

# Welcome to St. Paul's!



*The Visitation*  
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**Sunday, December 22nd, 2024**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## **Advent at Home**

### **Prayer for the Morning**

Thank you, good and gracious God,  
for the morning light,  
for another day in which to  
live out what it means to have you magnified in my soul  
and the souls of those around me in this world.  
Teach me the meaning of "Let it be".  
Show me how to trust; in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Evening**

Good and gracious God,  
we give you thanks that  
you have made incarnate in your world  
the breath of life, the life of hope.  
Keep us safe throughout the night  
that in the morning we may again rejoice  
and live in peace with all creation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Come, Let Us Worship

We acknowledge that we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.

**May we always dwell on this land with respect and in peace.**



## Holy Communion

*Book of Common Prayer page 67*

## The Holy Eucharist The Gathering of the Community

**Opening Hymn** CP#89 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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 the Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** SNC#35

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Jesus has come and will never depart.

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.**

**The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid. (X2)**

## Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father,

**Who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,  
now fill us with your grace,  
that we in all things may embrace your will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
on God, now and for ever. Amen**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Micah 5: 2 – 5a

*Read by Ann McDowell*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,

who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me

one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,

from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labour has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return

to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,

in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 8:30am BCP pg. 21

10:00am

SNC#77

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Hebrews 10: 5 -10

*Read by Karen Brown*

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-

offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added,

‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to

establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn** SNC#77

*My Soul Cries Out*

**The Gospel** Luke 1: 39 -55

@ 8:30am

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel .....

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

@10:00am

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel .....

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean

town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of

Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary’s

greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled

with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are

you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And

why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes

to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,

the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

The Gospel of Christ

@ 8:30am

@ 10:00am

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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

**The Homily**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

We pray for Ann, Scott, Lorna, Gert, Conor, Lynda, Thelma, Fred, Bob & Eleanor, Shelagh, Jen, Tootsie, Scott, Rob, Ruth, Marion F., Sandra, Fred D., Shirley, Susan, Roger, Aaron, Jane, Karen, Peter, Glenda, Ian, Janie, Michelle, Elizabeth, Judy, Ken, Gwen, Marjorie, Peter K., Reina, Erin, Norma and Beth.

We pray for those known to us alone,  
and those known only to God.

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn** CP#73     *One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All*

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*From Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues ....*

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

SNC #212

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (X2)**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one  
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (X2)**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues ....*

With this bread and cup we remember your Word, Jesus Christ,  
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

*All*     **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

*All*     **Come, Holy Spirit**

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ  
Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

CP#744

**The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,**

**For we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

## **The Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist, as this is Christ's Table, and Christ is our Host. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing.  
Gluten free wafers are also offered.*

**Communion Hymn CP#90** *How the World Longs for Your Birth*

## **Prayer After Communion**

### **The Doxology**

Glory to God,  
whose power working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we  
could ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn CP#109** *When the King Shall Come Again*

## **The Dismissal**

Let us go in peace to serve God, one another,  
and to care for the earth.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you for the blessing of your presence at St. Paul's this morning.  
While the liturgy is over, our worship continues as we come together for  
fellowship and refreshment in the parish hall. All are welcome.*



*Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 4pm*



## *Service of the Longest Night*

*A quiet, reflective service for those of you finding the holiday season sad and difficult.*

*This year we are partnering with First Presbyterian at St. Paul's*

## **Holy Communion at 8:30am**

*Book of Common Prayer BCP (small, burgundy red book)*

Presiding    The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+  
Lay Reader    Julie Case

## **Sung Holy Eucharist at 10:00am**

*Book of Alternative Services BAS (green book)*

*Common Praise CP (blue hymnal)*

*Sing a New Creation (smaller blue hymnal)*

Presiding & Preaching    The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+  
Honorary Assistant    The Rev. Ted Guthrie+  
Lay Reader    Alex Joseph  
Music Director    Malcolm Gillis  
Duty Warden    Fred Bowen



*Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>*

*10am*

*Followed by a Pot Luck Lunch*

# Christmas at St. Paul's



**Christmas Eve 4pm**

*Sharing the Christmas Story*

*A short (1/2 hour) informal service for  
young people of all ages.*



**Christmas Eve 7:30pm**

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist with lots  
of Carol Singing 🎵🎵*



**Christmas Eve 11pm**

*Experience the wonderful tradition of a  
late-night, candlelit, sung Christmas Eve  
service of Holy Eucharist*



**Christmas Day 10am**

*Holy Communion with Carols (Book of Common Prayer)*



**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 10am**

*Join us for a festive service of Lessons & Carols!  
There will be one service this Sunday*



## Christmas Office Hours

**OPEN**

**Dec. 23, Dec. 30, Jan. 2 9am-1pm**

**CLOSED**

**Dec. 24 - 26, 31, Jan. 1**

Please note the hall, kitchen and bathrooms will be closed Dec. 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> as the floors are being stripped and waxed.

### **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### Office Hours

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Pre-authorized Giving [pag@ontario.anglican.ca](mailto:pag@ontario.anglican.ca) or call the Church office. Changes to PAG need to be made prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## **Prayer & Study**

**Monday Prayers for St Paul's and our Parish Ministries** 10:45am-11:00am. Please contact Jane Guthrie 613 802 8513 or Jennifer Palmer 343 364 4388 for more information.

**Tuesday Women's Book Study** on Zoom.

Contact Jane Guthrie 613 802 8513 [ccrquilts@gmail.com](mailto:ccrquilts@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Bible Study** 10:00am - 11:30am on Zoom

Contact Rev. Lynn [revlynnam@gmail.com](mailto:revlynnam@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Healing Service** @ noon in person and Zoom Contact Dave Bell 613 802 8158 - **No service Dec. 25 & Jan. 1**

**Thursday Bible Study** 7:00pm in-person and Zoom.

Contact Rev. Ted 613 498 2942 [bama.contact@gmail.com](mailto:bama.contact@gmail.com)