



St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, December 26, 2021: 1st Sunday After Christmas

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



ST. PAUL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

Welcome!! During this unique time in history, services will look a bit different than normal. We want to care for the whole parish during this time and one way to care for one another is keeping each other safe. As such, we ask you to follow these guidelines while worshipping with us:

- **Experiencing Cough, Fever, or Other Symptom/s?** Go home immediately and please stay home for fourteen days following the end of your symptoms.
- **Wear a Mask.** All parishioners must wear a mask to all services (as per City of Edmonton bylaw 19408). Exceptions to this include children under the age of two and those with a medical condition where wearing a mask is not possible. Masks may be removed when taking communion but must be replaced immediately following. If you do not have a mask, we have cloth masks available in the foyer.
- **Maintain Physical Distance.** At all times, please remain a minimum of six feet (three seat spaces) from all other individuals not part of your family unit. You will find tape on the floor six feet apart in multiple locations to help you maintain this distance. Please also maintain physical distance outside.
- **Listen to the Ushers.** There will be ushers inside and outside to help direct these new procedures. Please heed their direction as they are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- **Sanitize Hands Frequently.** Please sanitize your hands upon entry and before taking communion. You may also sanitize as often as you would like during the service. Please also try to refrain from touching surfaces and your face.
- **Recycle Bulletins.** Please do not leave bulletins in the pews. A recycle bin is available at each exit. You may also take the bulletin home.

Opening Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

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

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see

Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun 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

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: 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: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Children's Focus

The Reading of Scripture

1 Samuel 2:18-20

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Psalm 148 (Sung to the tune of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)

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| Praise the LORD! Praise from the heavens; | Praise Him, mountains and all hills, |
| Praise Him in the heights above! | All fruit trees and all cedars too; |
| Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, | Creeping things and flying birds, |
| all His hosts who know His love. | All cattle and wild creatures too. |
| Praise Him, sun and moon, and praise Him | Kings of earth and all you nations, |
| all you shining stars of light. | Princes, rulers everywhere; |
| Praise Him, all you highest heavens, | Young men, maidens, old men, children, |
| And you waters in the height. | Let all earth His praise declare. |

Let them praise the LORD's name, for He
Spoke and they all came to be;
He set them in place forever,
Everlasting His decree.

Praise the LORD from all the earth,
All ocean depths and creatures there;
Lightning, hail, snow, clouds, and winds
That do His bidding everywhere.

Let them ever praise the LORD's name;
His name is exalted high;
For His splendor and His glory
Are above the earth and sky.

He has lifted up a horn
For His own people all their days;
Israel, the people near Him
Give the LORD wholehearted praise!

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and

admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional: O Come All Ye Faithful

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

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.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

(Chorus) O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him

Immanuel

A sign shall be given
A virgin will conceive
A human baby bearing
Undiminished Deity
The glory of the nations
A light for all to see
And hope for all who will embrace
His warm reality

(Chorus) Immanuel
Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us
Our God is with us Immanuel

Listening Time

O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright, hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all, Glory in the highest
(To Chorus)

For all those who live
In the shadow of death
A glorious light has dawned
For all those who stumble
In the darkness
Behold Your light has come *(To Chorus)*

So what shall be your answer
Oh will you hear the call
Of Him who did not spare His Son
But gave Him for us all
On earth there is no power
There is no depth or height
Could ever separate us
From the love of God in Christ
(To Chorus)

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Myron Penner

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

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.**

Prayer of the People

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace." By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord. Lord, grant us peace. By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: 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.

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: *Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

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

(Chorus) Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night

God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star
All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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: 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: 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 are you, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: 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: 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 and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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: 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.

The Communion

Please listen carefully to the verbal instructions given. You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest.

Lamb of God

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Communion Music

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay
In fields where they
Lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

(Chorus) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

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

(Chorus) God is with us, Behold His Son
Dawn of glory, Light has come

From the midnight of our waiting
Heaven's highest enters in

Oh the splendor of the Promised One
Born in Bethlehem

Hallelujah, Gloria
Hallelujah, Gloria

He is Alpha and Omega
King of kings and Prince of Peace
Tender Shepherd Holy Lamb of God
Love come to redeem

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: 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: 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

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 world 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 sin and sorrow 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: Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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



Advent Fundraiser for Rev. Lori Calkins

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this initiative, whether in prayer or through financial support. Indigenous cultural birth helpers such as Rev Lori Calkins play an essential role in healing, breaking intergenerational cycles of trauma, and cultural reawakening for Indigenous families of many nations.

This work also provides direct, tangible, multi-generational redress for the harms done by the Anglican Church's participation in running Residential Schools (see the TRC Calls to Action https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf). **Funding is close to depleted so this contribution will help her essential work to continue. Please hold Rev. Lori Calkins, her colleagues and the families they support in prayer.**

We are halfway (as of Dec 23) to our goal to raise \$15,000 for this ministry, or roughly two months' salary. Only together can we ensure the spirit and goals of the TRC Calls to Action are met and exceeded.

When you donate, please write "**Advent Fundraiser**" in the memo line of your cheque or e-transfer. For more information, please speak with Michelle Schurek or one of the members of Focus on Missions.

Community Corner for December 26

All set to **welcome in 2022**? Although our celebrations will be small again this year in light of health concerns, there are still many good ideas for ways to ring in the new year. This fun article “14 New Year’s Eve Traditions We Learned From Our Grandparents” has some great ideas for celebrating while keeping it small
<https://www.countryliving.com/life/g5075/new-years-eve-traditions>

In 2021 there has been a significant focus on Residential Schools in Canada, but what does it mean when someone says they were a victim of the “60’s Scoop”? For a quick introduction to this, read the CBC article “**The Sixties Scoop Explained**”
<https://www.cbc.ca/cbcdocspov/features/the-sixties-scoop-explained>. In the article there are links to other articles and the documentary “Birth of a Family”, which documents the mid-life reunion of four Dene siblings who were separated in infancy and have no memories of life together.

Share your activity or event – Community Corner is the perfect spot for you to extend an invitation to the congregation for an event or activity you are involved in. Please let Michelle know at least a week before you want it in the bulletin

Layette Donations—Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or participated in putting the layettes together after church on Dec 19. This initiative was a great success, and we have 12 baskets for clients of Indigenous Birth of Alberta.

Office Closed and Staff Away Next Week

The office will be closed and staff working from home next week, Dec 27-31. Michelle is away next week. Schedules will return to normal in the new year.

2022 Offering Envelopes

2022 offering envelopes are now available for pick up from the Office. If you would like envelopes or would like to stop getting envelopes, please contact the office.

Volunteering

If you have been thinking about getting involved in our church life and the services, please contact the office.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Scott Morgan and Adele Bosse-Morgan
and Jordan, Paige, Jenna, and Kaitlin;
Karen Jaresh;
Margarette Sheppy

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music Team: Andrew/Dave
Service Team: Jackson Team
Prayers of the People: Gay G.
Vestry: Connie P.
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat
Kids: Kids stay in service

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Western Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev.
John Organ, Bishop. Holy Trinity, Edmonton:
Danielle Key (s. Robert), Rector; Allan Bonertz (s.
Marg), Penny Bruce and Robin Walker (s.
Joanne), Honorary Assistants; RJ Chambers (s.
Janette), Arts Administrator; Janette Chambers
(s. RJ), Office Administrator. Chaplain at Buyé
High School: Audace Kwizera. Alexis Nakota Sioux
Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams

Music/Sound: Asher's Team / John
Service Team: Heritage Team
Prayers of the People: David H.
Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora J.
Kids: Kids stay in service

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