

# St. Paul's United Church

## Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Processional Hymn #81 As With Gladness Men of Old*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God of God, Light of light, very God of very God

**You are the Light of the World!**

Object of the Magi's search, subject of a king's chagrin, fulfillment of the prophet's preaching,

**You are the Light of the World!**

Mary's son, Joseph's child, God's Incarnation,

**You are the Light of the World!**

We gather to worship and adore you,

Lord Jesus Christ,

**You are the Light of the world!**

#### 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 His mighty power and His Grace.**

**I can feel the brush of angels' wings**

**I see glory on each face,**

**surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

#### OPENING PRAYER (SAID IN UNISON)

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, God,**

**Come to calm our whirling minds,**

**To slow the busy throbbing of our hearts,**

**To quiet the static of our lives.**

**Enter into our worship this day**

**And make your presence obvious to us.**

**Give us strength to walk with you,**

**With open minds and hearts,**

**Like the shepherds and the Magi**

**Of the first Christmas, and, like the first Epiphany,**

**"Let there be light!"**

*\*Hymn #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Members of St. Paul's Karen Community

(The children may now go up to Sunday school)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (SAID IN UNISON)

**God of the constellations and distant star fields, you call out to us from all corners of creation, drawing us to the side of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive our failures to journey on with you. Forgive our short-sighted visions and our yearnings for yesterday. Forgive our complacency with the status quo. Help us to see what you see, to dream what you dream, and to follow where you lead, in Jesus' name we pray. 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**

Epistle Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1-23

SERMON

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

GIVING OF OUR GOOD AND GIFTS

*Hymn # 96 Will You Come and See the Light*

*\*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#679 Let There Be Light*

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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.

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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. **Please join us for coffee in the Great Hall compliments of the Communications committee.**

**Sermon Series:** Starting next week Karen will be doing a sermon series on the United Church of Canada's 2006 faith statement called "A Song of Faith".

**Mission and Service** our target for the year 2011 is \$24,560 for M&S and World Development combined at present we have raised \$26,140.

**The Circle** the next meeting will be on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Villa Retirement lodge on Yonge st. We will meet in the lobby of the retirement section. Everyone welcome! For more info call the church office.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Nora Russell in GBHB, Milne Dick at home, Ofelia Fullerton in GBHB, Norma Graham at home, Joe Lalonde 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.

Do you like to stitch and sew? **The Sunday school needs you!** We have a special Sunday school project in January that requires assistance during Sunday school to complete some simple sewing with the kids. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our children and young people better, share a valuable skill with them, and have fun together! Please speak to Rachel Leck if you would like to participate. We would also appreciate donations of spare fabric, yarn, buttons or other similar sewing notions.

**Pledge Cards:** Please return your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. We use the pledged amount to help us with our 2012 budget. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 705-526-6077.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Fred McConkey**, a member of St. Paul's, on January 1<sup>st</sup>. A memorial service will be held in the future.

**Poinsettias:** We have a few at the front of the church which were not picked up, if you would like to have one please help yourself.

**UCW** will meet next Tuesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 in the parlour. This will be our annual installation of officers. See you there!

**Talent Survey:** The information on the surveys have been entered on the computer. We are compiling all the information and will be in touch with people soon if they indicated they are interested in a church group or committee. If you have not yet filled out a survey and wish to do so please see Judy in the church office Monday thru Friday. 705-526-6077

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

<b>Monday</b>	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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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

<b>Wednesday</b>	Co-op Nursery School	10:30-11:30	Gym
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30- 1:00	Parlour

<b>Thursday</b>	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> & ,4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Guides	6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Outreach Committee	2:00 – 4:00pm	Parlour

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

<b>Saturday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist	9:00 am-1pm	Chapel
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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	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](mailto:MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM). YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.**

**Worship Committee:** Will meet on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Karen’s office.

**2011 Annual Meeting & Report:** budgets, and 5 year plans should be into the office, if you have not submitted the above information please do so asap. Committee reports are due by the first week in January, 2012. Thank You! **The Annual church meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will immediately following the morning service and everyone is encouraged to attend!!**

**Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday January 11at 11:30am to 1pm in the parlour, come join us! Bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea will be provided, all are welcome!

**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!!!**

**Fellowship Club:** Will not be meeting in January, but will resume on Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> with a Pot Luck Dinner! See you then!!!

**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 coat area near the minister's office.

**Christmas Pictures:** Thanks to George Leck for the wonderful pictures of the Christmas luncheon and the Cantata on the bulletin boards at the Easy Street entrance.