

*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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First Sunday after Christmas

Interim Moderator: Rev. Robert Lyle

Clerk of Session: Jan Alchorn

Music Director: Linda Giddens

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

One Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

All: Praise God, sun and moon!

One God’s name alone is exalted;

All: God is above the earth and heaven.

One Young and old together, all creatures great and small,

All: Let us praise God’s holy name, now and evermore!

Hymn # 141 Away in a manger

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving and everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being: great are you; great is your power, greater is your love, and of your wisdom and of your grace there is no end.  By your word that created all things and the love the moves the sun and moon and stars you created us; you have made us for yourself, and we are yours, and our hearts are restless until they come to rest in you.  In this time of worship, receive our prayers and our praises as we honour your gifts of Light and Love which shine upon us through Jesus Christ this day and every day by your grace.

God of our lives and the time in which we live, we confess that we prefer our fantasy to your truth, and our plans to your purposes for us and the world.  We shrink from costly discipleship, and we seek cheap grace.  Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments, and guide us always so that we might walk in your way and follow the way of your son now and always, through the steadfast grace of Christ, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, God’s generous love reaches out to embrace us. We are forgiven and set free to begin again. Let us forgive one another just as God has forgiven us. May the peace of Christ be with us all.

Hymn # 143 Angels from the realms of glory

Prayer for Understanding

God of wisdom and life, send your Holy Spirit to open our hearts to your promise of new life. Surprise us with new insights. Refresh us with deep wisdom. And wrap us with the grace of your Good News as we attend to the baby in the manger. Amen.

O.T. Lesson 1 Samuel 2:18-21, 26 p. 191

Responsive Psalm 148

1Praise the Lord.Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

2Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
3Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
4Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

5Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

6and he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.

7Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

8lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

9you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
10wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
11kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

12young men and women, old men and children.

13Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
14And he has raised up for his people a horn,the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

N.T. Epistle Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 p. 834

N.T. Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52 p. 725

Sermon Doing my Father’s business

Hymn # 575 Standing at the portal

Offering and Offertory

Carol # 121 vs. 4

What can I bring him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

If I were a wise man, I would do my part

Yet, what I can I give him, give my heart.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn # 775 (NBP) Sent forth by your blessing

Benediction and Choral Amen

**MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, December 29**

As Western culture becomes increasingly secular and Christianity occupies a more peripheral position in society, Canadian church plants are pioneering new ways to share God’s love. One such initiative to encourage church planting is Cyclical PCC, supported by The Presbyterian Church in Canada in collaboration with Cyclical Inc. This initiative aims to empower presbyteries and leaders within the denomination to initiate new worshipping communities. Participants in the program are part of a larger network of PCC leaders exploring their calling and taking initial steps toward launching new ministries. What exciting new forms of ministry are emerging in your local community?

Upcoming Services

Jan 5 – Bob Lyle

Jan 12 – Brad Little

Jan 19 – Maryann Skinner

Jan 26 – Bob Lyle (Fellowship Sunday)