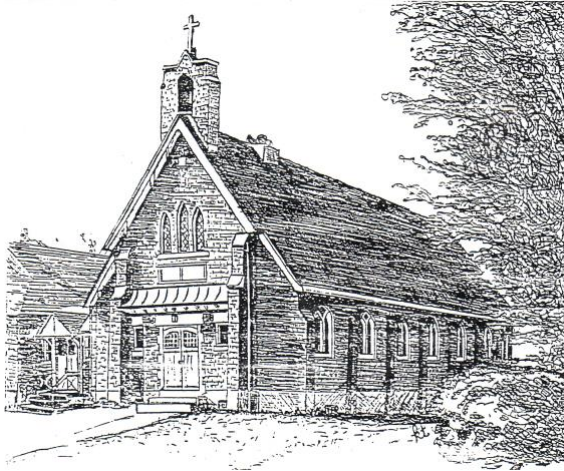


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Advent 2 – December 8, 2024

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

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The flowers on the Altar are given by Ann Broden in loving memory of Alana Broden, Tara Broden-Lefebvre, and Brian Broden.

Opening Praise Ancient Words by Lynn DeShazo
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam
ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient words ever true,
changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancients words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world
they resound with God's own heart
O, let the ancient words impart.
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The lighting of the Advent Candle
Elizabeth – The voice of Devotion

Prayer for the lighting of the Candle:
Prayer : **Almighty Father, who raised up your servant Elizabeth, who became the mother of John the Baptist; shine into our hearts that we may truly be worshippers devoted to bringing honour and glory to your Name. We want to be builders of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Advent Carol: **Christ be our Light** by Misc Praise Songs
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.

(Chorus) **Christ be our light!**
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
Longing for hope, many despair,
Your word alone has pow'r to save us,
Make us your living voice.

(Chorus) **Christ be our light!**
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51.18

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

The officiant and people say together,

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.

The leader says: 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.**

Morning Prayer

God's love has been poured into our hearts.

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

And speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

Who was and is and is to come.

The Invitatory

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:

O come, let us worship.

The Venite

Psalm 95.1-7

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!

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:

O come, let us worship.

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

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Praise: Refiner's Fire by Brian Doerksen

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire my heart's one desire is to be holy

Set apart for You Lord,

I choose to be holy, set apart for You my Master,

ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

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Canticle 19b (Luke 1:68-79)

Bless'd be the God of Israel,
the ever-living Lord,
who comes in pow'r to save his own,
his people Israel.
For Israel he raises up
salvation's tow'r on high
in David's house who reigned as king
and servant of the Lord.

Through holy prophets did he speak
his word in days of old,
that he would save us from our foes
and all who bear us ill.
To our ancestors did he give
his covenant of love;
so with us all he keeps his word
in love that knows no end.

Of old he gave his solemn oath
to Father Abraham;
his seed a mighty race should be
and bless'd for evermore.
He vowed to set his people free
from fear of ev'ry foe
that we might serve him all our days
in goodness, love, and peace.

O tiny child, your name shall be
the prophet of the Lord;
the way of God you shall prepare
to make his coming known.
You shall proclaim to Israel
salvation's dawning day
when God shall wipe away all sins
in his redeeming love.

The rising sun shall shine on us
to bring the light of day
to all who sit in darkest night
and shadow of the grave.
Our footsteps God shall safely guide
to walk the ways of peace.
His name for evermore be bless'd
who lives and loves and saves.

Hymn: Open our eyes Lord by Bob Cull

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him and to say that we love Him. Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 3:1-6

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Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Saint Hilaire

The Sung Creed

I believe in God Almighty, Father of all things that be, maker of the earth and heavens, keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.

I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified; taken from the cross, was buried, true life there had truly died. I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.

I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within one church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin; in the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain gives the life that's everlasting: This the faith that I have claimed.

Praise: (during which the tithes and offerings will be received)

We hold the Death of the Lord

We hold the death of the Lord Deep in our hearts Living, now we remain With Jesus the Christ

Once we were people afraid Lost in the night Then by Your Cross we were saved

Bread became living, life from Your giving

Something which we have known Something we've touched What we have seen with our eyes This we have heard, life giving word

**He chose to give of Himself Became our bread Broken, that we
might live Love beyond love, pain for our pain**

**We are the presence of God This is our call Now to become bread
and wine Food for the hungry, Life for the weary**

**For to live with the Lord
We must die with the Lord**

**We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.
Living now we remain with Jesus the Christ.**

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The Collect

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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: May the God of mercy transform us by his grace, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
 a call from the ways untrod:
 Prepare in the desert a highway,
 a highway for our God!
 The valleys shall be exalted,
 the lofty hills brought low:
 make straight all the crooked places
 where the God, our God, may go!

O Zion that bringest good tidings,
 Get thee up to the heights and sing!
 Proclaim to a desolate people
 the coming of their king.
 Like the flow'rs of the field they perish,
 The works of men decay;
 the pow'r and pomp of nations
 shall pass like a dream away;

But the word of our God endureth,
 the arm of the Lord is strong;
 he stands in the midst of nations,
 and he will right the wrong.
 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
 And fold the lambs to his breast;
 in pastures of peace He'll lead them,
 and give to the weary rest.

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Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Ministry Of Prayer: There will be a team of two people available at the front of the church providing an opportunity to receive prayer for yourself or someone else. Simply stay behind in the church or walk up to that area if you would like prayer.

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Notices:

Donations for coffee after church on Sundays would be greatly appreciated.

The church is open on Wednesdays from **11:00 – 1:00 p.m.** for frozen food pick-up and drop-off of donations/tithing and sandwiches. *****No sandwich pick-up on December 18th, December 25th & January 1st, to resume January 8, 2025.**

*****No frozen food pickup or delivery on December 25th and January 1st. To resume January 8, 2025**

Prayer evening –Thursday night, 7:30 -8:30 p.m., regular zoom meeting.

Community Outreach group – December – Monetary donation for food gift cards.

Monthly Mission: Bread and Beyond

TAX RECEIPTS: To be eligible for 2024 tax receipts, all tithings and/or donations to St. Paul's need to be received by Dec. 20, 2024 if done by Zeffy or Dec. 29, 2024 if done in person.

Service Schedule

Dec. 15 – Advent 3

Holy Communion with baptism

Dec. 22 – Advent 4

Holy Communion & Pageant

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

Holy Communion

Dec. 29 - Christmas 1

Service of the Word

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9 – Ladies craft day. **Note - last one until after the new year.**

Dec. 13 – Sing Praise

Dec. 14 – Christmas Baskets to be assembled. Any help would be appreciated. See Gloria for more information.

Dec. 25 - St. Paul's will be holding their annual Christmas Supper and everyone is welcome to come for a great traditional turkey dinner. For more information or to inform us that you will be attending, please call Roderick at 514-983-4278 or Debbie at 514-515-4278, if there is no answer, please just leave a message. Hope to see you there

December is here along with Spirit of Giving. The mission this month will be: **BREAD & BEYOND**

The Bread

Bread and Beyond's core activity is making and delivering fresh, nutritious sandwiches to shelters that support people experiencing homelessness in Montreal. This activity creates the pathway that connects the community to the shelters, it fosters engagement, increases awareness and advocacy and is an indispensable part of our mission and identity.

The Beyond

The making and delivery of sandwiches creates a pathway for frequent communication with the shelters. We use this pathway to inform our community about the current and most urgent needs at the shelters. This provides people with an impactful way to connect and respond while creating important learning opportunities about the homelessness situation in our city.

Please help this mission by either a monetary donation that goes towards the purchasing of bread, or through making sandwiches that can be brought to St Paul's Church every Wednesday between 10am and 12pm.

The homeless need your help so give generously today!

Week of 2 Advent – Daily Readings

Sunday

A.M. Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalms 148-150 2 Peter 3:11-18

P.M. Psalm 114, 115, St. Luke 7:28-35

Monday

A.M. Isaiah 5:8-12,18-23 Psalm 25 1 Thess. 5:1-11

P.M.: Psalm 9,15 Luke 21:20-28

Tuesday

A.M. Isaiah 5:13-17,24-25 Psalm 26, 28 1 Thess.5:12-28

P.M. Psalm* 36, 39, Lk 21.29–38

Wednesday

A.M. Isaiah 6:1-13 Psalm 38 2 Th 1.1–12

P.M. Psalm 119.25–48 Jn 7.53—8.11

Thursday

A.M. Is 7.1–9 Psalm 37:1-18 2 Th 2.1–12

P.M. readings Ps.37:19-42 Lk 22.1–13

Friday

A.M. 1 Is 7.10–25 Psalm 31 2 Th 2.13—3.5

P.M. readings Psalm 35 Lk 22.14–30

Saturday

A.M. Isaiah 8:1-15 Psalm 30,32 2 Th 3.6–18

P.M. readings Ps. 42, 43 Lk 22.31–38

Sunday – Advent 3

A.M. Isaiah 13:6-13 Psalm 63.1–8(9–11), Heb.12:18-29