

January 26, 2025 Third after Epiphany

Thought to ponder: *"Angels are the invisible hand that lifts us up when we are ready to give up on ourselves"*

Prelude:

Welcome

**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church
Acknowledgement of the Territories**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you

Call to Worship:

One: We live and breathe, laugh and grieve.

All: God, thank you for the angels that walk among us.

One: We hurt, we fear, we worry, we stress.

All: God, thank you for the angels that walk among us.

One: We struggle sometimes with relationships.

All: God, thank you for the Angels that walk among us.

One: We are your children, learning and growing each day.

All: Thank you, God, for the angels that walk among us. Amen.

Hymn: **MV# 142 Oh A Song Must Rise**

Oh a song must rise (refrain)

for the spirit to descend

Oh a song must rise once again

**Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,**

Oh a song must rise

for the spirit to descend

From the mountains to the valleys,

from the desert to the sea,

a song must rise once again.

From the voices of our leaders,

the voice of you and me,

a song must rise

for the spirit to descend.

Refrain

From poverty and riches,

from the voice of young and old,

a song must rise once again.

From the free

and the imprisoned,

the timid and the bold,

a song must rise

for the spirit to descend.

Refrain

From ev'ry house of worship,

in ev'ry faith and tongue,

a song must rise once again.

From the villages and cities

a new song must be sung,

a song must rise

for the spirit to descend.

Refrain

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Prayer

God we are here this morning to praise you. We awake every morning to praise you. We revere you. We cannot imagine what our lives would look like without you God. Your love, your grace, your guidance, your wisdom, your Son, the Holy Spirit and the Angels who walk among us are all gifts and we give Thanks to you for them. These gifts mold us. Inspire us this morning so that we may be a Blessing to others this week. We pray for your help on our journey so that we become more faith filled through your continued gifts to us. Amen.

Children's time: What's on Your Shoulder

Hymn: MV #92 Like A Rock

**Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky,
God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon,
God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
Our home is in God ever more.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture

Isaiah 6: 1-4 Seraphim

Psalms 148: 1-6 Heavenly Hosts

Revelations 22: 1-5 The Angel

Matthew 26: 47-54 A Legion of Angels

Ministry of Music: Light of the World

(Sing Hallelujah)

Reflection: Angels who walk among us

Hymn: VU #388 Spirit Dancing

**Spirit dancing on the waters,
sun reflecting song of grace
calling life to all the creatures,
giving life to human race.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,
naming moment they should part,
giving freedom to the peoples,
signed for all in dancer's art.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,
paradox of womb and grave,
welcome now the Word child's coming,
no one prisoner, no one slave.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,
can the dance by cross be stilled?
Earth be shaken! Dead awaken!
What was emptied shall be filled.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,
give your people their new birth,
healing, loving one another
in community with earth.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,
we would come and dance with you
'til our world is filled with music
and in Christ all things are new.**

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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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, and the
power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Invitation to offering:

Prayer of Dedication

**God, to you we dedicate these gifts
this day. May this act of giving inspire
other ways that we may help others
and help St. Paul's help others so that**

**your love may be revealed on earth as
it is in heaven. Amen.**

Hymn: VU #238 O Lord My God vs 1,2,4

O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all
the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul,
(refrain)**

**my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,

what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim,
'My God, how great thou art!'

Refrain

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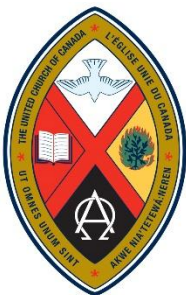
Benediction:

**Sung Benediction: MV #211 Go Now in Peace
Guided by the Light**

**Go now in peace
guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be nourished
by the Word of life.**

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Announcements

January 26th, 2025 3rd after Epiphany

Donations were received this week in loving memory of Jean Murray from Jean and Lowell Thompson, Vera and Charles Turner, Jean Kaye, Barb Dodds and Judy Stockdale Dow. Memorial donations were received in loving memory of Verna Webb from Charles and Vera Turner, Jean Kaye, Barb Dodds, the St Paul's Ladies, Jean and Lowell Thompson and Judy Stockdale Dow.

A donation was received in memory of Melissa Anderson from Jean and Lowell Thompson.

Reader for this week: Erin Johnston

Reader for next week: Lisa Folkins

Greeter this week: Bob and Sue

Greeter next week: Donna Adair

Tellers this week: Susan and Lori
Tellers next week: John and Muriel
A/V this week: Lisa
A/V next week: Lloyd

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Coffee and conversation after the service

Wednesday 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 6:30 Youth Group

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service via
Facebook and Zoom

Coldest night of the year Support the sharing club. If you are interested in forming a team to represent St. Paul's, there is a sign up sheet with more info in the narthex or contact the office.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper If you are interested in forming a team to help prepare a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the office.

Coming soon: February 9th After the service, come upstairs and enjoy fellowship, music, socializing and dessert! Get your valentine photo taken; celebrate Valentine Day.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

M&P: The M&P committee exists as the supervisory committee for staff at St. Paul's. If you have a compliment or complaint that you wish to have discussed, please submit it in writing to the M&P committee by putting it in a sealed envelope and leaving it in their mailbox. The M&P committee: Shirley Keith, Tom Belyea, Judy Candy, Cheryl Hughes, Bob Ness, Denise Murphy

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown