



# St Paul's Anglican Church



**December 22, 2024,  
10 a.m.  
Advent 4 – Love  
Lessons and Carols**

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**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

## **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.**

**Prelude:**

**Processional Hymn: #123 Once in Royal David's City**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – Love**

Song: **Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love, He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes! x2**

### **Introductory responses - Advent**

Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

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

Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,

**All: That your people may rejoice in you?**

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**All: And grant us your salvation.**

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

### **A Bidding Prayer**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ, In this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger. As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us:

find new hope in the promise that God is with us; join with Mary, the favoured handmaid, and offer ourselves in service to God's holy and saving purpose for the world; and raise our voices with the messenger who announces good news of great joy to all people.

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign of the age to come.

With longing in our hearts for God's reign of peace, let us hear again the story of Christ's coming, and join with Mary and Joseph, and all our forebears in faith, in offering our worship.

*A brief silence.*

**Lesson #1 – Isaiah 11:1-10** (the root of Jesse)

Read by Ethel Morris

**Carol #1 Handbells** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**Lesson #2 – Micah 5:2-5a** (a ruler from Bethlehem)

Read by Tom Ross

**Carol #2 – #121** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (tune: Forest Green)

**Lesson #3 – Baruch 4:36-5:9** (the return of scattered Israel)

Read by Suzanne McAllister

**Guest Soloist #3** - “Come Unto Him” - Shelly Joyes

**Lesson #4 – Luke 1:26-38** (Jesus' Birth Foretold)

Read by Ken Gray

**Carol #4 – Anthem** “Who on Earth Could Know?”

**Lesson #5 – Luke 1:39-56** (Mary visits Elizabeth)

Read by Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

**Carol #5 – Handbells** “In the Bleak Mid-Winter”

**Lesson #6 – Hebrews 1:1- 4** (God Spoke by His Son)

Read by Lorna Green

**Carol #6 – #143** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

**Lesson #7 – Titus 3:4-7** (Saved through Christ)

Read by Paul Carpentier

**Carol #7 – Anthem** “Baby Boy” – violin Ruth Fallding

**Advent Litany #12**

Leader: (In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, “Lord Jesus, come soon!”)

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

*Silence may be kept.*

**Collect for Advent 4**

**All: 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, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: With joy in our hearts, let us gather our prayers in the words our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

**Offertory Hymn #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

## **Blessing**

Celebrant: Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn #138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Postlude:** (Feel free to sit and listen)

## ***Memorial Christmas Flowers***

*The flowers around the Sanctuary are given to  
the Glory of God and in loving memory of:*



*Our parents  
Lorna and Michael Green*

*Family Members  
Catherine Philp*

*Parents - Percy & Gertrude Lamb  
By Sandra, Jo-Anne & Milburn & families*

*Our parents*  
*By Peter & Gail Payne*

*Read & Hatt Families*  
*Doug Read*



*Rev. Gordon & Mary Brownell, Edgar & Dora Smith,*  
*Les Skerritt and Cameron & Anne Brownell*  
*By Rev. Bonnie & Michael Skerritt*

## **Special Music Guests**

**Soloist:** Shelly Joyes

**Violin:** Ruth Fallding

**St. Paul's Bells:** Betty Drummond, Arlene Gray, Kenneth Gray,  
Yasmine Kherraji, Kimberly O'Neill, Diane Stecher, Linda Todd

## **Upcoming Readings**

**Blue Christmas:** Isaiah 40:1-2, 6-11; Psalm 23;  
Revelation 21:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12a

**Christmas Eve:** Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12;  
John 1:1-14

**Christmas Day:** Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14;  
Luke 2:1-20

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;  
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2: 41-52

## **Upcoming Services**

***Sundays at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted***

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Blue Christmas** Evensong (7pm)

Tuesday December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight** Service  
- 7pm Holy Communion

Wednesday December 25 - **Christmas Day** - 3:30 Evening Prayer followed by the...**Christmas Day Dinner** (Dine-In only)  
Phone to pre-book your sit-down dinner reservation by Dec. 21.

December 29 – Christmas 1

## Announcements

**Designated Giving for December #215** will benefit **Kawartha Food Source**. As Christians have always done, we feed the hungry and we know the need this winter is more urgent than ever. Our monetary donations help the Food Source fund nutritious things like fresh produce, milk and eggs and the cost of breakfast programs in schools.



**Refreshment Time helpers needed** – Please consider taking on a Sunday, maybe with a couple of friends to lighten the load. And thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

**Gift Cards** Reminder to help support our Parish consider purchasing these cards and for those who already do, Thanks!

**A note:** as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, after discussion and prayer we will be retiring the gift card program. For all those who purchase these cards, we thank you and there are still cards available for your Christmas gifts.

**Sessions for Spiritual Renewal: Renewal begins with prayer.** Right across our diocese people are praying for spiritual renewal. Let's make a daily commitment to spend at least a few minutes in prayer, drawing close to God, who promises to draw close to us and be at work in and through us.



**Christmas Letters** are in the mail. 😊

**Grapevine** Please go to the website <https://st-pauls-lindsay.ca/newsletters> If you want a hard copy, please let the office know. It is 32 pages.

**The Offer of a Lifetime** for those of us over 50: We are looking for **china teacups** to have on hand for our annual event. *Might you have some you want to go to a good home?*

The Phone system is up and running for you to make your **Christmas Dinner Reservations** and Volunteer to help. Please let your friends and neighbours know.

The **Vestry List** has now been posted in the Main Hall and at the Russell Street doors. Please take a moment to review it. Any errors or omissions can be submitted to any member of the Parochial Tribunal (Rev. Bonnie, Barb Truax, Betty Hooper, Gail Payne). Such submissions need to be received by December 29.

## Christmas Happenings

### Blue Christmas Service

This is a contemplative service for those who would like a quiet space to celebrate Christmas.

Come join us as we reflect on God's compassion and love. 7pm Dec. 22

A reminder to wear **nametags** to help others know who you are.  
**We Strive to be a Scent free space**



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### CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

If you are alone on **Christmas Day** or unable to prepare a dinner, we invite you to join us December 25th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A short **Evening Prayer** service will also be available at 3:30 pm. Along with the meal we have music, and good fellowship.

*Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.  
Please join us after Worship for Refreshments and Fellowship!*