

WELCOME to WORSHIP

St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

Worship Leader: The Rev. Piotr Strzelecki

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

May 17th, 2026

WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH on SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER *And ASCENSION*

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the presence
of the Holy Spirit be with you all

And also with you

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God knows us inside out,
upside down, and backwards.

**God notices even the things
we think but never share.**

God wants only good things for us.

**More good things than even
the grains of sand on the beach.**

God is with us wherever we go
and whatever we do.

**Even if we wanted to hide from God,
God would still be with us.**

That means that God is with us
right here and right now.

**God is ready to listen to our prayers
and show us how to live good lives.**

*Brenda Simon, St. Paul's U.C., Fairview, Alta.
Gathering, L/E, 2026, p.42.
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WE SING: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” (VU# 232)

WE ARE NOT ALONE:

The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)

The light of a lone candle
can be seen a long way off.

May our light shine in the shadows of life.

The light of a lone campfire
can be a beacon of hope.

**May our light give hope
to any who feel lost.**

The lights of even the smallest house
can signal a warm welcome
and abundant hospitality.

May our welcome mirror that of Christ.

May this light of Christ
shine through us and into the world.

Amen.

*Beth W Johnston, while at Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.
Gathering, L/E, 2026, p.40.
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-- the candle is lit --

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy God,

**who delights in Creation and invites us into
delight as well, you call us to gather on this day.
We ready our hearts and minds to lift our spirits
in songs of praise and prayers of adoration.
Embraced by your spirit of wonder and delight,
we come to worship you, our God. Amen.**

*Dora White, Minnedosa U.C., Minnedosa, Man.
Gathering, L/E, 2026, p.43.
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MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE LEARN TOGETHER

(time with our younger brothers and sisters)

WE SING: “I Can Feel You Near Me God” (MV# 48)

WE READ FROM OUR SACRED STORY

Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.
May our hearts and ears be opened.*

REFLECTION

WE SING: “There Is Room for All” (MV# 62)

WE DEDICATE WHAT WE BRING:

Thank you, God of abundance,
for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.
Bless what we return to you
for your purposes in the world:

**whether through our regular offerings,
whether through bequests in our wills,
whether through arranging an annuity,
whether through a percentage
of our life insurance,
bless all that we return
by way of a legacy of generosity.**

We give as a sign of our gratitude
for your presence in our lives.

**Bless our journeying
on the Way of Jesus. Amen.**

*Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont.
Gathering, L/E, 2026, p.46.
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OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SING: "Darw the Circle Wide" (MV# 145)

PASTORAL BLESSING

... and may the blessing of God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always
Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

As you go from here, to share
the Good News
with all those you will encounter,
as you go from here ...
may the Peace of the Lord
be with you all.
And also with you.