



# **St Paul's Anglican Church**

**December 8, 2024  
Advent 2**

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Music Director – Arlene Gray**

**10:00 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

## **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** #108 Hark, a Herald's Voice Is Sounding

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle – Peace**

**Song: Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace, He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes! X2**

### **Sentence**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4, 6*

### **The Gathering of the Community** (*All stand*)

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.**

## **The Summary of the Law**

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

**People    Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both of these laws in our hearts, we beseech you.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

**All          God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation: make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading - Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79)**



Pre - pare! ——— Pre - pare! ——— Pre - pare the way of the Lord!

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. **R**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. **R**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. **R**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. **R**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the ways of peace. **R**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the be-ginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. **R**

### **Second Reading - Philippians 4:4-7**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for

all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #103** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry vs 1,2

Reader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

**Holy Gospel - Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn #103 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry vs 3-5**

**Homily Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**

**The Apostles' Creed**

Celebrant Let us confess the 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**

(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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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

**Lord Jesus, come soon! Amen.**

### **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*

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 Hymn #91 People Look East! The Time Is Near**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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 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 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 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." 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.

**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 the Bread**

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**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.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*At this time, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reason. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice.*

## **Hymns during Communion**

Eucharist 1: Sing #35 Hope Is a Star

**1. Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.**

**Refrain:**

**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.**

**2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. R**

**3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Saviour is born. R**

**4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart. R**

Eucharist 2: #100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

**Anthem:** Are You Looking for Jesus?

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

Celebrant Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus 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. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

## **Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn** #270 Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go,  
serve the world God loves!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude:**

(Feel free to sit and listen)



## **Next Week’s Readings – Advent 3 Joy**

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2-6)  
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

# 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** – Over the coming weeks we typically have more folks visiting, 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!



**Christmas Flowers:** If you wish to donate flowers in memory of a loved one for Christmas, please let us know by Dec. 17. Mark your donation envelope: Donation Christmas Flowers

**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.



**Advent for Everyone** continues on this coming Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 pm with our reflections for Advent 3. A watch party has been organized at St. Paul's and will be facilitated by Rev. Bonnie. It is not necessary to

sign up with the diocese to attend but please let Rev. Bonnie know if you are coming. If you would like to attend via Zoom at home, please sign up at [www.toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal).

**Sessions for Spiritual Renewal: Renewal begins with prayer.** Right across our diocese people are praying for spiritual renewal to take hold in their own lives, as well as the life of their church, and our diocese.



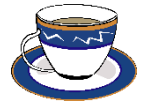
Let's make a daily commitment to spend at least a few minutes in prayer, drawing close to God, who promises to draw close to us and be at work in and through us.



**“CONNECTIONS”** before Blue Christmas Service @ 7pm Join with others for dinner at Symposium Restaurant in Plaza 449 Kent St. Sunday December 22 @ 4:30 or 5pm sign-up sheet on bulletin board in main hall contact person: Donna Gushue

**Christmas Letters** are ready for pickup. Due to the postal strike, you can lend a helping hand by taking one to a friend who may not be able to get to the church.

**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.

## Upcoming Services

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

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Advent 3

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Advent 4 Lessons & Carols – with guests

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

# Christmas Happenings

**Kawartha Lakes Singers** Sun. Dec. 8 2:30 pm Cambridge Street United Church “**Welcome Yule**” Tickets Available from Arlene in the office or pay at the door. \$25 The **unBELLievable** handbells led by **Ken Gray** will be playing and there will be lots of carols to sing.

**Kawartha Lakes Concert Band** a delightful evening of holiday music. Sat. Dec. 15 7:00 pm. \$5 of each ticket sale will go to support “A Place Called Home”. Tickets are \$25. Children 12 and under are free. [info@kawarthalakesconcertband.com](mailto:info@kawarthalakesconcertband.com). Tickets will be also available at the door. Cambridge Street United Church.

Learn more about APCH here: <https://www.apch.ca>

**So Much More** Keep your eyes open for the many ways the community is expressing the Christmas season! Pick your favourites and support each other in this season of hope, peace, love and joy.

### Weekly Schedule:

Mon.	Community Choir	weekly	7:00 pm	hall
Tues.	ESL*	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	ESL*	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	Sisterhood	weekly	12:00 – 2:00	hall
Thurs.	Handbells	weekly	3:45 pm	upper
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	weekly	7:00 pm	sanctuary
Tues. – Fri.	Tai Chi	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	upper
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	Kawartha Food Source		9:00 – 11:30	kitchen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Horticultural Society		7:00 – 9:00	hall

\*English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Language

## 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, carol singing, and good fellowship.

A reminder to wear **nametags** to help others know who you are.

**We Strive to be a Scent free space**

*Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.*

*Please join us after Worship for Refreshments and Fellowship!*



*Please note that all hymns are taken from Common Praise (1998) or are printed in the leaflet*

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