

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 8, 2023

10:30 AM

* Stand if you are able **Bold:** Said by all
All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.
Musical Prelude:

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: (projected)
* Gathering Hymn: "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" (#390)
Prayer of Adoration and Confession:
Assurance of Pardon:
Sharing the Peace of Christ:
One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
Choir Anthem: "He's Callin' My Name" (words & music by Patsy Ford Simms)
* Hymn: "One More Step Along the World I Go" (#641)
Time with Our Young Folk:
(Children & Worship and Youth leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" (#442)
(sung by the Choir)
Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 (Beth Smith)
Hebrews 4:14-16
Matthew 3:11-17
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "WHY BOTHER?"

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: "What Was Your Vow and Vision" (#182)
* **Declaration of Faith: Nicene Creed** (#578/projected)
Invitation to Offering
Offertory
* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (#79)

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GUEST MINISTER: Rev. Ian Shaw

ORGANIST: Ian Madge **PIANIST:** Rebecca Stewart

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayers

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) (projected)

SENDING

* Closing Hymn: "Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining" (#376)
* Benediction: "Go Now in Peace" (#830)
* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's. May you experience the enlivening presence of God as you gather with God's family to celebrate God's amazing grace. We extend a special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time today. Please record your presence by signing the guest register at the back of the sanctuary. Bulletins and headphones are available from our ushers.

Greeter: Des Donovan
A.V. Booth: Scott & Kellie Elliott
Reader: Beth Smith
Tellers: Des Donovan and Jack Nicholls
Ushers: Carol Croucher and Linda Vancso
Lift: Jack Nicholls
Children & Worship: Tracy Rodrigues and Janet Fulton
Youth: Wendy Noll

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Best wishes are extended this coming week to Brian A., Klass D., Cal M., George M., Emma F. (#16!), James L. (#95!), and Susan S.!!!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 9 AM TO 4 PM

Outside of office hours, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Questions or comments, please call 519-426-1845 or email stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com

ST. PAUL'S: "A witness in Norfolk to the transforming love of Jesus"

ST. PAUL'S – WEEK of January 8 to January 15, 2023

8	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
	Mon. - Fri.	Café Ministry *church Library*	9:00 – 9:30 AM
9	Monday	Mission Circle Planning Meeting	10:00 AM
		Bless Fest	7:00 PM
10	Tuesday	A.S.A.P.	10:00 AM
		Wass Up Singles	6:00 PM
		Session	7:00 PM
11	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 – 11:00 AM
		Thistle Club	1:30 PM
12	Thursday	Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
15	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:**Sunday, January 8, 2023****BLESS FEST: MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 from 7 PM to 8 PM**

Spotlight: Maggie Smith, a local artist. We invite you to join Maggie as she shares her story and displays her artwork and photography!

LUNCH BUNCH: MONDAY, JANUARY 16 AT THE BLUE ELEPHANT

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Peggy McArthur at 43pmca@eastlink.ca or 519-426-7796.

MISSION CIRCLE COLLECTION FOR THE SUDAN

Mission Circle is collecting the following items, to be shipped in January: **“everything** in reasonable condition, especially **bicycles** in any condition! **And, one time only**, to include **everything** (e.g. **clothing**, boots, books, National Geographic magazines, tools) and **any medical supplies”**. **Tentative deadline for donations: January 16**

MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH AT 7 PM – MOVIE YET TBD

REMINDERS and UPDATES**FINANCIAL NEWS UPDATE: CURRENT TO DECEMBER 12, 2022**

Thanks to all who were able to contribute to St. Paul's 2022 finances. Preliminary figures show that current fund donations are just over \$197,200. The average of the last three years was \$183,300. This increase is wonderful news. St. Paul's has spent about \$3,700 more than we have received; inflation has had an effect on the budget. We start 2023 with just over \$21,000 in the bank. So, thank you all, and as you are able, a regular schedule of donations helps to avoid “emergencies”. January is one of the year's most expensive months.

ANNUAL REPORT: Please have your reports into the office by Sunday, February 5, 2023 (Annual Meeting is Sunday, March 5, 2023).

A.S.A.P. PRAYER GROUP [Always Say a Prayer] Tuesdays 10 – 11 AM

The prayer group will resume meetings on January 10, 2023.

PRAYER BOX: IN WELCOME FOYER, ON THE COFFEE TABLE

For the A.S.A.P. Prayer Group – please note your prayer requests and drop into the “God Box”. The A.S.A.P. Prayer Group will include your request in their prayer meetings.

CAFÉ MINISTRY: WEEKDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:00 TO 9:30 AM

Back at the St. Paul's Library. Hosted by Donna Kovacs. All are welcome to attend this open Bible study. The current topic is “Relationships”.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WINTER PARKING: Please leave the Lot Street parking spaces open for those members who have mobility issues.

BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY POSTINGS: The church office shares birthday/anniversary information that they have on file. If you would like, you may contact the office to update your information and/or to provide direction regarding authorization for posting.

COFFEE HOUR: Please consider signing up to help one Sunday. The sign-up sheet for 2023 is on the Library information table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our regular programs (Children in Worship and Youth) are underway for the Fall session. See you there! Bring a friend!

ADMINISTRATION REMINDERS: Please check your mailbox for correspondence and the bulletin boards for community information. All members are encouraged to wear their name tags. If you would like a name tag or a directory, please contact the office.

E-TRANSFER: St. Paul's can receive donations/offerings via e-transfer. E-transfers will use the email, stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com. To ensure your offerings are directed as you wish, i.e., to Current fund or other, please include this specific information when making the e-transfer.

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE: Remember that our PAR Program is available to help make your offering more convenient. If you would like more information about PAR, or to enroll in this pre-authorized monthly giving plan, please contact the church office for assistance.