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Director of Music: Paul Sloan

Sunday November 24, 2013

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU#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 His mighty power and His 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 (*Please pray quietly to yourself*)

Gracious and compassionate God, we know you do not will that any should suffer needlessly. Yet confronted by suffering in our own lives and the lives of others, there are many questions we cannot answer. Help us to find peace by resting in your love; teach us to be patient with all that is unresolved within us. Teach us your compassion, that we might not hurt others thoughtlessly, but instead bring light and hope; in the name of Jesus, the suffering Servant Messiah, we pray. Amen

*HYMN: *VU#359 He Came Singing Love*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S

(children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of everlasting mercy, hear our prayer today, as we bring our lives before you. We come as people who dwell on the past. We want to face your new day with life and hope in our hearts, but many times the events of our own lives weigh us down. We forget to forgive one another. We dwell on our own past mistakes. We refuse to bury dead issues and worn-out memories. Free us, free us from ourselves, God, so that we might walk your new pathways, alive with grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SPECIAL MUSIC – Ner Da Shee

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

GOSPEL READINGS: Luke 1: 68-79 and Luke 23: 33-43

CHORAL RESPONSE –Jesus Remember Me

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN #266 Amazing Grace

*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

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #149 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*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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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. **Thank you to the M&P committee for hosting coffee today in the Great Hall! Everyone is welcome!**

Lay Reader

John McCullough

Pre-Service Music

Rick Taylor

Administrator

Judy McConnell

Custodian

Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for November is Ken Woods
Diane & Graham Patchell will be delivering DVD's.
Captain of the Counters for November is Tom Barber
Yvette Todd is in the nursery this week.

Today we bless the prayer shawls that have been donated to the church. Thank you to everyone who has brought in a prayer shawl for this very popular ministry and wool.

Official Board Meeting on Tuesday November 26th at 7pm. Thank You!

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Thank you for your support in helping CFBG to reduce hunger in the world. There are envelopes on the back window to submit your donations in. If you could please get your donations in by today that would be appreciated!

Family Fun Night! On Friday November 29th we'll meet in the Great Hall 6:30 to 8:00 pm to decorate the trees down there and



make Christmas crafts and decorations. Everyone Welcome!!!



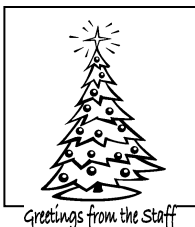
*JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP
AND CHRISTMAS DINNER
TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD*

Refreshments-5PM Dinner-6PM
Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased from Diane
Marr At 705-526-4596 or from Judy in the office.

Christmas Newsletter: Is ready today for the visitors to pick up. Thank You!

Memorial Poinsettias: Once again this Christmas we will be putting memorial poinsettias in the church. Each year we purchase them from the Children's Community choir and it is a fundraiser for the choir. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, or just purchase one for yourself, please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 or stpaulsunited@rogers.com. 6" Poinsettias are \$8.00 8" are \$16.00 & 10" for \$25.00. **All orders for poinsettias need to be in the office no later than Thursday Dec 5th. The colours offered are pink, white and red.**

It is sadness that we announce the passing of **Bob(Orm) Bell** husband of Betty Ann Bell and a member of St. Paul's. The funeral was held yesterday at the church for Bob. Our prayers go out to the Betty Ann and family for their loss.



Dec 8th – Will be our Christmas Pageant Service

Followed by our annual Christmas **pot luck luncheon**

The luncheon is being hosted by the Circle on Sunday, December 8, after the morning service. We hope everyone will be able to join us for fellowship and lunch. We have made a call for a very special visitor to attend! So we all have to be good until then. See you there, everyone is welcome!

****Men come to Mom's Restaurant, 200 Pillsbury Dr, Midland on Saturday morning November 30th at 8:30am, for Breakfast and fellowship.**

Helping our Veterans:

In response to a recent sermon, Karen has congregation (should you choose) to send Parliament in response to the changes to federal government elected officials. **The the service. It is also available by email as well.**



received a number of requests for a letter to be prepared for members of the to our Prime Minister, Minister of Veteran Affairs and our local Member of Veteran benefits. There is no postage required when letters are sent to our letters are available downstairs for those joining us for coffee following

Disabled parking: the four staff spaces at the side of the church are available on Sundays for anyone who has a disability and requires closer parking! Please be thoughtful of others by only using this space if you are in need!



MUSICAL CONCERTS FOR CHRISTMAS 2013

SATURDAY NOV 30TH

SERENATA CHOIR 7:30PM

SUNDAY DEC.1ST

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHOIR – 7:00PM

SUNDAY DEC 8TH

VICTORIA THOMPSON – CONCERT – 7:00PM

THURSDAY DEC. 12TH

BROOKSIDE MUSIC – *TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE*

A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD- 7:30PM

SATURDAY DEC.14TH

VOX HURONIA CHAMBER CHOIR– 7:30PM

SUNDAY DEC 15TH 2PM

VOX CHOIR – CAROL SERVICE AND FUNDRAISING FOR AN ILL YOUNG GIRL IN OUR COMMUNITY.

PRICE OF TICKETS VARIES FOR MOST OF THESE CONCERTS ARE AVAILABLE AT JOHNSTONE'S MUSICLAND AND AT THE DOOR.

(BROOKSIDE AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE).

COME OUT AND ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THE SEASON!

Typhoon Update- Parishioners in the United Church of Canada have shown their generosity a total of \$235,271.25 has been given by 1515 donors as of Nov 20th. All donations must be received to our church no later than **December 2nd**.

Choir - Practices have begun for the choir Cantata to be presented on December 22nd. Start time for those wishing to join the choir for this amazing Sunday worship service is 8:00pm, Thursday evenings. Practice Schedule: regular choir 7pm – guests 8pm Nov 21st, Nov 28th, Dec 5, **and Tuesday Dec 10th Dec 19th Saturday Dec 21st 9:30am** extra practice and Sunday Dec 22nd presentation of the Cantata at 10am.

Shhh...it's a surprise **Jack O'Hara** will be celebrating his 90 birthday on Dec 1st from 1pm til???? at the Severn Falls Riverhouse Restaurant - from the 400 north take exit 162 the Whites Falls Rd, follow past Big Chute to Severn Falls, restaurant is 200 metres past tracks on left. Please no gifts, best wishes, pictures and memories only. **RVSP John O'Hara 705-528-2728.**

From our Outreach Committee: Santa Claus is coming to town, on the morning of Saturday November 30th; the Outreach Committee will be serving hot chocolate again in the front of the church during the Santa Claus parade. The parade starts at 11am and we will have the church open for use of the washrooms and a place to warm up, let your friends know.

The UCW have a limited number of **2013 Church calendars** at \$5.00 each. Please call 705-526-8293 if you would like a calendar.

Christmas Eve luncheon December 24 at 1pm – Once again this year at St. Paul’s we are offering a Christmas dinner for people who may not have a Christmas meal. Next week we will have a list of volunteer positions and food that is needed!

Pledge Cards have been mailed to everyone, your assistance in filling them out and returning to the office as soon as possible is appreciated. This information helps us to work on our budget for the 2014 year.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S
HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR FAMILY

December	2	Marjorie Baks
	4	Ruth Serwotka
	11	Milne Dick
		Gunter Freund
	12	Alex Banman
	13	Kaitlyn Todd
	15	Sylena Vance
	16	Paul Eplett
	19	Law Eh Shee
		Iris Williams
	21	Linda Wilcox
	22	Stanley Gowan
	23	Jacob Edwards
		Carol Morrison
		Lenore Price
	24	Joan Lavin
	25	John Rourke
	26	Don Hayhurst
	29	Marlene Curry
	30	Alex Widmeyer



Advent Services

SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2013

December 1st – 10am
First Sunday in Advent

December 8th – 10am
Second Sunday in Advent & Sunday school Christmas Pageant
Following the service our Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon
Everyone Welcome!

December 15th - 10am
Third Sunday in Advent



