Gaia

We're planning a performance of Paul Winter's "Missa Gaia – Earth Mass" at St. Paul's in Midland for the weekend of April 20, 2013. Some of you sang it last year with Paul Sloan and Blair Bailey. It seems a shame to let all that good work get rusty so, if you've done it before, or if you haven't but wish you had, or if you just want to sing some really interesting, approachable music celebrating Earth Day, please contact Roger Priddle at [705-533-2052](tel:705-533-2052). Rehearsals 7 p.m., Wednesdays, starting January 30th at St. Paul's, Midland.