

Sunday, December 29, 2019: 1st Sunday After Christmas

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word
of Christ dwell in your richly. (Colossians 3:15-16)*



SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL’S

**REGULAR SERVICES**

* Weekly services held Sundays at 10:00AM
* Interface services - Art based services throughout the year
* Sermons available on our website

**SUNDAY PRAYER**

* Prayer for the service at 9:30AM in the Luke Room
* Individual Prayer in the Chapel during the Sunday service

**SERVING AT ST. PAUL’S**

* Join a Ministry Team (Sunday service team, music team, children’s ministry, Altar guild, or many others)
* Regular or One-Time Giving (cash, cheque, automatic debit, and credit options available)

 **LARGE PRINT MATERIALS** Large print Bibles and
 Books of Alternative
 Services (BAS) are availableat each Sanctuary door.

Page numbers will not be the same as those listed in the bulletin.

 **VISITING TODAY?**

 We want to get to know
 you! Please join us for

 in the Hall for coffee and

fellowship following the service. The greeters are also available to help if you have any questions.





**Assisted listening**

**is available. Please**

**ask a greeter**

**for assistance.**

CONNECT

**St. Paul’s CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**KIDS** Pre-School-Grade 2 in the hall / Grade 3-5 in the Matthew Room

Sunday School teaching is weekly during the 10:00AM service.

**St. Paul’s YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YOUTH** Youth Grades 6-12 meet weekly during the 10:00AM service.

Youth also meetbi-weekly for fun events and devotionals.

**St. Paul’s ADULT MINISTRY**

**ADULTS** St. Paul’s has a number of small groups where you can connect with others through Christ. If you are interested in joining a small
group or starting a small group of your own, please speak with Pat Stretch.

**Opening Song: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

**The Gathering of the Community**

Celebrant: *(BAS pg. 185)* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant:Almighty God,

**All:to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 276)* Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:** **Amen**.

**Children’s Dismissal**

**The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 (pg. 530 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (or Canticle): Psalm 148 (to tune of *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)*)

Praise the Lord! Praise from the heavens; praise Him in the heights above!
Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts who know His love.
Praise Him, sun and moon, and praise Him all you shining stars of light.
Praise Him, all you highest heavens, and you waters in the height.

Let them praise the Lord’s name, for He spoke and they all came to be;
He set them in place forever—everlasting His decree.
Praise the Lord from all the earth, all ocean depths and creatures there;
Lightning, hail, snow, clouds, and winds that do His bidding everywhere.

Praise Him, mountains and all hills, all fruit trees and all cedars too;
Creeping things and flying birds, all cattle and wild creatures too.
Kings of earth and all you nations, princes, rulers everywhere;
Young men, maidens, old men, children—let all earth His praise declare.

Let them ever praise the Lord’s name; His name is exalted high;
For His splendor and His glory are above the earth and sky.
He has lifted up a horn for His own people all their days;
Is-ra-el, the people near Him—give the Lord wholehearted praise!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18 (pg. 846 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Processional Chorus – *O Come, All Ye Faithful***

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

**The Gospel Reading**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23 (pg. 682 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Worship Through Song**

***O Come All Ye Faithful***

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

(*Chorus*) O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God

All glory in the highest (*To Chorus*)

***Immanuel***

A sign shall be given
A virgin will conceive
A human baby bearing

Undiminished Deity
The glory of the nations
A light for all to see
And hope for all who will embrace
His warm reality

(*Chorus*) Immanuel
Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us
Our God is with us Immanuel

For all those who live
In the shadow of death
A glorious light has dawned
For all those who stumble
In the darkness
Behold Your light has come (*To Chorus*)

So what shall be your answer
Oh will you hear the call
Of Him who did not spare His Son
But gave Him for us all
On earth there is no power
There is no depth or height
Could ever separate us
From the love of God in Christ

(*To Chorus*)

**Listening Time**

**Sermon by the Reverend Dr. Myron Penner – Sermon Notes:**

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**Affirmation of Faith – Abundance**

**All: We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing. We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us. We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: *(pg. 191)* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silent Confession*

Celebrant:Have mercy upon us,

**All: most merciful Father; in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Offertory Song: *Angels from the Realms of Glory***

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

(*Chorus*) Come and worship

Come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding

Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
(*To Chorus*)

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star (*To Chorus*)

All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One (*To Chorus*)

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

Celebrant: *(pg. 277)* God of light,

**All: in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 198)* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 219)* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** ***(Sung)*** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 198)* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love……. Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving……by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 211)* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: *(Sung)* Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come on earth as in heaven. Our Father in heaven, reveal who you are. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Feed us today what we need to live. Forgive all our sins as we forgive. And keep us safe. The kingdom is yours, the power is yours, and the glory forever. The kingdom is yours, the power is yours, and the glory forever.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 212)* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 213)* The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Communion**

*You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. There is de-alcoholized wine available in the centre and gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

**Lamb of God**

*(Sung)* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

**Communion Music**

***Joy Has Dawned***

Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for every nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

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Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophesy the story
Gold, a King is born today
Incense, God is with us
Myrrh, His death will make a way
By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam, Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion
What a Savior, what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

***The First Noel***

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds

In fields as they lay
In fields where they

Lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night

That was so deep

(*Chorus*) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

(*To Chorus*)

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

(*To Chorus*)

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

(*To Chorus*)

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

(*To Chorus*)

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: *(pg. 277)* Source of truth and joy,

**All: may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 214)* Glory to God,

**All:whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Congregational Announcements *(John G.)***

**Closing Song: *Joy to the World***

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods

Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

**The Dismissal**Celebrant: *(pg. 215)* Go forth in the name of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Please join us in the hall for coffee following the service.*

**Office Closure and Staff Holiday**

The church office will be closed from December 25-January 1.

Myron will be checking email sporadically during this period.

RJ will be away from December 25-January 7 and will not be checking email.

**A Passion for Mission – Jan. 5**

Please join us January 5 at 8:45AM in the John Room as Nora and Wendell lead this session, “A Passion for Mission.” They will discuss how to acclaim God’s love in Jesus, into our parish life, into our neighborhoods and into the world. All are welcome!



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John Green, *Vestry Member*

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David Parker, *Vestry Member*

Carol Rudat, *Vestry Member*

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**This Week’s Readings:**

Isaiah 63:7-9 (pg. 530)

Psalm 148 (text in bulletin)

Hebrews 2:10-18 (pg. 846)

Matthew 2:13-23 (pg. 682)

**This Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music/Sound: Andrew’s Team/Jennifer

Service Team: Heritage Team

Prayers: David H.; Vestry: John G.

Chapel Prayer: Laurier B. and Pat S.

Kid’s Ministry: Jodi P. (*Kids in service)*

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

Kyle, Stephanie, Jae, Beck, and Luka Armstrong; Dee Cartledge;

Marjorie Morris

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Rupert’s Land; the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft, Bishop. The Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat. Buyé Diocese, Gitobe Parish: Joseph Hakizimana, Rector. Enoch Cree Nation.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams**

Music/Sound: Carol’s Team/Chandra S.

Service Team: B Team

Prayers: Barb M.; Vestry: David P.

Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora J.

Kid’s Ministry: Jodi P. and Abigail P.