

St. Paul's United Church
308 King St
Midland, on L4R 3M6
Sunday November 17, 2013



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Minister – All of the Congregation

With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU#682 O Day of Peace*

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 (unison)

Knit us together will all of your creation, O God, joining us as one body in Christ's name. Breathe into us your inspiration for justice. Light our lives with grace-filled self-giving. Fire our hearts with the Good News. Unlock our minds with your revelation. Gift us with your presence, we pray. We come in prayer and in silence.... (wondering what to pray? There aren't magic words. Rest in the silence, name people, places of joy and/or concern. Trust in this sacred listening.) Amen

*HYMN: *VU#444 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Christopher David Hopkins

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Today we are baptizing

*Kaydence Georgia and Jackson Christopher Hopkins
daughter and son of Jackie & Chris Hopkins*

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS

MINISTER: Will you who form this community of love and faith keep those baptized and making vows this day in your hearts and prayers? Will you be an example of faith, hope and love to them all? Will you walk with them on their journey of faith and share with them in the work and ministry of Jesus Christ, here at St. Paul's United Church.

CONGREGATION: We will, God being our helper.

A NEW CREED VU # 918 (said in unison)

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

There was a dream

**Wolves and sheep together nations at peace
weapons of war turned into tools of harvest**

There was a dream

**the vulnerable supported
poverty and injustice broken
the aching made whole**

And this dream of God became flesh

**on the tongues of the prophets
in the dreams of the people in the body of Christ**

And this dream of God becomes flesh

**in you and in me
as we follow in God's holy way
and live the love of Jesus.**

**Forgive us when we fail to live out
the dreams you dream, O God.**

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

GOSPEL READING: Isaiah 65: 17-25

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN #335 At the Name of Jesus

*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 #330 *Jesus Shall Reign*

*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 Stewardship committee for hosting coffee today in the Great Hall! Everyone is welcome!**

Lay Reader

Pre-Service Music

Administrator

Custodian

Bruce Wilcox

Rick Taylor

Judy McConnell

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

Melissa Middleton is in the nursery this week.

NO FLASH PICTURE TAKING DURING BAPTISM SERVICE

Please refrain from doing so during the service. You are welcome to take pictures after the service at the front of the church. Thank You!

Today welcome **Kaydence and Jackson Hopkins** by baptism, **we also welcome Christopher Hopkins** by baptism and confirmation.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Thank you for your support in helping CFGB 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 the 24th of November that would be appreciated!

Change in date of the November UCW meeting - due to another function the **UCW meeting has been moved to Tuesday November 19th at 12:30** in the parlour. It will resume to the normal 2 Tuesday in December. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Next Sunday November 24th we will be blessing **our prayer shawls**. Please bring in any shawls that you may have ready. Thank you to everyone who has contributed shawls, this ministry has given great comfort to very many people.



*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.

The Circle will meet on Monday November 18th at the home of Bev Truax 414 King St. at 7pm. Diana Scott will demonstrate how to paint on rocks. All ladies are welcome! Call office 526-6077 if you need more information.

2014 Envelopes if you have not picked up your envelopes they are on the small table at the front of the sanctuary on the west side.

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.

2014 Committee Budgets – your assistance in getting your 2014 budget into the church office as soon as possible is appreciated.

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!



Helping our Veterans:

In response to last week's sermon, Karen has received a number of requests for a letter to be prepared for members of the congregation (should you choose) to send to our Prime Minister, Minister of Veteran Affairs and our local Member of Parliament in response to the changes to Veteran benefits. The Canadian Ombudsman for Veteran affairs has filed a lengthy scathing report calling on the government to immediately make changes. If you are interested we have letters and envelopes that you can sign and send.

**You will need to sign your name and put in your address at the bottom of the letter. On the envelope you will need to fill in the return address in the appropriate area, with your name and address. There is no postage required when letters are sent to our federal

government elected officials. The letters are available in the parlour and/or downstairs for those joining us for coffee following the service. It is also available by email as well.



Christmas Season Food Drive on Sunday November 24th, Dec 1st and December 8th. The shelves need to be filled to provide through the winter months. Please count your many blessings and give to those in need. All donations of food will go to the Salvation Army food bank. Your donations of Non-perishable items are greatly appreciated.

St. Paul's United Church – Givings till the end of October/2013

<u>Monthly Contributions</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2013/Budget</u>	<u>Over/(short)</u>
General Funds	\$152,991	\$ 174,605	\$ (21,614)
Loose Offerings	\$ 3,028	\$ 3,667	\$ (639)
Total Contributions	\$ 156,019	\$ 178,272	\$ (22,253)
<u>Mission & Service-Givings</u>			
M&S World Dev.	\$ 600	\$ 1,250	\$ (650)
Mission & Service Cong	\$ 23,027	\$ 21,683	\$ 1,344
Total M&S Givings	\$ 23,627	\$ 22,933	\$ 694

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!!!

Congratulations **Diane & Graham Patchell** family at St. Paul's!

on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary on November 21st from your

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.**

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 then Thursday Dec 5th. The colours offered are pink, white and red.**

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL THAT NEEDS A VISIT FROM OUR MINISTER, PLEASE CALL OUR CHURCH OFFICE AND LET KAREN KNOW. (705-526-6077)

Christmas Newsletter: The deadline for getting in your reports and poems, stories to the church office is Monday Nov 18th. The newsletter will be ready for Sunday November 24th!

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 14th, 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.

Christmas Concert Session is fast approaching and here are a few of the upcoming concerts here at St. Paul's:

Nov 30th – Serenata Concert at 7:30pm cost is Adults \$20, Students \$15, Georgian Bay Brass. Tickets available at Johnstone's Musicland. Special guests Georgian Bay Brass.

Sunday Dec 1st: - 7pm Children's Community Choir concert. Adults \$10, Senior/Students \$8 tickets at the door.

Sunday Dec 8th at 7pm – An evening of Christmas Carols with Victoria Thompson and friends. Tickets, Adults \$15 students and children 18 and under free admission. (doors open at 6:30pm.) Tickets available at Johnstone's Musicland.

The interim minister at our sister **United Church on Christian Island** would appreciate any donation of plastic or wood hangers (no metal ones as they rust and mark clothes) as well as donations of winter clothing for all ages. They will be opening their thrift store in the church there next week. Donations can be dropped off at our office during office hours.