

Tickets are now on sale for St. Paul's Christmas House Tour, December 2nd from 1:00 – 5:00 pm, cost \$25. Enjoy beautifully decorated homes to start your Christmas season! Complimentary refreshments and a viewing of our beautiful church are available anytime during the tour.



**St. Paul's Anglican Church
November 26th, 2023
The Reign of Christ**

Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

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10.00am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Join us on
Sunday, December 10th for a
Christmas Tea & Organ Recital
featuring Alex Ripley with prelude on piano by Myrna Sloboda
At St. Paul's Anglican Church
45 Russell St. W., Lindsay
Christmas Tea: 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Carol Sing with Myrna: 3:30 - 4:00pm
Organ Recital: 4:00 pm
Cost: \$15 in advance for Christmas Tea & Recital
Or \$10 at the door for Recital only
Tickets available via St. Paul's Church Office
705-324-4666

A limited number of tickets will be available for the Tea



Come eat, sing & be merry!

Readings for next week: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 13:24-37

Grapevine: Submissions due on Dec. 4th please!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn CP #383 Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

Welcome & Announcements

Sentence Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Mark 11.9,10

The Greeting

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.**

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **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**

Collect of The Day

All: **Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now**

Doxology

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.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn CP #378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

The Dismissal



Please join us after the service for refreshments.

The flowers at the alter this morning are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
ARTHUR DONALD TRUAX
given by his wife Barbara and Tim, Sherry, Neil, Tom,
Sarah, Jeremy and great granddaughters Etta and Della

Announcements

Upcoming Services

December 3rd-Advent 1
December 10th-Advent 2
December 17th- Advent 3

Advent Study - Please join us this Advent as we delve into the writings of famed Anglican theologian, C. S. Lewis, with the book *Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season*. Our Advent Study begins via Zoom on Monday, November 27th at 6:30 pm. Book cost: \$20 or available on Kindle

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God (sung)

All **Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Hymns during Communion

Hymn CP #84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Hymn CP #85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn SPG #93 Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead us

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead us:

1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;

in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, gentle shepherd, you have saved us, yours we are.

2. We are yours, in mercy tend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep from ill, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, gentle shepherd, hear your children when we pray!

3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful tho' we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, gentle shepherd, early let us turn to you.

4. Early, let us seek your favour, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Saviour, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, gentle shepherd, you have loved us, love us still.

Anthem: Let There be Peace on Earth

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 100 said responsively.

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his name.

4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

God our Father, you have created us as your people, and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give you thanks, for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honour, now and for ever. Amen

2nd Reading Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn CP #375 At the Name of Jesus (v1-2)

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 25: 31-46

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and

Therefore, Father, according to his command, **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.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread #4

Celebrant: "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.

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. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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."

he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn CP #375 At the Name of Jesus (v3-5)

Homily Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: 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.

The Prayers of the People: Litany #8

(As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord saying, Lord have mercy.)

By your incarnation and your birth in poverty, by your baptism, your fasting, and your trials in the desert, O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord have mercy.

By your agony in the garden, by your cross and passion, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, and by the gift of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord have mercy.

In times of trouble and in times of well-being, at the hour we die and on the day of your glory, O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord have mercy.

Deliver us from war and violence, from hardness of heart and from contempt of your love and your promises; O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord have mercy.

Enlighten our lives with your word, that in it we may find our way and our hope; O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord have mercy.

Assist your people in every land, govern them in peace and justice, defend them from the enemies of life; O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

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.

Silence is kept.

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.

Sharing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn CP #520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.