*Glory to Christ who is preached among the nations,
and believed on in the world (1 Timothy 3:16)*

Sunday, January 2, 2022: 2nd Sunday After Christmas



ST. PAUL’S COVID-19 RESPONSE

**Welcome!!** During this unique time in history, services will look a bit different than normal. We want to care for the whole parish during this time and one way to care for one another is keeping each other safe. As such, we ask you to follow these guidelines while worshiping with us:

* **Experiencing Cough, Fever, or Other Symptom/s?** Go home immediately andplease stay home for fourteen days following the end of your symptoms.
* Wear a Mask. All parishioners must wear a mask to all services (as per City of Edmonton bylaw 19408). Exceptions to this include children under the age of two and those with a medical condition where wearing a mask is not possible. Masks may be removed when taking communion but must be replaced immediately following. If you do not have a mask, we have cloth masks available in the foyer.
* **Maintain Physical Distance.** At all times, please remain a minimum of six feet (three seat spaces) from all other individuals not part of your family unit. You will find tape on the floor six feet apart in multiple locations to help you maintain this distance. Please also maintain physical distance outside.
* **Listen to the Ushers.** There will be ushers inside and outside to help direct these new procedures. Please heed their direction as they are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.
* **Sanitize Hands Frequently.** Please sanitize your hands upon entry and before taking communion. You may also sanitize as often as you would like during the service. Please also try to refrain from touching surfaces and your face.
* **Recycle Bulletins.** Please do not leave bulletins in the pews. A recycle bin is available at each exit. You may also take the bulletin home.

**Opening 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 citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

*(To Chorus)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee

Born this happy morning

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n

Word of the Father

Now in flesh appearing *(To Chorus)*

**The Gathering of the Community**

Celebrant: 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: God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

**Children’s Focus**

**The Reading of Scripture**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle: Psalm 147:12-20**



***(Refrain)***

**The Lord is good, mighty in power**

**The Lord is good, mighty in power**

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*

 in those who await his gracious favour.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*

 praise your God, O Zion; *(Refrain)*

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*

 he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders\*

 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, \*

 and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; \*

 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. *(Refrain)*

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*

 who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*

 he blows with his wind, and the waters

 flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, \*

 his statutes and his judgements to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; \*

 to them he has not revealed his

 judgements. Hallelujah! *(Refrain)*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Processional: What Child Is This**

This, this is Christ the King

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing

Haste, haste to bring Him laud

The Babe, the Son of Mary!

**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. John.

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

**Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Worship Through Song**

***What Child Is This***

What Child is this, who, laid to rest

On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing

Haste, haste to bring Him laud

The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate

Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christians, fear, for sinners here

The silent Word is pleading

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through

The cross be borne for me, for you

Hail, hail the Word made flesh

The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh

Come, peasant, king to own Him

The King of kings salvation brings

Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise a song on high

The virgin sings her lullaby

Joy, joy for Christ is born

The Babe, the Son of Mary

***What Can I Do (Christmas Version)***

From the high and holy to a manger lowly

The greatest mystery

The world has ever known

How You left Your majesty

To embrace humanity

It awes and humbles me

To be loved by a God so high

*(Chorus)* What can I do but thank You

What can I do but give my life to You

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

What can I do but praise You

Every day make everything I do

A hallelujah, A hallelujah, hallelujah

To the least and lowest

You became as one with us

In our grief and brokenness

You suffered by our side

From a cradle to the cross

Rising up victorious

The Messiah Jesus

Born to us on that holy night *(To Chorus)*

**Listening Time**

**Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Myron Penner**

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**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed**

**All:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer of the People**

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, “Lord, grant us peace.” By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord. Lord, grant us peace. By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**All: Lord, grant us peace. Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: 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: *What Love, My God***

What love my God

Would bring you down to earth?

What king would take a low and lonely birth?

Yet to this dark and broken place you came

To sleep beneath

The stars that you had made

What love my God

Would send the Way of Life?

To walk the road, rejected and despised?

That you might know

The weakness I possess

And be my rock

Of strength and righteousness

*(Chorus)* Oh Your love, my God like a flood

As heaven opened up pouring out on us

O praise the King who came to the world

In his love like a mighty flood

What love my God

Could hold you to the tree

To bear that overwhelming debt for me?

The Son of heaven leaves the Father’s side

The Healer bleeds

The Life was made to die

What love my God, so gracious and extreme,

Was strong enough

To come and fight for me?

To go through hell and down into the grave

And raise me up to see you face to face

You raise me up to see you face to face

*(To Chorus)*

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Source of love and life,

**All: receive all we offer you this day, and through the coming of your Son, help us to see in others him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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: 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 are you, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” 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 to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; 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: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray as we sing,

**All: *(Sung)* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Communion**

*Please listen carefully to the verbal instructions given. You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest.*

**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**

***God With Us***

You've come to bring peace

To be love, to be nearer to us

You've come to bring life

To be light, to shine brighter in us

Oh Emmanuel, God with us

*(Chorus)* Our Deliverer, You are Savior

In Your presence we find our strength

Over everything, our redemption

God with us, You are God with us

You've come to be hope to this world

For Your honour and name

You've come to take sin to bear shame

And to conquer the grave

Oh Emmanuel, God with us *(To Chorus)*

You are here, You are holy

We are standing in Your glory *(Repeat x3)*

*(To Chorus)*

***Overcome***

I can hear the roar it's a mighty sound

Your love is an avalanche

I'm overcome, I'm overcome

With a crash I'm tumbling down

I'm wildly moved and I'm overcome

I'm overcome

*(Chorus)*

By Your grace, Your love, Your peace

You're enough, You're all I need

Everything I could want

Is found in Your love

I'm taken away by a river of peace

On this starlit night

I'm overcome, I'm overcome

I'm lost in the glow of Your majesty

Oh my God how You captivate

I'm overcome, I'm overcome

*(To Chorus)*

Like a snowfall that blankets the earth

My sin has been covered

And I'm overcome, I'm overcome

The price has been paid

The war is already won

The blood of my Savior was shed

Oh He's overcome, and I'm overcome

*(Ch.)* By Your grace, Your love, Your peace

You're enough, You're all I need

Everything I could want

Is found in Your love

Your love, Your love, Your love

You're all I need

Everything I could want

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: Light eternal,

**All: you have nourished us in the mystery of the body and blood of your Son. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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**

**Closing Song: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee

God of glory, Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

Drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee

Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays

Stars and angels sing around Thee

Center of unbroken praise

Field and forest, vale and mountain

Flowery meadow, flashing sea

Chanting bird and flowing fountain

Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving

Ever blessing, ever blessed

Wellspring of the joy of living

Ocean depth of happy rest

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother

All who live in love are Thine

Teach us how to love each other

Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals, join the happy chorus

Which the morning stars began

Father love is reigning o'er us,

Brother love binds man to man

Ever singing, march we onward

Victors in the midst of strife

Joyful music leads us sunward

In the triumph song of life

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**The Dismissal**Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Community Corner for January 2**

**What’s up in Grovenor**, the community where our Parish is located? Please read the Grovenor Community League Winter Newsletter [http://www.grovenor.ca/ uploads/4/7/2/5/47250293/combinepdf.pdf](http://www.grovenor.ca/%20uploads/4/7/2/5/47250293/combinepdf.pdf) Stay up to date on what’s going on in your neighbourhood too, by visiting your Community League’s website or the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues https://efcl.org/

**Keep active while its cold!** Thankfully we have many activities to access for getting fit, whether walking, skating or going to one of our recreational centres. Consider recruiting a friend for a walk at one of Edmonton’s many malls during this cold snap. Looking for a program you can do at home? West End Seniors Centre has an 8-week YouTube program you can do at your leisure. You don’t have to be a senior to benefit from this <https://www.weseniors.ca/resources/8-week-fitness-program-for-seniors/>

**Table Top Adventures**

Table Top Adventures (aka Games Night), typically planned for the first Friday of each month, is cancelled for January 7, 2022 because of the Omicron variant.

**Volunteering**

If you have been thinking about getting involved in our church life and the services, please contact the office. This is a great way to get to know other parishioners!

**Contacting the Office?**

Having trouble emailing the office? Some people have stated that emailing the office didn’t work. If that’s happening for you, please delete and re-add the church as a contact in your address book with office@stpauls-anglican.ca

You can also email Asher directly at asher@stpauls-anglican.ca

**2022 Offering Envelopes**

2022 offering envelopes are now available for pick up from the Office. If you would like envelopes or would like to stop getting envelopes, please contact the office.

**Daily Morning Prayer**

Beginning tomorrow! Please join us every day at 8am for morning prayer on Zoom, except Thursdays and Sundays. Every Thursday we will meet at St. Paul’s in the Chapel to pray and discuss Joan Chittister’s *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*. For morning prayer, we are using the Morning Prayer Service in the BAS. If you would like more information, please talk to Myron or contact the office. The Zoom information is included here and is also available on the website.

Meeting ID: 890 1287 7222. Passcode: 000636

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

Dan & Natalie Lowe

(Joelle, Maara, & Abigail)

Gary & Carol George

Michael Doku

**This Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music/Sound: Asher’s Team / John

Service Team: Heritage Team

Prayers of the People: David H.

Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora J.

Kids: Kids stay in service

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Yukon: the Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop. Holy Trinity Riverbend: Rebecca Harris (s. Ian), Priest-in-Charge; Elisabeth Thompson (s. Chris Pappas), Honorary Assistant. Buyé Diocese Bible School: Daniel Bizimana, Director; Alfred Uwimanihaye, Teacher.

Cold Lake First Nations.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams: Jan 9**

Music/Sound: Adele / Jenna

Service Team: B Team

Prayers of the People: Nancy W-S

Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat

Kids: Carol R.

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 *Rector:* The Rev. Myron B. Penner

*Community Outreach:* Michelle Schurek
*Youth Leader:* Abigail Harding

*Office Administrator: Asher Hébert*

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 Paul Dowie, *Rector’s Warden*

Margot Byer, *People’s Warden*

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Barb Dixon, *Vestry Member*

John Green, *Vestry Member*

David Parker, *Vestry Member*

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