



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, January 11, 2026: The Baptism of the Lord

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)



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: Yesterday Today And Forever

Everlasting God	(Ch. Cont.) Yesterday today and forever
The years go by but You're unchanging	You are faithful and we will trust in You
In this fragile world	Uncreated One
You are the only firm foundation	You have no end and no beginning
Always loving always true	Earthly powers fade
Always merciful and good, so good	But there is no end to Your kingdom
(Chorus) Yesterday today and forever	Always loving always true
You are the same You never change	Always merciful and good, so good (To Ch.)

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. 348) Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lectionary Question

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

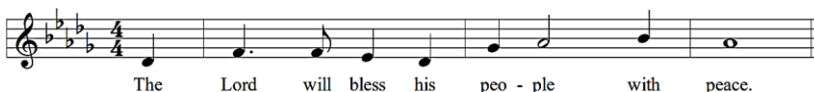
Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. 513 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

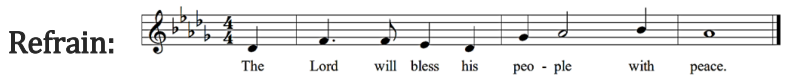
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 29 (Sung)

Refrain:



Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**



The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe, and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **Refrain**

Acts 10:34-43 (pg. 779 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Proclamation: *Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Allelu, 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 3:13-17 (pg. 682 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Youth may be dismissed to their own programming downstairs)

Worship Through Song

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come I confess

Bowing here I find my rest

And without You I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

(Chorus) Lord I need You, oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Listening Time

Sermon: *Milton Liska*

Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me *(To Ch.)*

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope & stay *(x2, then to Ch)*

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

(A page for notes is available separately)

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed*

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

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.

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: *Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now

He won't, He won't

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under

I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now

(Chorus) He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail (no)

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
And I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through

(Repeat, then to Verse 1)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: *(pg. 348)* God of life and freedom,
All: **we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. 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. 220)* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: *(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, hosanna, 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. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, 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. 199)* 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 & glory are yours, almighty Father, now & for ever. **Amen.**

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. 212)* "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

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Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and grant us thy peace.

Communion Music

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Light of the World, treasure of Heaven

Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky

Joy of the Father reach through the darkness

Shine across the earth

Send the shadows to flight

Light of the World from the beginning

The tragedies of time

Were no match for Your love

From great heights of glory You saw my story

God You entered in and became one of us

(Chorus) Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah for the Light of the World
Has come

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer

We are the richer by the price that He paid
(To Ch.)

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us
Straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore
(To Ch.)

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

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

Prayers After Communion

Celebrant: *(pg. 349)* Gracious God, lover of all,

All: **by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. 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 (Paul D.)

Closing Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

(Pre-Chorus) Sing praise, sing praise

(Chorus) Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise (To Pre-Ch.)

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*

Chrismon Tree

Our beautiful Chrismon Tree will be removed after the service this week (Jan 11th). We are looking for some able bodied help after the service to take it down. We are always grateful for the many helping hands—please feel free to join in!

Coffee & Conversation – This Week

Because a Sip & Chat can lead to deep Connection, you are invited to stay for a facilitated group discussion during our Coffee Time in the Youth Room downstairs. We plan to do these on the **2nd Sunday of each month.**

Community Corner Highlights

Wondering about ways to **look after your neighbourhood**? Edmonton's Neighbourhood Watch program could be just the thing you are looking for. Did you know that just by increasing your awareness of issues you can make a difference in the crime rates in your neighbourhood!

Please visit <https://enwatch.ca> for more information, programs, and ways to help.

St Paul's Community Dinners continue in 2026! Our next dates are January 24, February 21, and March 21, 2026. Everyone is invited! You can sign up to volunteer at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAF28A5FCC70-61529454-january or email Michelle at michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca for more information.

Edmonton's **Deep Freeze Festival** runs January 17-18, 2026 on 118 Ave between 90-95 St NW. This is a fun winter festival to get out and enjoy time with friends, family, and other like-minded Edmontonians. For more information, visit www.deepfreezefest.ca.

Mental Health Highlight

There are many articles on the internet that consider the relationship of Mental Health and Christian Faith. One oft-cited shortcoming of the Christian understanding of Mental Illness is the belief that mental illness simply reflects spiritual conflict or personal shortcomings of faith. This is an oversimplification of our humanity, and can lead to a lack of loving response. Responding with love and care towards a person suffering mental illness might be better framed in the ways that we respond towards a person suffering from a medical diagnosis. Taking time to listen, learn, and offer support within your capacities are three ways (among many) to encourage those living with mental health concerns.

Youth Meetings

Our Youth will have their meetings in the basement during services this Sunday and Next Sunday, Jan 11 & 18.

Celebration of Life Service for Elizabeth Jakeway

The family of Elizabeth Jakeway would like to invite the congregation of St. Paul's to the Celebration of Life service. It will be held here at St. Paul's on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 10:00am with a reception to follow in the Hall. **Please RSVP by Jan 20** to bjakeway@gmail.com. Donations to the [Glenrose Foundation](#) or the [Alzheimer's Society](#) are appreciated.

Synod Scene

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

This Week's Ministry Teams

Music/Sound/Tech: Chambers/John/Jacky

Service Team: Parker Team

Prayers of the People: Terry B.

Vestry-on-Duty: Paul D.

Chapel Prayer: TBD.

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

Next Week's Teams: Jan 18th

Music/Sound/Tech: Andrew/Chandra/Yohana

Service Team: Heritage Team

Prayers of the People: Margot B.

Vestry-on-Duty: Debbie L.

Chapel Prayer: Laurier and Terry.

Cycle of Prayer for St. Paul's

Ryan and Michelle Young
(Carson, Jordan, Weston)

Sivanesan and Gladys Thangiah
Alex Crentsil

National Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Diocese of **Central Newfoundland**: the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop. **Holy Trinity, Edmonton**: Jonathan Crane, Interim Priest-in-Charge; Suzanne Oswald, Deacon; Robin Walker, Honorary Assistant; Michaela Mercer-Deadman, Office Administrator. **Buyé Diocese, Kigufi Parish**: Ezechiel Hatungimana, Rector. **Cold Lake First Nation**.

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