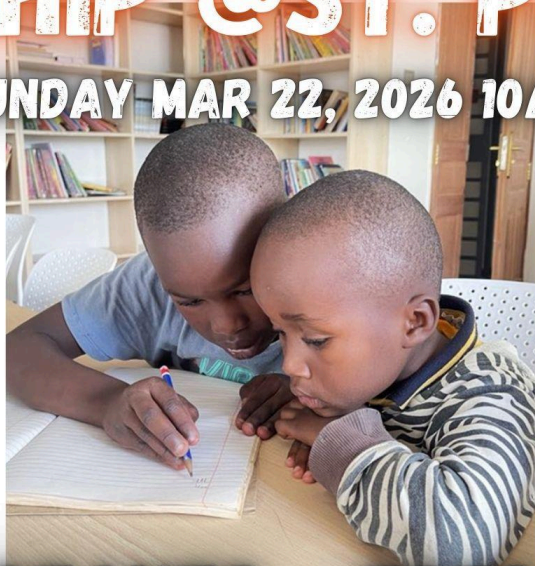


Life 4 Kids! Lent 5

WORSHIP @ST. PAUL'S

SUNDAY - MAR 22, 2026 10AM



GUEST SPEAKER – FRED HACKER

March 22nd, 2026
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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Processional

God, Prepare Me

**God, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You**

Welcome

Check In

Talk about volunteer work you have enjoyed.

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

This week, as we end March Break, we celebrate those who work to make schools safe and welcoming for First Nations, Indigenous, and Metis students. We honour the memory of Shannen Koostachin who campaigned for a new school for her community. Though she died before the new school was built, Shannen's dream lives on in many ways, including scholarships in her honour.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship

Each step on Christ's Way, each step of our lives, takes us to new places, new times.

Some of those are times to rest—
like Jesus did, when he stopped to pray.

Some are times to be challenged—
as Jesus was, by the woman from Syrophonecia.

Some are times to celebrate, even in the face of grief— as Jesus did, when he shared his last meal with his friends.

Whether our bones are dry, our spirits weary, or we are filled with energy, ready to go; this is our time to be together—

listening for the Spirit,

loving one another,

worshipping our God!

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Opening Prayer

Reader: Barb Carswell

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer As we light this Christ Candle,
may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v4 VU#121
**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
If we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.**

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages **Rebecca Amadei**

Song of Praise VU#371 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Introduction of Guest Speaker by Paul van der Wel

Listening

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 NIV **Reader: Charlie Carswell**

Guest Speaker: Fred Hacker (Life 4 Kids) "Show What You Believe."

Song for Reflection Choir Anthem Psalm 23

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music Music Director's choice

Offertory Response VU542 We Give You But Your Own
**We give you but your own, whatever the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully**

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People **Reader Barb Carswell**

Song for the Journey VU#681 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing Chorus May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet

Postlude