

*Happy 1st week of Advent!*



**St. Paul's Anglican Church  
Advent 1 December 3rd, 2023**

**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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**10:00 am – BCP Holy Eucharist from the BAS**

**Processional Hymn CP# 114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds  
Descending**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle** (song: *Light the Advent  
Candle one...*)

Light the Advent candle, one  
Now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way,  
Time to think of Christmas Day.  
*Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

**Sentence:** Look up and raise your heads, because your  
redemption is growing near. *Luke21.28*

**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 with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,  
**All:** **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and  
worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

**The Summary of the Law**

**Celebrant** Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord  
our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy  
God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all  
thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and  
great commandment. And the second is like unto it:  
thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two  
commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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!***

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you this day and every day. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn CP #108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding**



*Please join us outside as you are able after the service for Christmas Tree lighting & carol singing, and afterwards for refreshments*

### Announcements

#### **Upcoming Services**

December 10<sup>th</sup>-Advent 2 BAS Holy Eucharist  
December 17<sup>th</sup>- Advent 3 BAS Holy Eucharist  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, Blue Christmas 11:00 am with soup lunch after  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, Advent 4 – Lessons & Carols 10:00 am  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm Candlelight Eucharist

**Advent/Christmas Letters** are available for pick up in mail slots.

**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*. For more information, please speak with Rev. Bonnie.

**Readings for next week:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

**Grapevine:** Submissions *due tomorrow* please! We need to be firm on this deadline as we have a tight turn-around time.

Reminder that the **Outreach Committee** will meet following the service.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **Collect of The Day**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: 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. Amen.**

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 64 : 1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18** – Cantor: Don Chase

Refrain:



*Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

2. O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **R**

3. You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

4. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
And so will never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.  
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Give Me Oil**

**Refrain:**

*Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!  
Sing hosannah to the King of kings  
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!  
Sing hosannah to the King!*

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;  
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning till the break of day. **Refrain**

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day. **Refrain**

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
give me peace in my heart, keep my loving,  
keep my loving till the break of day. **Refrain**

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep my serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day. **Refrain**

5. Give me hope in my heart, keep my praying,  
give me hope in my heart, I pray;  
give me hope in my heart, keep me praying,  
keep me praying till the break of day. **Refrain.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

*Celebrant:* God for whom we wait, 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.**

### **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
**All** whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.

### Lamb of God (sung)

**All**        **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

### Hymns during Communion

Hymn SING #2 Longing for Light (see below)

Hymn SPG #130 Give Me Oil (see below)

Hymn CP #63 Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

### Longing for Light

#### Refrain:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see. **Refrain**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, may despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. **Refrain.**

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed. **Refrain.**

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

Walls made of living stone. **Refrain.**

5. Many the gifts, many the people,

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

Making your kingdom come. **Refrain.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

### Gradual Hymn CP# 599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off The Night (V 1,2) (tune: Winchester New)

### The Holy Gospel – Mark 13:24-37

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for

you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

**People Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn CP# 599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night  
(v. 3-5)**

**Homily** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

**Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Together we say the words of the Creed,

**All I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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.**

*Silence*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**All: We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

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** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**  
**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they

### **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, (*and specially to thy servant N our bishop*), that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We pray for the community of faith gathered here, that we may welcome and support Anna Abraham, Ruth Gillis, Ted Lawrence, Graham Walsh, Kim Walsh who have recently come among us. We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: and grant to thy servant Charles our King and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, (*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*).

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
*Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.  
*John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.  
This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.  
If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Leader: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

***Silence is kept.***

**All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Peace & Welcome of New Members**  
***New Members are asked to come forward at this time.***

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People And with thy spirit.**

*Members of the congregation are encouraged to welcome the new members during the sharing of the Peace.*

**Offertory Hymn CP# 91 People Look East**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God of love and power, 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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. 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