



# ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

**Sunday, December 11, 2022: Advent 3 - Joy**

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. (Isaiah 61:1)*



# 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 Emmanuel**

O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel

O come, Thou Key of David come.  
And open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high.  
And close the path the misery  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle: JOY**

Reader 1: We have lit the candles of Hope and Peace, and relight them now to remind us that our hope is in Christ and that he will come again to bring peace to the world.

Reader 2: Today begins the third week in our Advent journey, and so we light the third candle, the candle of Joy. In ancient times, the prophet Isaiah said, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined." Many suffer from despair, anxiety, or holiday blues. Others experience only the dark side of human nature. Christ's light has power to overcome all dark places in our society and our souls.

Reader 1: The Psalmist tells us to "make a joyful noise to the LORD, for the Lord is God who made us and whose we are, whose steadfast loves endures forever and faithfulness to all generations." (*The first three candles are lit.*)

Reader 2: Now we light the third candle, the candle of Joy, as we remember the angel's words to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people." We light it so that all who reap blue harvests from seeds of sadness may know the joy of Jesus Christ. We light it in honor of those who show us the joy of following Christ.

Reader 1: Let us pray:

**All:** God of Good News, as we await your coming we give you thanks for the joy we have in Christ Jesus. May all who seek such joy find it. For all who have ceased to believe in its possibility, may you work through us to show your joy already present. Come, God of Joy, come. 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. 270) God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he come, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him 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 35:1-10** (pg. 508 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 146:5-10** (*Sung to Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

Bless-ed is the one whose help is Jacob's God—how bless'd is he!

Bless-ed is the one whose hope is in the LORD his God, for He is the Maker of the heavens, Maker of the earth and sea;

He, the LORD, made all that fills them, and keeps faith eternally.

He upholds the cause of those who are oppressed—to them is kind;

He gives food unto the hungry; and gives sight unto the blind.

The LORD sets the pris'ners free and lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous ones, and does their lives with glory crown.

The LORD watches o'er the strangers; and sustains the fatherless;

Helps the widows, but He frustrates wicked ones who would oppress.

The LORD God will reign forever; your God, Zion, evermore;

He reigns for all generations; hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

**James 5:7-17** (pg. 856 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Processional: *Light Has Come***

Hallelujah, Gloria; Hallelujah, gloria

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## 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 11:2-11* (pg. 688 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Worship Through Song

### *Light Has Come*

What a wonder God is moving

All around us lift your eyes

In the darkness of this weary world

Hope is starting to rise

*(Chorus)* God is with us, Behold His Son

Dawn of glory, Light has come

From the midnight of our waiting

Heaven's highest enters in

Oh the splendor of the Promised One

Born in Bethlehem

Hallelujah, Gloria; Hallelujah, Gloria

He is Alpha and Omega

King of kings and Prince of Peace

Tender Shepherd Holy Lamb of God

Love come to redeem

### *Alpha & Omega/O Come Let Us Adore Him*

You are Alpha and Omega

We worship You our Lord

You are worthy to be praised *(Repeat)*

O come let us adore Him;

O come let us adore Him;

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*(Chorus)* We give You all the glory

We worship You our Lord

You are worthy to be praised *(Repeat)*

For He alone is worthy, He alone is worthy,

He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

## Listening Time

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Myron Penner

*(A page for notes is available separately)*

### Affirmation of Faith: God's Rule of Grace

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith, as we say

All: **We bless you, God! You raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and in so doing you gave us a new birth, a life of hope – a gift that is imperishable, perfect and unfading. Our lives are now in your Realm. We trust that you save us for your**

purposes, which you will reveal in your time. Therefore, we are willing to suffer in practicing our faith, for the sake of praise and glory and honour when Christ is revealed. We have not seen you, but we love you; and we rejoice with indescribable and glorious joy. Alleluia!

### Prayers of the People

- Leader: In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!" O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.
- All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**
- Leader: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.
- All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**
- Leader: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.
- All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**
- Leader: O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.
- All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**
- Leader: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**
- Leader: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires. Remembering all those in the St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer (*names at the back of the bulletin*). Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.
- All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**
- Leader: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.
- All: Lord Jesus, come soon! 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: 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

#### Offertory Song: *Come Now and Worship*

Angels announcing heaven has come

Follow the star to Bethlehem town

Sing Hallelujah Jesus is here

Come on and worship Him

There in the East some wise men came by

Saw something strange appear in the sky

There shone a star declaring the King

Come on and worship Him

*(Chorus)* Come now and worship

The Saviour is here

Come now and worship

The light has drawn near

With choirs of angels lift up your voice

Freedom is coming so let us rejoice

There in the darkest hour of the night

All eyes upon the heavenly light

God in a baby laid in the hay

Come on and worship Him

Come set your face on the King of Glory

Come lift your praise let us all adore Him

Come to the One who was born that morning

Come celebrate sing the Saviour's story

*(To Chorus)*

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: *(pg. 271)* God of hope,

**All: renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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 ... 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

### *The Table*

No palace worthy of our King  
Too many walls to keep Him in  
But a mansion worthy of this Son  
Was a stable that said welcome

A journey on a starry night  
The wisest ones followed the light  
They gathered 'round the Holy One  
Who was born to love and lead us home

*(Chorus 1)* Hark the herald angels sing  
Hear the sound and enter in  
There's a place reserved just come  
'Cause Jesus eats with ev'ryone

### *O Children Come*

Hear the cry from Bethlehem  
O children come  
Son of God now born to men  
O children come

Bring your troubles, bring your fears  
Bring the needs that draw you near  
Find the hope of all the years  
O children come, O children come

Peace on earth good will to men  
O children come  
Righteous rule that will not end  
O children come

## Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: *(pg. 271)* Merciful God,

All: **may this Eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

A child who is the King of Kings  
Who made a way of grace for sin  
Our humble Savior gave it all  
So we'd be seated with the Lord *(To Ch. 1)*

*(Chorus 2)* Hear the whisper of His heart  
The goodness of our saving God  
It doesn't matter what we've done  
'Cause Jesus eats with ev'ryone

We gather at the table, the table of the Lord  
Come one, come all, come as you are  
We gather at the table, the table of the Lord  
Just seek and you will find Him  
Come as you are *(To Ch. 2)*

Lay down all your bitterness  
Turn from sin's toil and distress  
Find His grace and perfect rest  
O children come, O children come

Where the Father's grace has walked  
O children come  
Where you see the hurt and lost  
O children come

Show the mercy shown to you  
Gifts of kindness to renew  
Love from hearts sincere and true  
O children come *(Repeat)*

O children come, O children come

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

### Focus on Missions Presentation Congregational Announcements (Michelle S.)

#### Closing Song: *Hymn of Joy*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee	Center of unbroken praise
God of glory Lord of love	Field and forest vale and mountain
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee	Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Opening to the sun above	Singing bird and flowing fountain
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness	Call us to rejoice in Thee <i>(To Ch.)</i>
Drive the dark of doubt away	
Giver of immortal gladness	Mortals join the happy chorus
Fill us with the light of day	Which the morning stars began
	Father love is reigning o'er us
<i>(Chorus)</i> Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel	Brother love binds man to man
Your love has come here to dwell	Ever singing march we onward
	Victors in the midst of strife
All Thy works with joy surround Thee	Joyful music leads us sunward
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays	In the triumph song of life <i>(To Ch.)</i>
Stars and angels sing around Thee	

#### 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 can help** with Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day services, please email [office@stpauls-anglican.ca](mailto:office@stpauls-anglican.ca)

- 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 December 11

Our neighbours at West End Christian Reformed Church have invited us to join in their **Christmas Carol sing-a-long** on **Dec 16, 2022** from 7-8pm. They will be collecting items for the Christian Care Centre, Jasper Place Wellness Centre and the Food Bank. For more information, please visit <https://www.westendcrc.ca/event/christmas-carols-gift-donation/>

The Anglican Diocese of Edmonton's Annual Christmas Fundraiser is underway! We participate in **No Room in the Inn**, an interdenominational campaign to raise financial support to a housing provided that works to meet the **needs of the homeless or those at risk in the Edmonton Metro Region**. This year No Room in the Inn has chosen the Canadian Mental Health Association – Edmonton Region. No Room in the Inn is based on the story of Mary and Joseph, forced to take refuge in a stable because there was nowhere else for them to stay. For more information and to donate, please visit <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/news/annual-christmas-fundraiser-underway--1273>

A **Blue Christmas Service** provides a quiet and contemplative worship service as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings. This is in honor of those who are experiencing grief and struggling with loss. Although there isn't one offered in our denomination this year, there are several around the city in other denominations in the coming week. Locations close to St Paul's include the West End Christian Reformed Church on Sunday Dec. 11 @ 6:30pm, as well as Gospel Centre Pentecostal Church on Tuesday, Dec 13 at 7:00pm. If this is a type of service you are interested in seeing at St Paul's in 2023, please let staff or vestry know.

### Mental Health Highlight for Dec 11

You've probably heard of First Aid training, but do you know about Mental Health First Aid or Psychological First Aid?

**Mental Health First Aid** is a training course designed to give the public skills to help someone who is experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health crisis. The evidence demonstrates that it builds mental health literacy, decreases stigmatizing attitudes, and helps individuals identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness. (From the website [www.mhfa.ca/en/common-questions-about-mhfa](http://www.mhfa.ca/en/common-questions-about-mhfa))

**Psychological First Aid** equips learners in developing a personal understanding of the effects of stress, loss, trauma and grief on others, with emphasis on self-care and personal protection. Learners are introduced to the Red Cross' Look, Listen, Link, Live model—a resiliency-building approach to emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing that teaches learners how to support themselves and others to cope with the effects of various types of stress. (From the website [redcross.ca/training-and-certification/course-descriptions/psychological-first-aid](http://redcross.ca/training-and-certification/course-descriptions/psychological-first-aid)).

### Focus on Missions Highlight for Dec

Please see the newest blog post from Focus on Missions on the Arthur Turner Training School in Iqaluit, which is part of the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic. You can access the blog post on our website at [www.stpauls-anglican.ca/blog](http://www.stpauls-anglican.ca/blog).

## Reflections from Jim

Jim Robertson, the mind behind the Interface Worship Services, has put together some reflections and questions based off Myron's recent sermon which was sent out in the newsletter this week. If you didn't receive it or would like another copy email [interfaceworship@gmail.com](mailto:interfaceworship@gmail.com)

### **This Week's Ministry Teams**

Music/Sound/Video: Adele/Chandra/George

Service Team: B Team

Prayers of the People: Jim R.

Vestry on Duty/Announcements: Michelle S.

Chapel Prayer: Laurier, Terry, Kjeryn

Kids: Carol R.

### **Next Week's Ministry Teams: December 18**

Music/Sound/Video: RJ & Choir/John

Service Team: Green Team

Prayers of the People: None for this service

Vestry on Duty/Announcements: Paul D.

Chapel Prayer: None for this service

Kids: Kids stay in this service

### **St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer**

Jeff and Michelle Schurek

(Aiden, Nathaniel, Macreena)

George and Elizabeth Jakeway

Kathy Paterson

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Diocese of Kootenay: the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon). All lay people in parishes throughout the Diocese of Edmonton and all their various ministries. All lay people in parishes throughout the Diocese of Buyé. Kehewin Cree Nation.



## St. Paul's Anglican Church

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### **Office and Service Hours:**

Office: Tues & Thurs at 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Office Closed: Fri–Sun (& Holidays)

Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 10:00 AM

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

### **St. Paul's Vestry:**

Rector's Warden: Paul Dowie

People's Warden: Margot Byer

Parish Treasurer: David Heritage

Vestry Members: David Parker,

Barb Dixon, Connie Pistawka

### **St. Paul's Staff:**

*Rector:* [Rev. Dr. Myron Penner](#)

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