



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

December 24, 2022: Christmas Eve – Reflective Service

*I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11)*



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.

Service of Light

Leader: (pg. 61) Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Opening Song and Processional (Candles are Lit): *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry gentlemen

The Son of God by name *(To Ref.)*

Let nothing you dismay

Remember Christ our Saviour

Fear not then said the angel

Was born on Christmas Day

Let nothing you affright

To save us all from Satan's pow'r

This day is born a Saviour

When we were gone astray

Of a pure virgin bright

To free all those who trust in Him

(Refrain) O tidings of comfort and joy

From Satan's pow'r and might *(To Ref.)*

Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem in Jewry

The shepherds at those tidings

This blessed Babe was born

Rejoiced much in mind

And laid within a manger

And left their flocks afeeding

Upon this blessed morn

In tempest storm and wind

The which His mother Mary

And went to Bethlehem straightway

Did nothing take in scorn *(To Ref.)*

The blessed Babe to find *(To Ref.)*

From God our heavenly Father

And when they came to Bethlehem

A blessed angel came

Where our dear Saviour lay

And unto certain shepherds

They found Him in a manger

Brought tidings of the same

Where oxen feed on hay

How that in Bethlehem was born

His mother Mary kneeling down

Unto the Lord did pray *(To Ref.)*

Thanksgiving

Leader: (pg. 61) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, creator of light and darkness. In his holy season, when the sun's light is swallowed up by the growing darkness of the night, you renew your promise to reveal among us the splendour of your glory, enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son. Through the prophets you teach us to hope for his reign of peace. Through the outpouring of his Spirit, you open our blindness to the glory of his presence. Strengthen us in our weakness. Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will and free our tongues to sing your praise. For to you all honour and blessing are due, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Focus

The Reading of Scripture

(← *Click to read online*)

Isaiah 59:15b-21 (pg. 528 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:1-29 (*Sung*)

I'll sing the LORD's love forever, with my mouth I'll make Him known;
Faithfulness which leaves us never; His love is upon the throne!
You said, "I have made a cov'nant with the chosen of My hand—
David is My chosen servant; his throne will forever stand." Selah
Heav'n declares Your wonders, LORD; Your faithfulness 'midst holy ones;
Who is like the LORD in skies above or midst the heav'nly ones?
In the council of the holy, God is greatly to be feared.
LORD Almighty, who is like You? You are faithful and revered!
You rule o'er the surging ocean; You still all the raging sea.
You crushed Egypt with one motion; Your strong arm made Your foes flee.
Heav'n is Yours and earth below it, north and south are in Your sight,
Tabor, Hermon join in worship; Your right hand is full of might.
Your throne rests upon true justice; love and faithfulness are Yours.
Bless'd are those who do acclaim You, and walk in Your light, O LORD.
All day long they praise Your glory, find joy in Your holy name.
Your great strength is all their story—Holy One of Isr'el's fame!
Once You spoke to us, Your people: "I've exalted one from them;
I've called David as My servant, and with oil anointed him.
My hand and arm will sustain him; no foes will oppression bring;
I will strike his adversaries; crushing those against My king.
"Faithful love will rest upon him; through My name his horn is high.
His hand will be o'er the seas, and 'Father, God, my Rock,' he'll cry!
I will name him as My firstborn, most exalted of all kings;
I'll maintain my love forever, and my cov'nant o'er all things.
"I'll establish him forever through his line and through his throne;
His throne will endure forever, like the heavens he'll be known.

Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 831 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. Luke.

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

The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (pg. 724 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

Oh the splendor of the Promised One

Born in Bethlehem *(To Ch.)*

Hallelujah Gloria, Hallelujah Gloria *(To Ch.)*

(Chorus) God is with us, Behold His Son

Dawn of glory, Light has come

He is Alpha and Omega

King of kings and Prince of Peace

Tender Shepherd Holy Lamb of God

Love come to redeem *(To Ch.)*

From the midnight of our waiting

Heaven's highest enters in

Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Emmanuel)

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

Come and worship, Come and worship

Worship Christ the newborn King

(Chorus) Emmanuel, Emmanuel

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Shepherds in the field abiding

Watching o'er your flocks by night

God with man is now residing

Yonder shines the infant light

Come and worship, Come and worship

Worship Christ the newborn King

Come and worship

Worship Christ the newborn King

God is with us even now His love is here

(Repeat) (To Chorus)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel *(2x)*

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Myron Penner

(A page for notes is available separately)

Listening Time

The Short Creed (The Athanasian Creed)

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took on our human nature, died for us and rose again so that we might be forgiven?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world through us?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Celebrant: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. 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.

Offertory Song: *Christmas Offering*

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star	Jesus may You receive
While angels sang to lowly shepherds	The honor that You're due
Three wise men seeking truth	Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
Traveled from afar	I bring an offering to You
Hoping to find the child from Heaven	
Falling on their knees	The sun cannot compare
They bowed before the humble	To the glory of Your love
Prince of Peace	There is no shadow in Your presence
	No mortal man would dare
<i>(Chorus)</i>	To stand before Your throne
I bring an offering of worship to my King	Before the Holy One of Heaven
No one on earth deserves	It's only by Your blood
The praises that I sing	It's only through Your mercy, Lord I come

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: *(pg. 273)* Source of light and gladness,

All: **accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant: *(pg. 273)* Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Blessing

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 earth 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 sins and sorrows 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) Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!



Christmas Service

You are welcome to join us for our Christmas Day Eucharist service at 10:00AM on December 25.

May you see the GOD of
HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE
at work in your neighborhoods
and communities this Christmas
season! God's blessing to you
and your families!

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar
tonight are given to the
glory of God and in loving
memory of Vena, Ray, and
Alan Dakin. From Judy &
Doug and our family.



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Service Hours:

Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 10:00 AM
Morning Prayer: Daily at 8:00 AM ([Online](#))

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