



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, December 28, 2025: First Sunday after Christmas

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



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

VISITING TODAY?

We want to get to know you! Please join us in the Hall for coffee and conversation after the service. The greeters are available to answer any of your questions. Please fill out a welcome card in the back of the pew and put it in the offering basket, or give to any volunteer, staff, or vestry member.



ABOUT ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

Services:

- Eucharist services: **Sundays at 10:00am**
- **Morning & Evening Prayer** Services:
Mon–Sat at **8:00am on Zoom**
Daily at **9:15pm on Zoom**.
- Sermons are available on our [Website](#)
- We also have small groups

Office Hours:

- Tues. & Thurs., 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Office is closed: Fri–Mon (and Holidays)

Serving St. Paul's: Email office@stpauls-anglican.ca

- Join a Ministry Team (Service Team, Music, Altar Guild, Sound/Video, etc.)

Giving to St. Paul's: One-Time or Recurring

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

PRAYER

For the Prayer Chain, email or phone:
prayer@stpauls-anglican.ca – 780-455-0771

For pastoral emergencies call:
(780) 446-3751

ACCESSIBILITY

We have accessible washrooms and lifts available for anyone who needs them. If you need help, please speak to a greeter.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE ☺

LARGE PRINT MATERIALS

Large print Bibles and BAS (Book of Alternative Services) are available at the main door.



ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES



**Assisted Listening is available.
Please ask a greeter for assistance.**



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Our Narrative Statement of Identity: We love to be together, persevere, and practice the ways of Jesus together. Even though we're at different places on our journey, we share a guiding story as given through the Bible, and we all look for Jesus in each other and in the world we live in. We share faith, we share music, we share differences, and above all we share God's love of us in Jesus. We all give, we all receive. We are a diverse family who laughs, cries, and prays together, and is learning how to love and care for each other. Our greatest ambition is to share this love with everyone around us – in our neighbourhoods and around the world.

Opening Song: Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven

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 angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son 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

(Chorus) King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day

(Ch. Cont.) King of Heaven come
King of Heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name King of Heaven come

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
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 newborn King
(To Ch.)

King of Heaven come King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come, King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come.

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. **Amen.**

Lectionary Question

The Proclamation of the Word (← [Click to read online](#))

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (Sung)

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,
from the heavens praise His name;
praise the Lord, our great Creator;
all His angels, praise proclaim.
All His hosts, together praise Him,
sun and moon and stars on high;
praise the Lord, O heav'ns of heavens,
and the floods above the sky.

(Chorus) Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,
for His name alone is high,
and His glory is exalted, and His glory is exalted
and His glory is exalted,
far above the earth and sky.

Let them praise the Lord their Maker:
they were made at His command.
God established them forever;
His decree shall ever stand.
Let the earth sing hallelujah:
raging seas, you monsters all,
fire and hail and snow and vapors,
stormy winds that hear His call. (To Ch.)

All you fruitful trees and cedars,
every hill and mountain high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle,
birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth and all you people,
princes great, earth's judges all;
praise His name, young men and maidens,
aged men, and children small. (To Ch.)

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of F major. The score is divided into two main sections: Psalm 148 and Hebrews 2:10-18. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and melodic lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

Psalm 148

1. Praise the Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah, from the heav - ens praise His name;
2. Let them praise the Lord their Mak - er: they were made at His com - mand.
3. All you fruit - ful trees and ce - dars, eve - ry hill and moun - tain high,
praise the Lord, our great Cre - a - tor; all His an - gels, praise pro - claim.
God es - tab - lished them for - ev - er; His de - cree shall ev - er stand.
creep - ing things and beasts and cat - tle, birds that in the heav - ens fly,
All His hosts, to - geth - er praise Him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Let the earth sing hal - le - lu - jah: rag - ing seas, you mon - sters all,
kings of earth and all you peo - ple, princ - es great, earth's judg - es all;

Hebrews 2:10-18

praise the Lord, O heav'ns of heav - ens, and the floods a - bove the sky.
fire and hail and snow and va - pors, storm - y winds that hear His call.
praise His name, young men and maid - ens, a - ged men, and chil - dren small.
Praise the Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah, for His name a - lone is high,
and His glo - ry is ex - alt - ed, and His glo - ry is ex - alt - ed,
and His glo - ry and His glo - ry and His glo - ry
and His glo - ry is ex - alt - ed, far a - bove the earth and sky.

Gospel Proclamation: *Christmas Alleluia*

Alleluia, alleluia

Christ the Savior of the world, he has come

Alleluia, alleluia

To the highest name of all, alleluia.

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 Matthew.

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

The 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

A Christmas Alleluia

(Chorus) Alleluia, alleluia

Christ the Savior of the world, he has come

Alleluia, alleluia

To the highest name of all, alleluia

The heavens roar the angels sing

All glory to our God and King

O night divine forevermore alleluia

(Repeat, then to Ch.)

You're the highest name of all alleluia *(x2)*

Let Everything That Has Breath

(Chorus) Let ev'rything that, ev'rything that

Ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord

Let ev'rything that, ev'rything that

Ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord

Praise You in the morning

Praise You in the evening

Praise You when I'm young

And when I'm old

Praise You when I'm laughing

Praise You when I'm grieving

Praise You ev'ry season of the soul *(To Ch.)*

(Br.) If we (they) could see

How much You're worth

Your pow'r, Your might, Your endless love

Then surely we would

Never cease to praise *(To Ch.)*

Praise You in the heavens

Joining with the angels

Praising You forever and a day

Praise You on the earth now

Joining with creation

Calling all the nations to Your praise *(To Ch.)*

Listening Time

Sermon: *Rev. Eric Kregel*

(A page for notes is available separately)

Affirmation of Faith: *Nicene Creed*

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

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from**

true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(See BAS pgs. 110-123)

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: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: *(pg. 192)* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory: *Christmas Offering*

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star	Falling on their knees
While angels sang to lowly shepherds	They bowed before the humble
Three wise men seeking truth travel from afar	Prince of Peace
Hoping to find the child from Heaven	

<i>(Ch.)</i> I bring an offering of worship to my King	There is no shadow in Your presence
No one on earth deserve the praise that I sing	No mortal man would dare
Jesus may You receive	To stand before Your throne
The honor that You're due	Before the Holy One of Heaven
O Lord I bring an offering to You	It's only by Your blood
	It's only through Your mercy
The sun cannot compare	Lord I come <i>(To Ch.)</i>
To the glory of Your love	

The 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.

(Eucharistic Prayer #3)

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 are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 198)* 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: *(pg. 211)* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray as we sing,

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. 213)* 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.**

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 are available upon request. Receiving only one kind includes the fullness of the sacrament. You may also receive prayer in the Chapel during this time.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

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

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

O, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us 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

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

(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 & you will find Him come as you are

(End) 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.

Alpha And Omega/Come Let Us Adore Him

You are Alpha and Omega
We worship You our Lord
You are worthy to be praised

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

For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
Christ the Lord.

Prayers 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

Lectionary Discussion *(Please share aloud your thoughts from hearing the Word of God)*

Congregational Announcements *(David H.)*

Closing Song: Joy Has Dawned

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

Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable

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.

Dismissal

Celebrant: *(pg. 215)* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Hall after the service!
We also invite you to bring your own refillable mug to reduce waste*



Church Calendars

Church Calendars are now available for a purchase of \$5. They are available for pickup outside of the Office. There is a box for cash, or you may send an e-transfer to office@stpauls-anglican.ca with a memo that it is for a calendar.

Offering Envelopes

Designated offering envelopes for 2026 are now available for pickup in the lobby. If you require envelopes for cash/cheque giving, but do not see your name included, please email the office. We can also receive offerings by e-transfer to office@stpauls-anglican.ca.

Office Holiday Closure

The office at St. Paul's will be closed for Christmas and the week following (Dec 25 – Jan 2).

Synod Scene

Read our Diocese's Synod Scene newsletter at www.edmonton.anglican.ca/newsletters/latest.

This Week's Ministry Teams

Music/Sound/Tech: Adele w.

Andrew/John/Jacky

Service Team: B Team

Prayers of the People: Gay G.

Vestry-on-Duty: David H.

Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat.

Kids Lead/Assist/Sanc.: None.

Next Week's Teams: Jan 4th – Christmas 2

Music/Sound/Tech: Liska/Chandra/Yohana

Service Team: Green & Friends Team

Prayers of the People: Terry B.

Vestry-on-Duty: Jim E.

Chapel Prayer: Kjeryn and Joan.

Kids Lead/Assist/Sanc.: Carol G/TBD/ TBD.

Cycle of Prayer for St. Paul's

Chandra Singham and Hannah David
(Tisha Raj)

Dee Cartledge

Val Tilburn

National Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Diocese of **Caledonia:**

the Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop.

Christ Church, Edmonton: Susan Oliver,
Rector; Sheila Moorey, Deacon; Bishop Jane
Alexander, Maureen Crerar, Martin Garber-
Conrad, Breck McHan, Honorary Assistants;
Karianne Rillera, Family and Youth Ministry;
Ronald Laginski, Office Manager.

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Muhgirwa, Rector. **Alexander First Nation.**

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Rector's Warden: Paul Dowie

People's Warden: Gay Gering

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