

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND
SUNDAY, January 27, 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 (unison)

**Risen Lord,
You walk through this earth
using the feet of very imperfect disciples;
may every race and generation take time to
look up and see you,
draw nearer, listen and worship,
and turn to follow you. Amen**

Prayer from Australia,

*HYMN #570 *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

(The children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Remembering that in his life, passion and death Jesus identified with the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized
in society, let us join in a litany of intercession for all for whom Christ suffered and died and for all for whom he lives today:

Voice 1: Let us pray for all who commit themselves to God's mission to establish human relationships based upon freedom and justice.

Voice 2: Save us from indifference and give us courage to work for justice and responsible freedom.

All: O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants.

Voice 1: We pray for the affluent in developed and developing
countries that they may not succumb to materialism.

Voice 2: Help us to discover our worth in terms of what we can
become as persons rather than in what we own or consume.

All: O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants.

Voice 1: We pray for countries where there is exploitation of natural
resources..., where the earth is desecrated to satisfy the lust for profit.

Voice 2: Save us from misusing what you have given for all to share.

All: O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants.

Voice 1: We pray for all tribal and aboriginal peoples threatened with dispossession and the loss of ancestral lands.

Voice 2: Help us to remember that the land is yours and that we hold it in trust for future generations.

All: O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants.

Voice 1: We pray for all minority communities faced with the loss of their cultural identity.

Voice 2: Help us to respect each person's way of life.

All: O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants.

Voice1: We pray for refugees forcibly uprooted from their homeland to live as aliens in other lands.

Voice 2: Help us to find human solutions to this human tragedy.

All: O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants.

Voice1: We pray for all peoples separated from one another because of religious or political differences.

Voice 2: Help us to work for tolerance, dialogue and good will among peoples of differing faiths and political convictions.

All: O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants.

*adapted from the Worship handbook of the 7th Assembly
the Christian Conference of Asia, Bangalore, 1981.*

The response is a 4th-century Egyptian prayer

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: John 11: 17-44

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

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN VU# 326 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*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 # 586 *We Shall Go Out in Hope of Resurrection*

*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 United Church Women.**

Ministers: All the People of God with the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
 Lay Reader: Bea Nayduk
 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.
Antje Clarke will be in the Nursery today.
 Captain of the Counters for January – *Tom Barber*
 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!

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK JAN 28 THRU FEB 1 ST			
Tuesday	UCW Kitchen cleaning	9:00am	Kitchen
Tuesday	Official Board	7:00 pm	Parlour
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!

Thank you to everyone who came out to partake in the Family Fun Night Sleigh ride. Thank you to our Faith Formation committee for organizing the day.

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.

A thank you from Helen French...I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their good wishes and congratulations on my special day January 17th...it was overwhelming. Thanks again ...Helen French

UCW Kitchen cleaning and inventory will be done on Tuesday January 29th at 9AM. *Anyone who has dishes left in the kitchen please pick them up before Tuesday.*

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**

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!



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*

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.

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488 Dominion Avenue

Midland, ON 705-527-1522

or email me at ILVDRESSAGE@HOTMAIL.COM

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!

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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Midland, Ontario

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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.