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Advent 4 - December 18, 2011

Scripture Sentence:

"I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word." Luke 1:38

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST – (BCP)

O. T. Lesson: 2 Sam.7:1-11,16 p. 274
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 pg. 439
N. T. Lesson: Romans 16:25-27 pg. 155
The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38 pg. 53
Hymns: R.B.390/112

10:30 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE

Welcome: Marilyn Miles

Hymn: 'Twas in the moon of winter RB.412

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace you will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Christmas Confession

Leader: Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins:

Leader: Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to come into your presence as your children. We have sinned:

All: Lord forgive and heal us.

Leader: the Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned:

All: Lord forgive and heal us.

Leader: Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

All: Lord forgive and heal us.

Leader: The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self interest and lack of vision. We have sinned:

All: Lord forgive and heal us.

Leader: The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek you. We have sinned:

All: Lord forgive and heal us.

Absolution: Linda Faith Chalk

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to Himself, that we may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Sam.7:1-11,16 p. 274

The lighting of the Advent Candle The voice of Prophecy

Children's Advent song: A Candle is burning
A Candle is burning A flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night,
while angels sing blessings from heaven's
starry sky, Our hearts we prepare now for
Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of peace, a
candle to signal that conflict must cease: for
Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of joy, a candle
to welcome brave Mary's new boy. Our hearts

will with wonder, and eyes light and glow as
joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

A candle is burning, a candle of love, a candle
to point us to heaven above. A baby for
Christmas, a wonderful birth, For Jesus is
bringing God's love to our earth.

St. Paul's Sunday School

Children's Christmas Pageant

THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Featuring:

Soloists: Victoria Amato

Jessica Mack and Kaitlynn Rodney

Drummer Boy: Maxime Fraval

Speaker: Zachary Garoufalis

Narrators: Karen Rye & Zachary Garoufalis

Angels: Rebecca Amato, Amy Fraval,

Emilie Caron

Mary: Hailey Sandell

Joseph – Philippe Caron

Innkeeper – Kelly Crawley-DaCosta

Angel in the Field: Kristin Rodney

Shepherds: Cassidy Lee, Evelyn Grow,

Nicole Dodd, Sam Dodd

Three Kings: Victoria Amato

Jessica Mack and Kaitlynn Rodney

Star – Patricia Ferretti

And a thank you to all the extras who joined in!

Away in a manger (verse 1) RB.419

St. Paul's Sunday School Children

Congregation joins in for verses 2 and 3.

N. T. Lesson: Romans 16:25-27 pg. 155

St. Paul's chorus

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38 pg. 53

Carol: "What child is this?" (W.C. Dix)

St. Paul's chorus sings the first verse:

What Child is this who, laid to rest On Mary's lap
is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping? This,
this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing; Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox
and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for
sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The
cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the
Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come
peasant, king to own Him; The King of kings
salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone
Him. Raise, raise a song on high, The virgin
sings her lullaby. Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Homily- "Abandoned to God"

The Rev'd Linda Faith Chalk

Joy Has Dawned upon the World"

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

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Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised
from creation—God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation. Not with fanfares from
above, Not with scenes of glory, But a humble
gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs
of angels As the mighty Prince of Life Shelters
in a stable. Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness, Cling now to a
mother's breast, Vuln'rable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at
the glory; Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story. Gold—a King is born
today, Incense—God is with us, Myrrh—His
death will make a way, And by His blood He'll
win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, Given as a
ransom; Reconciling God and man, Christ, our
mighty champion! What a Savior! What a
Friend! What a glorious myst'ry! Once a babe
in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist'ry.

The Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible:

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of Himself. I believe in Jesus, the Son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

**Offertory Hymn: Hark the herald angels sing
RB. 407**

The Prayers of the People:

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a son is given! Wonderful Counselor, lead us in your ways of wisdom and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty God, inspire your people to worship you in Spirit and in truth and to bear witness to your love. Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Everlasting Father, give healing and renewal to your children who suffer or are in any kind of trouble. Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Prince of peace, make war and conflict cease, and bring to the nations of our world your pure and perfect peace. Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Lord, hear our prayer and fulfil your purposes in us, as your accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

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

Birthday Song: "Birthday Greetings today, May God bless you we pray. Live for Jesus, dear loved ones. Happy Birthday to you."

An Advent dismissal

Leader: God sent his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to come among us in great humility. We look for him to come again in power and great glory:
All: Amen!

Leader: We rejoice at our Redeemer's birth to live with us. As we live in the light of his coming, may he free us from sin and make us holy, steadfast in faith, constant in love and joyful in hope:
All: Amen!

Leader: When he comes again in His majesty may he reward us with endless life:
All: Amen!

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World RB. 401

Ministry Of Prayer after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Services there is an opportunity to receive prayer for yourself or someone else. There will be a team of two people available at the front of the

church near the organ. Simply stay behind in the church or walk up to that area if you would like prayer.

SERVICE SCHEDULE ***

December 24, 2011 7:30 p.m. Family Eucharist
Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
December 25, 2011 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Christmas Day (BCP)
January 1, 2012 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP
The Naming of Jesus 10:30 a.m. Holy
Communion (BCP)

December Missions

Mission Project – HOPE
Sunday School – tooney for the Christmas family

IN THE PARISH

Exercising With Ron – Monday & Friday
10am
Evening Prayer — Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Canadian Church Calendars \$5.00

Christmas Families

Immediately following the service today those who are able to help with the wrapping and assembling of the hampers for the families are asked to go to the lower hall. A hot dog lunch will be provided. We are getting as much as possible assembled as the hampers will be delivered on Tuesday evening.

Christmas Communion

If you know of anyone unable to attend service at this holy season please have them contact the parish office at 450-671-6000.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

If you wish to contribute Memorial Flowers at this holy season please contact Janis Babb at 450-466-2864.

If you are travelling at Christmas and do not think that you will be able to attend a Christmas service and wish to receive Christmas communion before going away, speak with Linda Faith and she will make

arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion after the service today.



Amounts to be counted for your 2011 Charitable donations receipt for your income tax must be received by December 31, 2011. Anything received after this will be entered in 2012.

Looking to Vestry 2012.

The nominating committee is looking for individuals who would prayerfully consider becoming the Sexton/Verger, Safe Church Co-ordinator or filling a position on the Parish Council. Are you open to serving the body of Christ here at St. Paul's in this manner?

2011 Annual Vestry
Sunday, January 29th, 2012
Reports due January 15, 2012

Week of Advent 4 – Daily Readings

18 Dec Sunday Eve Psalm 8, 84 Jn3.16–21
19 Dec Monday Morning
Zephaniah 3:14–20 Psalm 61, 62 Titus 1:1–16
Monday Eve Psalm* 112, 115 St. Lk 1.1–25
20 Dec Tuesday Morning
1 Sam 2.1b–10 Psalm 66,67 Tit 2.1–10
Tuesday Evening Psalm 116, 117 St. Lk 1.26–38
21 Dec Wednesday Morning
2 Sam 7.1–17 Psalm 72 Tit 2.11—3.8a
Wednesday Eve Psalm 111,113 St. Lk 1.39–56
22 Dec Thursday Morning
2 Sam 7.18–29 Psalm 80 Gal 3.1–14
Thursday Evening: Psalm 146,147 St. Lk 1.57–66
23 Dec Friday Morning
Bar 4.21–29 Psalm 93,96 Gal 3.15–22
Friday Evening: Psalm 148, 150 St. Lk 1.67–80
24 Dec Christmas Eve Morning 45, 46 *
2M Bar 4.36—5.9 Gal 3.23—4.7 Mt 1.18–25
Christmas Eve * 89.1–29 Is 59.15b–21 Phil 2.5–11
Christmas Day Morning
2 Mic 4.1–5; 5.2–4 Psalm 2,85 1 Jn 4.7–16
Christmas Day Evening: Psalm 110,132 St. Jn 3.31–36.

Bible study starts January 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. At the Rectory. Study- John's gospel.