



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH
Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, November 27, 2022: Advent 1

*Look up and raise your heads, because
your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)*



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

REGULAR SERVICES

- Eucharist services: Sundays at 10:00AM
- Morning Prayer Services:
Mon-Sat at 8:00AM on [Zoom](#)
Thurs. are in person at St. Paul's
- Sermons are available on our [Website](#)
- Interface Worship: art based services
Throughout the year

SERVING ST. PAUL'S

- Join a Ministry Team (Sunday service team, Music team, Children's ministry, Altar guild, Sound/Video, etc.)

GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S: One-Time or Recurring

- [Giving](#) can be done through our [Website](#) or the [Tithely App](#).
- We can also receive donations by Cash, Cheque, Automatic Debit/Credit, or E-Transfer.



LARGE PRINT MATERIALS
Large print Bibles and BAS
(Book of Alternative
Services)
are available at each door.

VISITING TODAY?

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

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Respect Others' Preferences. Some individuals care for immunocompromised people; others may be risk averse for other reasons. Also, we wish to care for those around us. Please graciously respect the preferences of others.

Know Current Health Guidelines. If you tested positive for COVID-19 or have new or worsening symptoms, please stay home & follow public health guidelines, you may be required to isolate.

Support. If you are suffering from an infection of COVID-19 and require support, please contact the office.

Consider Masking. St. Paul's encourages masking for anyone who wishes to safeguard against infection, although masks are not mandatory. We have masks available at both entrances.

Opening: O Come, O Come, Immanuel

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go. *(To Ref.)*

O come, O bright and morning star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.

(To Ref.)

O come, desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

(To Ref.)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: HOPE

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Reader 2: How does this happen?

Reader 1: God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

All: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Reader 3: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: "The Lord said, 'I made a wonderful promise to Israel and Judah, and the days are coming when I will keep it. I promised that the time will come when I will appoint a king from the family of David, a king who will be honest and rule with justice. In those days, Judah will be safe; Jerusalem will have peace and will be named "The LORD Gives Justice."'"

Reader 1: Today, we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle. *(The candle is lit.)*

Reader 2: Every week in Advent, we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

All: The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God's peace, God's justice, and God's love. Amen.

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. 394)* Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All: Amen.

Children's Focus

The Reading of Scripture

(← Click to read online)

Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 484 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing
within your gates, Oh Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself.

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgement,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."

Romans 13:11-14 (pg. 804 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional

What do you see to lighten the darkness
Of the world?

One small candle aflame, will its light glow
Will it grow till the earth is on fire at the
Sound of your name?

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.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44 (pg. 701 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Worship Through Song

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah

Name above all names

Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners

The Ransom from heaven

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine

Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled

And the veil was torn

Love so amazing love so amazing *(To Ch.)*

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You

All the glory to You God

The Light of the world *(To Ch.)*

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days, oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor *(To Ch.)*

(Chorus) So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross *(To Ch.)*

Listening Time

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Myron Penner

(A page for notes is available separately)

Affirmation of Faith: *Christ Accompanies Us*

Celebrant: (pg. 188) Let us affirm our faith, as we say

All: We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed. We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering. We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, and guides us and empowers us as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer." Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Stephen our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women. Remembering also those in our St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: (*names at back of bulletin*); as well as of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: that you will show your goodwill to all.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation and for those recently baptized or confirmed: that they may be strengthened in the faith.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from

earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

All: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

All: we have sinned against you and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

People: Amen.

The Peace

Offertory Song: Offering

The sun cannot compare
To the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare
To stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy
Lord I come

(Chorus)

I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves
The praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive
The honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You

(Tag) O Lord I bring an offering to You
O Lord I bring an offering to You

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: *(pg. 269)* God of love and power,

All: your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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: *(pg. 198)* We give thanks to you, Lord our God ... Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

Celebrant: *(pg. 199)* 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, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: *(pg. 212)* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Celebrant: These are 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. Gluten-free wafers available upon request. Receiving only one kind includes the fullness of the sacrament.

Agnus Dei

(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

Waiting Here For You

If faith can move the mountains

Let the mountains move

We come with expectation

Waiting here for You, waiting here for You

You're the Lord of all creation

And still You know my heart

The Author of salvation

You've loved us from the start

(Ch. Cont.) Lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore, singing alleluia

You are everything You've promised

Your faithfulness is true

We're desperate for Your presence

All we need is You

We will wait for You Lord

In step with You Lord we sing alleluia

(Chorus)

Waiting here for You with our hands

Singing alleluia, alleluia *(Repeat)*

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep

(Chorus 1) Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

(Chorus 2) Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

(Tag) As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep we sing

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: *(pg. 269)* God for whom we wait,

All: you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

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 (Connie P.)

Closing Song: Today

(Chorus) Today I choose to follow You
Today I choose to give my yes to You
Today I choose to hear Your voice and live
Today I choose to follow You

As for me and my house
We will spend our lives on You

Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father
Eternal King Lord of Hosts

As for me and my house, we will serve You

Willingly we follow

The Dismissal

Celebrant: (pg. 215) Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

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

Upcoming Services

Here are the upcoming services at St. Paul's. We are looking for volunteers! If you are available to help with Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day services, please email office@stpauls-anglican.ca

- Sundays on November 27 (Advent 1), December 4 (Advent 2), December 11 (Advent 3)
- December 18: Advent 4 - Lessons and Carols
- December 24 (Saturday): Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7PM
- December 25: Christmas Sunday Service at 10AM
- January 1: Christmas 1 Sunday Service at 10AM

Community Corner for November 27

Games Cafe – Dec 2 6:30-8:30 pm – Join us on Friday night at St Paul's for fellowship and fun! We are all set up with a fantastic library of board games and puzzles for you to come enjoy. Bring a snack and beverage to share, and any other table top activity you might want to do - card making, model building, even homework is an option. Come out for a fun evening of creativity, laughter and play.

For our Advent season, St Paul's is collecting **donations towards 8-10 Christmas Hampers** for families at **Grovenor Elementary School**. Hampers will include a variety of groceries, as well as all the items needed for Christmas dinner. As the costs of groceries have risen substantially this year, these hampers will be especially important. If you are interested in helping with shopping or delivery, please let Michelle know. Financial donations are also accepted. Thank you!

If you are thrifty and appreciate finding good clothes at a good price, you might find what you're looking for at **Blenderz, Garment Recyclers**. Their mission "is to reclaim and recycle excess clothing, fabrics, and textiles from the general public, charities and business." They offer a unique "pay-by-the-pound" approach on gently-used clothing and craft supplies.

You can visit them online at www.blenderzgarmentrecyclers.com for more information.

Mental Health Highlight for November 27

It can be very helpful to have someone to speak to in the midst of challenges and crisis, and can help minimize the effects of these things to. Do you have someone you can talk to? Do you have good listening skills, so another person can share where they are at without judgement? Insightful Counselling outlines the importance of both hearing and listening to others, and the benefit of that for a person's mental health. From their website: "**Hearing** plays a vital role in promoting the mental health care of an individual. Being a primary step towards listening enables the parties involved to connect and develop strong relationship bonds. Conversely, hearing impairment may lead to communication breakdown. This leads to a feeling of loneliness and social anxiety, which are significant catalysts to depression and mental health problems. **Listening** increases curiosity about people's experiences empathy and increased compassion." For more information, please visit their website: insightfulcounselling.com/the-difference-between-hearing-and-listening-how-each-impact-mental-health

Lessons and Carols Choir

RJ would like to put together a choir for 2-3 songs for Advent 4. If you'd like to participate, please let RJ know by November 20 at rj@chambersmusic.ca. Rehearsals will likely be prior to the Sunday service during advent. Details TBC.

Boomwhackers

RJ is looking for youth/kids wanting to play a song on Boomwhackers (pitched tubes) for Advent 4. Rehearsals will happen over Advent - likely for 30-45 minutes following the service. If you would like to participate, please let RJ know by November 20 at rj@chambersmusic.ca.

Cocoa Connections

Next Week we will have Kids' Club Cocoa Connections which happens once a month. This is where a special guest from the congregation shares in steaming cups of hot chocolate and treats and responds to interview questions asked by the kids and our facilitator Cara Roemmich. To share your stories and journey with our kids, please talk to any of the Kids' Club team: Cara Roemmich, Carol Rudat, Renee Jackson, and Margot Byer.

Dinner by Chef Rector

As part of our Kitchen Fundraiser, Chef Rector Myron will be cooking a **Roast Beef or Salmon** dinner for donations. Suggested donation amount is \$100, **but no gift is too small** so that any who wishes to come may be able to. Registration is required and there is limited capacity. This will be held in the Hall on December 3rd. Registration is now open, so please register www.stpauls-anglican.ca/events/kitchen-fundraiser or [HERE](#).

Concierto de Navidad

Come to the first concert from Voces Alegres Choir, Concierto de Navidad! It will be a wonderful evening of villancicos and traditional Christmas music at St. Paul's on Dec. 2 @ 7:30pm. Admission by donation (suggested amount of \$20).

This Week's Ministry Teams

Music/Sound/Video: Debbie/John/Jacky

Service Team: Jackson Team

Prayers of the People: Gay G.

Vestry on Duty/Announcements: Connie P.

Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora

Kids: Margot B.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: December 4

Music/Sound/Video:

Andrew/Chandra/George

Service Team: Heritage Team

Prayers of the People: David H.

Vestry on Duty/Announcements: David H.

Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat

Kids: Cara R.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer

Neil and Laura Rogers

Gene and Kay Wannamaker

Paul Dowie

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Diocese of Fredericton: the Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada). The

Anglican Church Women of Edmonton

diocese: Elaine Dickie, Diocesan President.

The Diocese of Buyé Mothers' Union:

Clotilde Muhimpundu, President; Bibiane

Nsengiyumva, Chaplain; Josephine

Kezakimana, Clementine Ujeneza, Trainers.

Ermineskin Cree Nation..



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Morning Prayer: Daily at 8:00 AM ([Online](#))

St. Paul's Vestry:

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