

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV 161

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

O God, as we gather together in worship, we hope to be nurtured by your Spirit. Today, as we recall the baptism of Jesus, we too long to be claimed as your beloved children, with whom you are well pleased. Amen

MINUTE FOR ST. PAUL'S

HYMN "It Only Takes a Spark" VU 289

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

GIFT OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

MORNING REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING & OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

VU 540

"Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving"  
Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 "How Firm a Foundation" VU 660:1-4

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

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Family Resources Close to Home

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries for families, like this ministry in Nova Scotia. In 1986, Fairview United Church in Halifax opened a family resource centre in its building. The programs the church initiated focused on providing education and support in a safe and welcoming environment.

Let's hear from one long-time participant, now board member Tia Forsythe, about the centre's lasting impact: "I first heard of Parent 'n' Tot (as it was called then) when we first moved here in 2006. While my husband went to work every day, it was hard for me and my three children to make connections.... I was told there was a great playgroup, so off we went.

"It is a decision I am thankful for every day. My children made friends that they still are connected to over 10 years later. I met people who became my support system in the city.... I have been privileged to watch not only my children grow and achieve amazing things, but also the children they met all those years ago.

"The Family Resource Centre has had to move out of the church to a new, larger building. Programs and services offered today include advocacy and referrals, health and wellness, youth, preschool, adult skill development, health and safety, pre-kindergarten, parenting skills and support, and community partnerships.

"I want to say a big thank you to Fairview United Church and also to the people of The United Church of Canada. Through your generous gifts to Mission & Service, you are making a true and lasting impact on communities and in the world, in Jesus' name."

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 Ron Farrell.  
Please see him with your morning announcements.  
For memorial gifts of flowers during January  
contact Jean Ferguson, 519-881-0875.

### **WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS PRAYER CYCLE**

Ebenezer United Church, Campbellville

**GIVINGS ENVELOPES** Please continue to use your current church envelopes until they are finished and contact Laurel in the church office when you need more at any time during the year. Collection envelopes are no longer dated and so any unused envelopes no longer need be wasted.

### **WOMEN TOGETHER BOOK CLUB**

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

**DISCUSSION GROUP** will be meeting on Wednesday, **January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 pm at the church. The topic will be “How do you see the role of the church and other religions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?” Please come and share your views. New members always welcome.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. PAUL'S** is scheduled for Sunday, **February 24**. Everyone mark your calendars! The Story of St. Paul's will be available in February. All committees are reminded that their reports for The Story of St. Paul's are due to the church office no later than **January 15**.

**WOMEN'S HOUSE of BRUCE GREY** This year's collection for Women's House will be on **February 3 & 10**. Rather than collecting items, we will be accepting cash donations only this

year. Special envelopes are available at the back of the church for this and can be placed on the collection plate on those days.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD...**

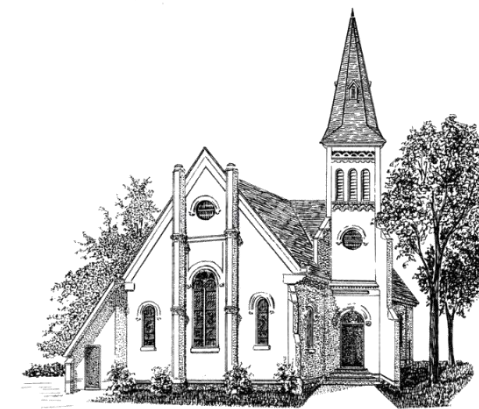
January 15 Women Together Walk, 9 am  
Women Together Coffee Time, 10 am  
January 16 Good News Group (AA), 10 am  
January 17 Choir Practice, 7 pm  
January 18 Easy Does It Group (AA), 8 pm  
January 20 Second Sunday after Epiphany

## **St. Paul's United Church**

**OUR VISION: “YOU ARE NOT ALONE.”**

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Baptism of Jesus



*“Enthusiastic Christians committed to a dynamic church  
and to caring in the community”*

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