



# St Paul's Anglican Church

**November 30, 2025**  
**Advent 1**

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**Incumbent – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**

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**Music Director – Arlene Gray**

**10:00 am Morning Prayer BAS**

**Prelude** Wake Awake for Night is Flying - Nicolai

**Processional Hymn** # 110 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

## **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.**

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

**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.**

## **Sentence**

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.  
- *Luke 21.28*

## **The Penitential Rite**

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

**All Most merciful God, 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.**

Officiant 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.**

## **Introductory Responses – Advent**

Officiant Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

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

Officiant Will you not give us life again,

**People That your people may rejoice in you?**

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**People And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

## **Venite - Psalm 95.1–7**

**All Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and**

a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

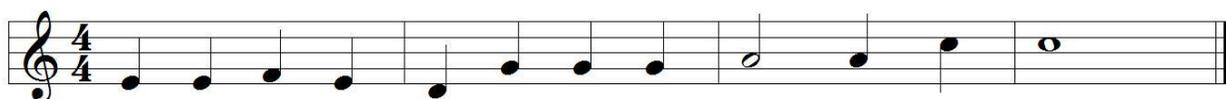
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 122



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

I was  
glad

when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord. For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. **R**

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good." **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### **Second Reading – Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn # 599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night** (tune: Rockingham)

### **Holy Gospel – Mathew 24:36-44**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew

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

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Officiant The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn # 599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night** (tune: Rockingham)

**Homily The Rev'd Bonnie Skerritt**

**Choir Anthem God of Still Waiting**

**Hear O Israel**

**All: Hear, O Israel Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

**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!**

**Offertory Hymn # 98** Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes (tune: Richmond)

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Officiant God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

### **Advent Responses**

My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

**In his word is my hope.**

There is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

**In his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.

**In his word is my hope.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.

**In his word is my hope.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Officiant 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

## **Prayers for the Unity of Christians & the Mission of the Church**

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Officiant 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.**

## **Blessing**

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.

## **Announcements**

Appointments Notice to be shared by Rev. Bonnie

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

## Dismissal

Officiant Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world God loves.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude:** The Penitent Heart - Ritter

*The **Flowers** at the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in Loving memory of **Lottie O'Brien** from Sharon Worsley and Family*

**Christmas Tree Lighting! Today** Come and join us after our service, for a carol sing in the courtyard as we light the Christmas tree!



## Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12



## Announcements

**Designated Givings #215** for November will benefit our local **Women's Resources**. Here is where women and their children can find lodging and safety after escaping dangerous abuse at home. They also get the help they need to start a new life. This rescue organization depends on a compassionate response from people like us to help them meet an increasing need,

**Refreshment Time helpers:** The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

**Sanctuary Flowers** This is a reminder about sanctuary flowers. The sign-up sheet and envelopes are in the hall on the St. Paul's bulletin board. Please contact the church by **Dec. 15** if you wish to donate for **Christmas Flowers**. All donations gratefully received. Any questions, please contact/call Marg Brohm.

**Envelopes for 2026** are now available at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call Marg Brohm (705) 324-0624 Thank you.

## Season of Spiritual Renewal

Back by popular demand, **Bishop's Advent Retreat Series**. Once again this Advent, the bishops will lead us in a time of study & reflection followed by Compline. Parishioners are invited to register individually for this and take part either at home or with a viewing party held here at St. Paul's. Sessions will be held **Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>**. Register via the Season of Spiritual Renewal page on the diocesan website.

## Upcoming Services

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

December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Advent 2 Holy Eucharist
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Advent 3 Holy Eucharist
December 21 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent 4 <b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b> - 7pm Holy Eucharist
December 25	<b>Christmas Day</b> - 3:00 Holy Eucharist followed by the... <b>Christmas Day Dinner</b> (Dine-In only)
December 28	Christmas 1 Holy Eucharist

Thank you for  
Worshipping with us Today.



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## Upcoming Parish Events

# Breakfast with Santa!



Come join us & jolly old St. Nicholas as he takes a break from the workshop

Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am – 11:30 am  
St. Paul's Church Hall  
45 Russell St. W., Lindsay  
Tickets: Adults \$15, Kids \$10

Partnering with 

Note: all children must be supervised by an adult

Breakfast includes  
Pancakes  
Sausage  
Scrambled Eggs  
Hot Chocolate  
Juice/Tea/Coffee

And of course, a chance to visit with Santa!

### 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 Holy Eucharist service** will also be available at 3:00 pm.

Please call 705 324 4666 and follow the prompts to register.