

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY/ALL AGES WORSHIP

SUNDAY, March 24, 2013

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

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

(All who are able and willing are invited to join in the procession that will begin outside the front of the church)

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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 Cayley Black

O Holy One, we come prepared to cheer on our holy leader and hallowed child of Wisdom. Jesus, the anointed one.

Our need is as great today as it was for those ancient pilgrims to honour and salute the presence of truth and beauty and goodness. For we have wandered far from Wisdom, and we find ourselves cheering for all the wrong things and all the wrong people. Now we join in with this holy procession of hope, that we might look into the heart of Christ and see our own sacred heart reflected back, empowering us to stay with Him, and stay with our own deep integrity, when the forces of chaos conspire to shake our conviction and make peace with an unholy convention. Amen (from "If Darwin Prayed" by Bruce Sanguin)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

(Today the offering will not be brought forward)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM City of God

Daniel F. Schutte

(Please remain seated for the hymns during "THE PASSION"
but stand for the final Hymn #135)

PASSION

The Story of Jesus during Holy Week

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

(based on Luke 19: 45-47)

Jesus Celebrates the Passover

(based on Luke 22:14-23, 31-34)

Choir: #466 "Eat This Bread"

Jesus Prays in the Garden

(based on Luke 22: 39-46)

Hymn #133 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

vs 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his grief away:
learn from him to watch and pray.

Jesus is Arrested

(based on Luke 22: 47-53)

Hymn #133 "See him at the Judgment Hall"

vs 2 See him at the judgment hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
see him meekly bearing all;
love to all his soul sustained.
Shun not suffering, shame or loss:
learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Peter Denies Jesus

(based on Luke 22: 54-62)

Hymn #132 vs 1,2,3 "Bitter was the Night"

vs 1 Bitter was the night,
thought the cock would crow forever.
Bitter was the night, before the break of day.

vs 2 Saw you passing by
told them all I didn't know you.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

vs 3 Told them all a lie,
and I told it three times over.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Jesus is put on Trial

(based on Luke 22: 63-32:25)

Choir # 137 vs 1 "The Love that Clothes Itself in Light"

Jesus is put to Death
(based on Luke 23: 26-49)

***Hymn #135 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” all verses**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess, the wonder of his glorious love,
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Waiting

We ask that the congregation refrain from any applause and after the singing of “Stay With Us Through the Night” leave the sanctuary in silence, to remind us that Easter had not yet come and that our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified.

*** SUNG BENEDICTION**

***Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger,
till the morning breaks again.
Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the grief.
Stay with us, blessed stranger,
till the morning brings relief.***

*(Walter Farquharson, Ron Klusmeier – Voices United #182)
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(Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary)*

POSTLUDE

WELCOME!

Are you new to St. Paul’s?

Whether you’re just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more info about St. Paul’s and get connected into the

community.

What to expect - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. **Please join us for coffee downstairs in the Great Hall compliments the Stewardship committee.**

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

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

Pre-Service Music: Rick Taylor

Administrator: Judy McConnell

Custodian: Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for March – *Sheila Thompson*

Diane & Graham Patchell will be delivering the DVD's for the month of March.

Heather Wilson will be in the Nursery today.

Captain of the Counters for February – *Heather Wilson*

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Office hours Monday thru Friday 9-12, 1-4pm

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK MARCH 25TH THRU MARCH 31ST

Tuesday	Board Meeting	7:00pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	4:00pm	Sanctuary
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel
Friday	Good Friday service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Sunday	Sunrise Service	7:00am	Little Lk Park
Sunday	Breakfast at church following sunrise service		
Sunday	Easter Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER



Each Easter we decorate our chancel for Easter Sunday with flowers that are placed in memory of loved ones. The flowers are purchased from the Children's Community Choir it is a fundraiser for them.

This Easter for our Memorial Flowers we are offering a collection of Spring Flowers 6" Pot Easter Egg Mums \$9.00, 6" Pot of Daffodils \$8.00, 6" Of Tulips \$ 8.00, 8" Pansy Bowl \$9.00 6" Pot Hydrangea – Blue or Pink \$20.00. These flowers will be displayed in the church on Easter Sunday after which you can take them home. Please call or drop by the church office (705-526-6077) to order a flower in memory of a loved one! All orders for flowers must be placed by **Monday morning, March 25th**. If you simply wish to purchase a flower to help the Children's Choir they must also be place by March 25th. Thank You!

Please join us for a Fellowship Evening on Tuesday April 2nd at 7pm at the Midland Huronia Museum. A presentation will be given by curator Jamie Hunter, then, we encourage everyone to tour the museum. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Talent Auction May 11th 2013: Please find slips on the back window that can be used to fill out the information regarding any handmade items that

you might like to donate. Just to give you some ideas, suggestions of past donations from our talented parishioners are on the back. Please submit your slips to the church office or put on the collection plate by April 12th 2013 and items should be in by April 25th.

Help Wanted – We are looking for 3 people to deliver newsletters (3) times a year. Two routes are in Midland and one is in the Midland Point area. Please contact the church office or speak with Sheila Thompson if you are able to volunteer for these positions. Thank You!

Monday March 25th – Frank Graham Cycle Liberation Tour and Boston Pizza invite you to join us for dinner one again. Boston Pizza has graciously agreed to donate 10% of all food sales between 5 and 8pm. Thank you for your support.

Chair Lift: Our chair lift is out of service right now while we wait for a part. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Out of the Cold – our Lenten project: Please find envelopes for your donations on the back window of the sanctuary. Your cheque should be made out to “St. Paul’s United Church” our Trust Funds will match the total raised on this project. Please have your envelopes in by Easter Sunday March 31st. Thank You! **So far we have raised \$2757.00.**



CELEBRATING LENT & EASTER SEASON

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL’S THRU THE EASTER SEASON

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
MARCH 28TH AT 4PM IN THE SANCTUARY

MARCH 29TH GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 10AM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE MARCH 31ST AT
LITTLE LAKE PARK NEAR THE FLAGPOLE 7AM
FOLLOWED BY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT
ST. PAUL’S STARTING AT 8AM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE BREAKFAST!

EASTER SERVICE AT ST. PAUL’S MARCH 31ST AT 10AM
COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN THE GREAT HALL AFTER THE SERVICE

Board Meeting – the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 26th in the Parlour at 7pm. Committee reports and motions should be into the church office no later than Tuesday March 19th. Thank You!

ST. PAUL’S EASTER FOOD DRIVE!

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UCW GARAGE SALE APRIL 26TH 10AM TO 2PM

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT RECYCLING ALL

THOSE ITEMS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED OR USE. RECYCLE THEM TO THE
UCW GARAGE SALE ON FRIDAY APRIL 26TH - PENETANG LEGION

YOU CAN DROP THINGS OFF AT THE LEGION ON THE AFTERNOON OF
THURSDAY APRIL 25TH FROM 1-4PM OR MORNING OF THE SALE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TONY STILES @ 705 540 0031

Sunday March 24th & Easter Sunday March 31st. Please bring your dry

