

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE / CANDLEMAS
FEBRUARY 1, 2026**



Rector:	The Rev. Vernon Foster		
Deacon:	The Rev. Helen L.		
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Church Services:	Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
	Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion
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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

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HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.

This Eucharistic Liturgy is based on the Anglican Church of Canada Book of Alternative Services & Common Worship Church of England

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

Celebrant/Preacher:	Rev. Vernon Foster
Deacon:	Rev. Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Julie F.
Organist:	Kyle M.
Greeters:	Gwen I., Kathy M.
Duty Warden:	Joy Adams Bauer

The flowers on the main altar are given by Kathy M. to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Lottie, Lila and Bill M.

The flowers on the side altar are given by Julie F. to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband Dennis.

Altar Guild Team: Linda S., Jane B., Jeanne R.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by:
10:30 – Norma H., Sue M.

WELCOME (& ANNOUNCEMENTS): *(you may remain seated during the welcome)*

OPENING HYMN: (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)
CP 320 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

GATHERING:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you

L.A. Almighty God, 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.

Rejoice, people of God, and praise the Lord! For today Christ is presented in the Temple, the long-awaited light is revealed, and God's promise takes flesh among us.

GLORY TO GOD:

CP 686 David H.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

CENTERING STILLNESS

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with Christ, whom the faithful recognize as God's promised light, and with all who wait in hope for God's salvation.

(silence)

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

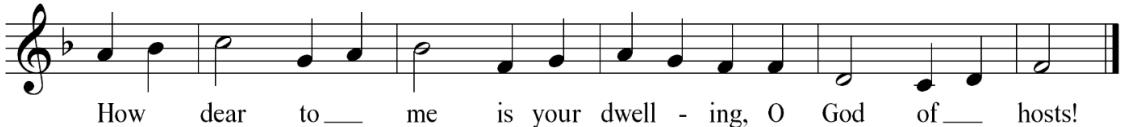
Michele C.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 84

Cantor



How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

Susan C.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Vs. 1&2)

BLAENWERN

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Vs. 1&2)

BLAENWERN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

SERMON:

The Rev. Vernon Foster

ANTHEM: VU 87 I Am the Light of the World

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee

A CREED FOR EPIPHANYTIDE: (*Please stand as you are able*)

L.A. Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, who has sent His light into the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, the Light of the World.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.

He revealed God's glory through His life, teachings, and miracles.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

**He descended to the dead. On the third day, He rose again,
shining the light of victory over sin and death.**

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
and to bring the fullness of God's kingdom.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michele C.

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

cf John 8.12

Silence is kept.

L.A. Father eternal, **giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)

CP 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

As grain once scattered in the fields and grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now brought together in bread and wine, so, Lord, gather your whole Church from every place into the joy and glory of your kin-dom. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Bread and the True Vine, in whom we are made one body. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (3rd Eucharistic Prayer in BAS)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good..... in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

CP 735 Schubert

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God according to his command,

**We remember his death
We proclaim his resurrection
We await his coming in glory**

and we offer our sacrifice..... all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

David H.

Believing in the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

The bread which we break is Christ among us.
Make us one in him, as we share this bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION:

All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup. For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine. If you prefer, you may receive just bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.

COMMUNION HYMN: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

FRANCONIA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray,

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

SENDING FORTH:

Go in peace, following Christ with courage and compassion.

In the name of Christ, Amen

SENDING HYMN: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

GERONTIUS