

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
SUNDAY, January 20, 2013

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #240 Praise, My Soul the God of Heaven*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 (responsive)

One: Tender God, we yield to your gentle guidance.
Like a shepherd, you provide all that we need:
you know when we should lie down and rest,
and when we should rise up and be on the move.
Help us to trust the rhythms of the spirit;
lead us away from compulsive action
and the false peace of apathy.

**All: You restore our souls.
We gaze into still waters
And see ourselves clearly now:
Reflections of your image
Looking back with love.**

One: You lead on the paths that are right for us
and for this planet.
We trust your guidance.
Even in the darkest valleys
and most treacherous passes,
the ground beneath us is firm.
and our confidence is great
that you are with us.

**All: You, Great Shepherd, the ground of our being,
do not desert us.
Our cup overflows with gratitude.
May our lives be filled with compassion and goodness: this is all you ask in return. Amen**

(from "If Darwin Prayed" by Bruce Sanguin)

*HYMN *I Have Called You by Your Name (More Voices)*

*I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are
true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.*

*I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name; speak the word your soul can
claim; offer Jesus' body, given long ago.*

*I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.*

*I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

(The children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (said in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the first of your Holy Spirit melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out fear and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

(This prayer is used in both the Republic and Northern Ireland *Unity*, the newsletter of the Irish School of Ecumenics)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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: John 10: 1-21

ANTHEM *The Hope We Have in Jesus* Roger Thornhill/Brad Nix

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN VU# 747 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

*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 # 562 *Jesus Calls Us*
*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION
* SUNG BLESSING

**Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you,
God is always near. Go in Love; take God's hand.
God will hear you and will understand.
May God's light forever shine upon you.
May God's peace be always in your heart.
Go in love; face each day.
God will lead you, and will show the way.
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.**

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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 Outreach committee.**

Ministers: All the People of God with the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Lay Reader: Iris Williams
Director of Music: Paul Sloan
Pre-Service Music: Rick Taylor
Administrator: Judy McConnell
Custodian: Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for January -*Tom Barber*
Dirk Alberts will be delivering the DVD's for the month of January.
Sheila Thompson will be in the Nursery today.
Captain of the Counters for January – *Tom Barber*

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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.

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK JAN 21 THRU JAN 26 TH

Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Wednesday	Board of Trustees	5:30pm	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel
Saturday	Family Fun Night	4 pm (see bulletin for more info)	

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Faith Formation/Christian Education committee will be hosting an old-fashioned sleigh-ride on Saturday, January 26, 4:00 p.m. at Moreau's farm, 199 Concession 6W, Tiny (one concession north of Wyevale). This is a family event, everyone is welcome. Chili and hot chocolate will be served following the ride.

Official Board will meet on Tuesday January 29 at 7pm in the parlour. All board reports are due in the church office by January 23rd.



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

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!

Seniors Got Talent during the Midland Winterfest: Please register at Askennonnia Senior Centre by Wednesday January 23. Performances will be on Saturday Feb 2 from noon to 3:30pm, participants must be at least 55 years of age.

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.

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Genesis Dental Hygiene Care/Nicole Brunelle RDH
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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

The Board of Trustee's will meet on Wednesday January 23rd at 5:30 in the parlour.

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!

Pop Cans and Boston Pizza Receipts! Don't forget to bring in your Boston Pizza receipts we get a % of each bill, the box is on the radiator near the large stairs going down to the gym. Pop cans go to help Habitat for Humanity and the container in the hallway outside the Administrator's office.

Congratulations to **Helen French** upon receiving the Queen's Jubilee award for her work with the Canadian Cancer Society. Helen was honoured and received her award at the church on Thursday, January 17th.

We have been informed that Anne & Jim McKean announce the death of Anne's parents **Sue and Bill Rowland**. Sue died on Dec 6th in Orillia after a brief illness. Bill followed her on January 13th after a spirited and graceful life after dealing with a stroke for 9 ½ years. Anne and Jim are planning a Celebration of Life Service sometime towards the end of April, date and time to be announced. Condolences may be sent to Anne and Jim at jhmckean@sympatico.ca

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.