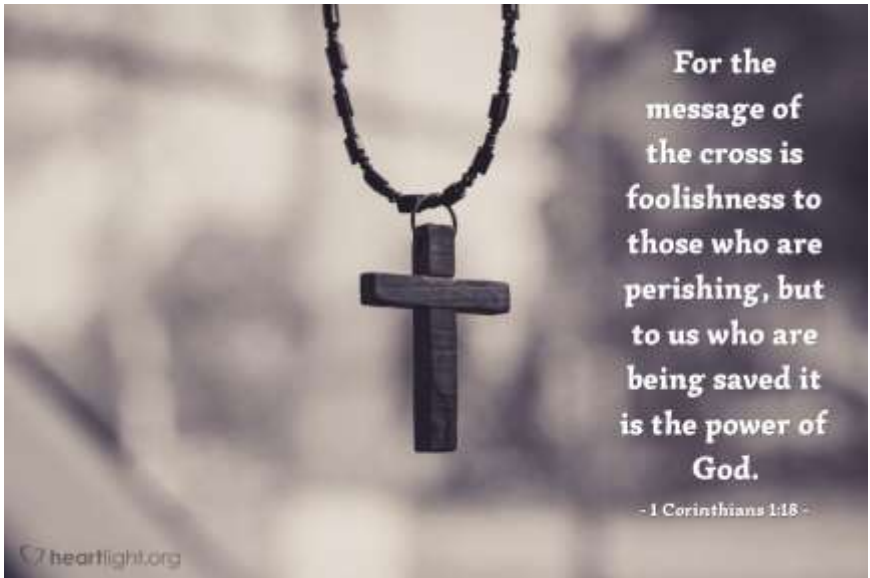


# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021



For the  
message of  
the cross is  
foolishness to  
those who are  
perishing, but  
to us who are  
being saved it  
is the power of  
God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18 -

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## **AS WE GATHER**

The Church has what the world doesn't want: God's Law, which always accuses us sinners, and His Gospel, which allows for no boasting on our part. To this day, Jewish leaders teach that God will not demand what we cannot achieve. What a stumbling block, preaching a Messiah who becomes a sacrifice for our failings, both in our actions and our very nature. The polytheistic society of Paul's day and the secular one of ours both find the Law an encumbrance, preferring to judge by their own standards (or lack of them). What folly, our society believes, to preach a God who chooses people whom everyone knows to be weak. Today is a day for foolish preaching: Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.

## **Announcements**

### **Coming Up:**

Wed. Mar 10 7:00pm Spiritual Support Group

Wed. Mar 10 Recorded Midweek Lent Service  
Available Online

Sun. Mar 14 11:00am Live Streamed Service

I plan to post all the recorded midweek services by noon each Wednesday in Lent so that you may watch them at your convenience.

The links to all services will be posted on our web site:

[www.stpaulsdawsoncreek.com](http://www.stpaulsdawsoncreek.com)

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**Organist / Pianist today (Pre-recorded)**

Dorothy Bartlett

### **AGM Update and Information:**

According to the updated rules due to Covid 19, we have until November 2021 to host our Annual General Meeting. As soon as we are able to gather in person, we will schedule our AGM. While an internet (virtual) meeting is allowed, we prefer to wait until we are able to be together in person.

#### **The following is an Update from our Treasurer:**

Dear members,

First of all, since we will not be having an AGM in the near future, here is a snapshot of what happened in 2020. Home and loose offerings totaled \$ 93,654 for an average of \$1801 per week. Total receipts including all designated funds, interest and Government subsidies totaled \$ 103,645.25 Total expenses came to \$ 119,135.33, which left us with a shortfall of \$ 15,489. Our budget was forecasting a shortfall of about \$34,000, so thru higher offerings and cutting back on some expenditures, we ended 2020 in a better financial position than we were expecting. Praise God!

For 2021, after 9 Sundays, our finances are a little less encouraging. Thru the first 9 weeks, total home offerings total \$10,775 for an average of \$1,195 per week. This is well below what we need to meet budget, and we have a \$7500 shortfall as of the end of February.

I want to encourage you to remember your gifts to God and the work of his church. Many of you continue to give regularly, either weekly or monthly. Thank you for doing so. Some of you may have been, or still are affected financially by the pandemic, and are struggling to make ends meet – we understand that. All we ask is that you continue to support the work of God’s church here in Dawson Creek as best and as regularly as you can. We are all praying that the lockdown will lift soon and we can get back to “normal” Church, and see all of our brothers and sisters in person once again.

In service to Christ and you,  
John Bartlett - Treasurer