*Look up and raise your heads, because
your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)*

Sunday, December 1, 2019: Advent 1 – HOPE



SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL’S

**REGULAR SERVICES**

* Weekly services held Sundays at 10:00AM
* Interface services - Art based services throughout the year
* Sermons available on our website

**SUNDAY PRAYER**

* Prayer for the service at 9:30AM in the Luke Room
* Individual Prayer in the Chapel during the Sunday service

**SERVING AT ST. PAUL’S**

* Join a Ministry Team (Sunday service team, music team, children’s ministry, Altar guild, or many others)
* Regular or One-Time Giving (cash, cheque, automatic debit, and credit options available)

 **LARGE PRINT MATERIALS** Large print Bibles and
 Books of Alternative
 Services (BAS) are availableat each Sanctuary door.

Page numbers will not be the same as those listed in the bulletin.

 **VISITING TODAY?**

 We want to get to know
 you! Please join us for

 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.**

CONNECT

**St. Paul’s CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**KIDS** Pre-School-Grade 2 in the hall / Grade 3-5 in the Matthew Room

Sunday School teaching is weekly during the 10:00AM service.

**St. Paul’s YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YOUTH** Youth Grades 6-12 meet weekly during the 10:00AM service.

Youth also meetbi-weekly for fun events and devotionals.

**St. Paul’s ADULT MINISTRY**

**ADULTS** St. Paul’s has a number of small groups where you can connect with others through Christ. If you are interested in joining a small
group or starting a small group of your own, please speak with Pat Stretch.

**Opening Song: *Be Still***

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now

With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found

We stand on Holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire

With splendour He is crowned

How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

He comes to cleanse and heal

To minister His grace

No work too hard for Him

In faith receive from Him

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

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

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Reader 2: How does this happen?

Reader 1: God’s light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God’s divine love and light.

**All: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.**

Reader 3: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: “The Lord said, ‘I made a wonderful promise to Israel and Judah, and the days are coming when I will keep it. I promised that the time will come when I will appoint a king from the family of David, a king who will be honest and rule with justice. In those days, Judah will be safe; Jerusalem will have peace and will be named ‘The LORD Gives Justice.’’”

Reader 1: Today, we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle. ***(The candle is lit.)***

Reader 2: Every week in Advent, we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

**All: The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God’s peace, God’s justice, and God’s love. 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. 268)* Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:** **Amen**.

**Children’s Dismissal**

**The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 484 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (or Canticle): Psalm 122 (pg. 882 in the BAS)

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 (pg. 804 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Worship Through Song**

***Peace is Flowing***

Peace is flowing like a river

Flowing out through you and me

Spreading out into the desert

Setting all the captives free

Love is flowing…

Joy is flowing…

Hope is flowing…

***There is a Redeemer***

There is a Redeemer

Jesus, God’s own Son

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

Holy One

(*Chorus*) Thank You, O my Father

For giving us Your Son

And leaving Your Spirit

‘Til the work on earth is done

Jesus, my Redeemer

Name above all names

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

Hope for sinners slain (*To Chorus*)

When I stand in glory

I will see His face

And there I’ll serve my King forever

In that holy place (*To Chorus*)

**Listening Time**

**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.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44 (pg. 701 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon Notes:** Sermon by the Reverend Dr. Myron Penner

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**Affirmation of Faith – Christ Accompanies Us**

**All: We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed. We follow Christ, God’s chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God’s grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering. We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, and guides us and empowers us as servants of God’s grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**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:Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**All: we have sinned against you and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Offertory Song: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

God of glory, Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee

Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

Drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee

Earth and heaven reflect thy rays

Stars and angels sing around thee

Centre of unbroken praise

Field and forest, vale and mountain

Flowery meadow, flashing sea

Chanting bird and flowing fountain

Call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving

Ever blessing, ever blest

Well-spring of the joy of living

Ocean depth of happy rest

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother

All who live in love are thine

Teach us how to love each other

Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals! Join the mighty chorus

Which the morning stars began

Father-love is reigning o’er us

Brother-love binds man to man

Ever singing, march we onward

Victors in the midst of strife

Joyful music lifts us sunward

In the triumph song of life

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

Celebrant: *(pg. 269)* God of love and power,

**All: your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 196)* 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 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.
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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. 197)* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise……. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit, in the holy Church, 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)* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Celebrant: *(pg. 213)* 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. There is de-alcoholized wine available in the centre and gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

**Lamb of God**

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

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

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

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

**Communion Music**

***Compassion Hymn***

There is an everlasting kindness

You lavished on us

When the Radiance of heaven

Came to rescue the lost

You called the sheep without a
Shepherd to leave their distress

For Your streams of forgiveness

And the shade of Your rest

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand

As the lame ran to meet You

And the dead breathed again

You saw behind the eyes of sorrow

And shared in our tears

Heard the sigh of the weary

Let the children draw near

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(*Chorus*) What boundless love

What fathomless grace

You have shown us

O God of compassion!

Each day we live, an off’ring of praise

As we show to the world

Your compassion

We stood beneath the cross of Calv’ry And gazed on Your face

At the thorns of oppression

And the wounds of disgrace

For surely You have borne our suffr’ring

And carried our grief

As You pardoned the scoffer

And showed grace to the thief

(*To Chorus*)

How beautiful the feet

That carry this gospel of peace

To the fields of injustice

And valleys of need

To be a voice of hope and healing

To answer the cries

Of the hungry and helpless

With the mercy of Christ (*To Chorus*)

***I Come to the Cross***

I come to the cross

Seeking mercy and grace

I come to the cross

Where You died in my place

Out of my weakness

And into Your strength

Humbly, I come to the cross

Your arms are open

You call me my name

You welcome this child that was lost

You paid the price

For my guilt and my shame

Jesus I come, Jesus I come

Jesus I come to the cross

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: *(pg. 269)* God for whom we wait,

**All: you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man. We ask this in the name of 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**

**Congregational Announcements *(Deanna K.)***

**Closing Song: *Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

O what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation, purchase of God

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

(*Chorus*) This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Saviour all the day long

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Saviour all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight

Visions of rapture

Now burst on my sight

Angels descending bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

(*To Chorus*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest

I in my Saviour am happy and blest

Watching and waiting looking above

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

(*To Chorus*)

**The Dismissal**Celebrant: *(pg. 215)* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Please join us in the hall for coffee following the service.*

**Interested in Confirmation**

**and/or Baptism?**

**There will be a service of Confirmation on February 2. If you are interested in Confirmation or Baptism, please speak with Rev. Myron or contact the office.**

**Advent Services**

 1st Sunday of Advent, December 1, 10:00AM: **HOPE**

 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8, 10:00AM: **LOVE**

 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15, 10:00AM: **JOY**

 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22, 10:00AM: **PEACE**

**Advent 4 (Lessons and Carols)**

**Choir Rehearsals**

We will be having a choir for Lessons and Carols the 4th Sunday of Advent. If you like to sing, please plan to join us!!
Rehearsals are in the Hall on:

* Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:00-noon
* Saturday, Dec. 21, 10:00-noon
* Sunday, Dec. 22, 9:00AM in the Sanctuary. If you are part of Myron’s Advent study, come as soon as you are able.

If you are not able to make all of the rehearsals but want to sing, please talk to RJ and we will work something out.



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David Parker, *Vestry Member*

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**This Week’s Readings:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 484)

Psalm 122 (BAS pg. 882)

Romans 13:11-14 (pg. 804)

Matthew 24:36-44 (pg. 701)

**This Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music/Sound: Pat’s Team/Chandra S.

Service Team: Green and Friends Team

Prayers: Nancy W-S.; Vestry: Deanna K.

Chapel Prayer: Laurier B. and Pat S.

Kid’s Ministry: Renée J. and Ryan Y.

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

James Parker and Olga Elizarova

and Sophia;

Lucie Messum; Leonard Zasiedko

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Ontario; the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop. St. Saviour, Vermilion: Elizabeth Metcalfe, Rector; Aubrey Bell (s. Hilda), Honorary Assistant. Buyé Diocese, Gashikanwa (St. Paul) Parish: Leonidas Nizigiyimana, Rector. Métis Nation of Alberta.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams**

Music/Sound: Jodi’s Team and Youth/RJ C.

Service Team: Parker Team

Prayers: Kjeryn A.; Peter J.

Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora J.

Kid’s Ministry: Creative Engagement Service