

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" VU 1:1,3,5,7

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

O God, may we sense your presence today, bringing us hope and comfort. May we be aware of reasons for hope, even as we note issues that need our attention. May we be mindful of your call to live with peace in our hearts and actions. Amen

MINUTE FOR ST. PAUL'S

STORY Susan Smith

HYMN "I Am Walking a Path of Peace" MV 221
(other verses: hope, joy, love)

CHILDREN'S STORY

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

GIFT OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS Susan Smith
Luke 3: 1-6
Philippians 1: 3-11

ADVENT REFLECTION on ISAIAH 40: 1-5

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING & OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY RESPONSE VU 55: 4

"What Can I Give Him"

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.
words: Christina Rossetti ca. 1872.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYERS FOR HEALING
THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE CENTRE OURSELVES TO GO INTO THE WORLD

A FAITH COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

We will support each other, walking not in front or behind but on the road beside. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

CLOSING HYMN

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" 3x VU 10

BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love
Amen Amen Amen

Words: Don Besig ©1989 Shawnee Press

POSTLUDE



*The Christmas tree
has been donated
by the Greenham family
in loving memory
of Gary Greenham.*

*Special thanks to Laurie McDonald and Janice McCray
for decorating our tree and sanctuary.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nursing in the Korean Context

Our gifts for Mission & Service support overseas personnel like Marion Pope, a registered nurse who served with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) in South Korea for 36 years.

"Hold the gospel and culture in creative tension." These words of her teacher, Dr. Katharine Hockin, guided Marion, who became a wellknown and respected teacher and writer about mission.

"Our questions relate to the struggle to reconcile the truth we see in the gospel with the values of the culture in which we are living and working," says Marion. "Those going to partner churches overseas are all trying to learn how the gospel is understood and being lived by the people of that partner church.... We were not being sent out to change others or to achieve an end. We were being sent out to learn, work, and live with other people under the direction of the church to which we were sent."

As a nursing educator, Marion took this challenge seriously and taught the traditions of Korean nursing, which had been replaced by Western medicine. "[Marion] gave us insight into how to develop nursing in the Korean context: 'Don't just borrow from the West,' she told us. 'Use your own Korean perspective.' We learned from her that Korean nursing has much to offer. Her influence is still being felt," notes Professor Lee Won-Hee of Yonsei University College of Nursing.

Says Marion, "Everything I have done and taught and lived in Korea and Canada was my attempt to reflect the missiology I was taught by Dr. Katharine Hockin and the diaconal ministry taught at the Centre for Christian Studies."

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

LIFE & WORK OF ST. PAUL'S

- Please follow along with the order of service as it appears on the screen at the front of the church. Print bulletins are available for those who prefer.
- Bold text indicates congregational responses.
- Feel free to stand or sit during the singing of hymns.
- If you are interested in more information about our faith community, ask an usher or greeter.
- These facilities are latex and scent free. Please do not bring latex balloons on the premises. Refrain from wearing perfume and heavily scented hygiene products when attending worship or meetings.

Head Usher this morning is Peter Thor.
Please see him with your morning announcements.
For memorial gifts of flowers during December
contact Laurie McDonald, 519-881-3988
or Janice McCray, 519-881-0907.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE PRAYER CYCLE

First United Church, Waterloo; Waterloo Presb.

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WOMEN TOGETHER BOOK CLUB

“Goodnight from London” by Jennifer Robson.
January 22, 2019, 10 am in the parlour.
New members always welcome.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

- December 11 Women Together Walk, 9 am
Women Together Coffee Time, 10 am
Girl Guides, 6 pm
- December 12 Brighter Futures, 9 am
Good News Group (AA), 10 am
Healthy Plate Christmas Dinner, 6 pm
- December 13 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- December 14 Easy Does It Group (AA), 8 pm
- December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas



Schedule

December 16: Joy

In addition to the choir's anthem, Jim Smith and Patrick McNinch will provide special music with guitar

December 23: Love

Christmas Pageant organized and directed by Arlene Legace

December 24: Christmas Eve

Family-friendly Christmas Eve Service with Communion - 7 pm

December 30: First Sunday of Christmas

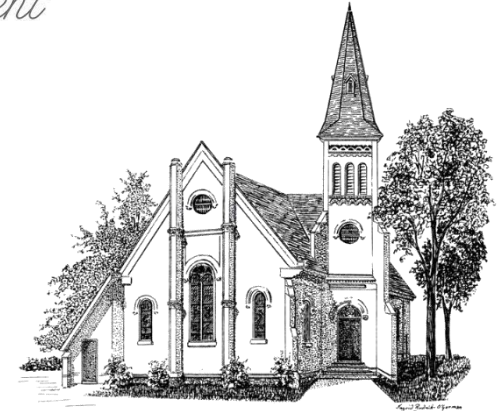
Service of Carols and Readings



St. Paul's United Church

OUR VISION: "YOU ARE NOT ALONE."

Sunday, December 9, 2018



"Enthusiastic Christians committed to a dynamic church and to caring in the community"

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