



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Minister – All of the Congregation  
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

**Sunday October 13, 2013**

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 516 *Come You Thankful People Come*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: We come alive in our playing and learning and growing. We live amid work and leisure, times of relaxation and busyness. We live through former challenges and new enthusiasm.

**All: We worship God in all our living.**

One: We grow by the love of family and friends. We put down foundations here and shape our lives. We hold the memories of the past and share possibilities for the future.

**All: We worship God in all our living.**

#### 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)

**Open our eyes to your everyday-ness; the holiness that is found in the routine of life. May we find you in our daily conversations, around our typical meal tables, and in the everyday faces we love. May we discover your faithfulness, plain as day, in the everyday. Amen**

\*HYMN #412 *This Is the Day*

#### THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER – Sung by Hannah Black

*(Children may go up to Sunday school now)*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

One: Forgive us, God, when we imagine you are present only in angelic hosts and pillars of fire. May we find you speaking to us at the breakfast table, in the headlines of the day, in the people who helped grow and prepare our food.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God, may we fully embrace this extraordinary world and discover you in the ordinariness of life.**

One: Forgive us, God. When we believe your way is only found in a crafted sermon or holy book. May we be ready to discover truth in the voices of our friends, in the noises of creation, in the words of poets and singers, in the silence of the lonely.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God, may we fully embrace this extraordinary world and discover you in the ordinariness of life.**

One: Forgive us, God, when we think our religious institutions can house the fullness of who you are. May we be willing to find you in neighbourhoods of all styles and colours, in small flowers and grand oceans, in relationships of mutual love, in the struggle for justice.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God, may we fully embrace this extraordinary world and discover you in the ordinariness of life.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Live the fullness of life each day,

**All: and our eyes will be opened to God's presence.**

One: Love boldly in the everyday,

**All: and God's present will be discovered in our hearts.**

One: Listen in the world,

**All: and we will be assured 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: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalm 100 VU # 824

ANTHEM *Hymn of Abundance – Fred Pratt Green/Eugene Butler*

SERMON

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*HYMN # 427 To Show by Touch and Word*

**\*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 VU# 520 We Plough the Fields*

\* COMMISSIONING

\* *CHORAL 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

### **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 Property Committee for hosting coffee today in the Great Hall! Everyone is welcome!**

Guest Soloist  
Lay Reader  
Pre-Service Music  
Administrator  
Custodian

Hannah Black  
Sharon Foster  
Rick Taylor  
Judy McConnell  
Mary Ellen Petticrew  
Captain of the Greeters for October is Bud Wooldridge  
Al James will be delivering DVD's.  
Captain of the Counters for October is Ria Gerritsen  
Melissa Middleton is in the nursery this week.

**Fall Food Drive** –this is the last Sunday for our Food Drive. Please be thankful for your blessings and share with those not as fortunate. Your donation of non-perishable items are appreciated. Thank you to everyone who donated food and money!

**PAR Program** This Sunday during the coffee time downstairs for the next 2 weeks, Judy will be signing people up for the **PAR program**. Please consider using our Pre-authorized Remittance plan. All you need is a cancelled cheque and we can sign you up! Why not use the PAR program and then you will not need to worry about envelopes again.

**2014 Envelopes** – If you do not have envelopes at present and would like a set for the 2014 year, please contact the church office, the new envelopes along with your pledge cards for 2014 will be ready in the next few weeks.

**2014 Committee Budgets** – **This week each committee head should have received their budget sheet by email. If you have not received it please let the church office know.**

**Drivers are needed to help a family in our church** (mother and daughter) to attend a special needs program on **Thursday nights**, in Barrie If interested call the church office at 705-526-6077. **\*\*The date our family has one Thursday left: November 28 Thank you to everyone who helped with the driving.**

With winter and darker nights approaching we are asking that everyone please help out in **turning out lights in the church** when your function is over and making sure all of



**Order of Eastern Star** is putting on a lasagna dinner on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7pm. in the gym of St. Paul's Adults \$15, children \$5. For tickets contact Gary Price at 528-0570 or the church office.

**Christian Community Breakfast:** on Wednesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> doors open at 6:30am and breakfast starts at 7am. At the North Simcoe Sports and Rec centre. The speaker is Connie Cavanaugh. Tickets will be available in the church office in early October \$12.50

United Church **Gifts with Vision** catalogue is here – people across United church congregations are making this their choice for gift-giving. This catalogue gives you opportunities to support such gifts as:

- Promote education
- Faith and ministry
- Children and Youth
- Address Poverty and Hunger
- Promote safety



A gift of \$45 will cover a child's uniform and school t

h in Haiti....see the catalogue for many more worthwhile projects.

If you have someone hard to buy for this Christmas maybe a **Gift with Vision** can help! Copies of the catalogue are at the front door of the church, in our library and on the shelves in the middle of the church at the back of the front section of pews, please feel free to take one.

**UCW GARAGE SALE OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - 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 October 25<sup>th</sup> Penetang Legion - You can drop things off at the legion on the afternoon of Thursday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm or early morning of the sale!**

**Family Fun Night:** on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8pm in the church gym. We'll be having a "Pumpkinfest" celebrating all things pumpkin. There will be games, crafts, including decorating pumpkins and snacks. Everyone is welcome!



**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!

**Bible Study** is on Wednesday from 11:30 to 1pm in the parlour and chapel. All are welcome! Our study is called "Living the Question". If you would like to join in please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 to receive the package outlining the study.

Don't forget our video library on the shelves in the middle aisle of the church, for those who may have missed a worship service. Copies of past services are there and can be borrowed.

**Upper Room** – every 2 months we get the newest copy of the Upper Room which is on the bookcase near the mailboxes in the sanctuary. The cost of these is \$1.75. There is a box beside them which you can put the money in. These are a great resource for daily bible readings and reflections. At this time we get 25 copies in so it if first come first serve. Thank You!

**New Audio Visual System – Saturday, Oct 19 from 11am to 1pm** in the sanctuary, the company that installed our new audio/visual equipment is holding a training session on the equipment. If you are interested in learning how to operate this equipment or are interested in learning how it works, please register with Judy in the office at 705-526-6077. Everyone Welcome!