

# Welcome to St. Paul's!

*Changing our corner of the world with good news*



Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

## Happy Candlemas!

*At Home Prayer for Candlemas*

Dear God,

As we remember how Jesus was presented  
as a baby in the Temple,  
we remember Simeon's declaration that  
Jesus is the Light of the world.

We have experienced so much darkness  
within ourselves and within our world.  
We hunger for your light to dispel the darkness  
and guide us to life.

Increase the small flames you have  
created in our lives,  
that we might bring your light into the darkness. Amen.

## About Candlemas

Also known as the Feast of the Presentation, Candlemas on February 2<sup>nd</sup> is 40 days after Christmas. Again, the number 40. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40



days. Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness, so Lent is 40 days long.

Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter. This is the last time in our church year when we will encounter the infant Jesus. It is also about the midpoint between the Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox.....more light every day.

The Church has a long tradition blessing and sharing candles at this time of year. You are invited to take a blessed, beeswax candle home with you after worship today.

## Come, Let Us Worship



We recognize and acknowledge the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

**May we always dwell on this land with respect and in peace.**

**Opening Hymn CP352**

*Amazing Grace*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the companionship with the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The world belongs to the Lord.

**The earth and all its people.**

How good and lovely it is

**to live together in unity.**

Love and faith come together,

**justice and peace join hands.**

if the Lord's disciples keep silent,

**These stones would shout aloud.**

Lord, open our lips,

**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength.

**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!**

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**O come, let us worship.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

Let us now make ourselves ready to hear and receive what God is saying to us through Holy Scripture.

**The First Reading** Malachi 3: 1 – 4 *Read by Virginia Glover*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 84**

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, \*

**O Lord of hosts!**

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; \*  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house \*  
**and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;**

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, \*  
**my Sovereign and my God.**

<sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**They will always be praising you.**

<sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you, \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way!**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

6 They will climb from height to height, \*

**and you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in Zion.**

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*

**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*

**and look upon the face of your anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*

**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

10 For you, Lord God, are both sun and shield; \*

**you will give grace and glory;**

11 no good thing will you withhold, O Lord, \*

**from those who walk with integrity.**

12 O Lord of hosts, \*

**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

**The Second Reading** Hebrews 2: 14 – 18 *Read by Ann McDowell*

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

<sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**    Luke 2: 22 – 40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke.

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

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed<sup>35</sup> so that

the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

## **The Homily**

### **Hear, O Israel**

One of the scribes asked Jesus, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered,

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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Gert, Lynda, Thelma, Bob, Shelagh, Tootsie, Lloyd M., Rob, Ruth, Marion, Fred D., Laurie, Roger, Aaron, Karen, Ian F., Elizabeth, Ken, Marjorie, Tom, Marie, Joanie, Ann, Viola, Terry, Tracey, Wendy, Alex, Joan, Helen, Nancy, and Ian M.

We pray for those known to us alone,  
and those known only to God.

### **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

Holy God, Maker of all,

**have mercy upon us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,

**have mercy upon us.**

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

**have mercy upon us.**

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

*Silence*

**In the community of Christ's Church  
and in the presence of all God's people,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved God,  
cared for God's world,  
or respected God's people as we should.  
We acknowledge our responsibility,  
and pray for God's pardon.**

May God forgive us,  
Christ befriend us,  
and the Spirit renew and change our lives.  
**Amen.**



The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Offering Hymn CP334**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.....**

**The Collect of the Day**

Blessed are you,  
**O Lord our God,**  
for you have sent us your salvation.  
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit  
to recognize the One who is the glory of Israel  
and the light for all nations,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

As Jesus taught us, let us pray.....

Glory to God,  
whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we could ask of imagine.  
Glory to God,  
from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**The Blessing**

May God bless us;  
may God keep us in the Spirit's care  
and lead our lives in love.  
**May Christ's warm welcome**  
**shine from our hearts**  
**and Christ's own peace prevail**

through this and every day.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

Closing Hymn CP349

*All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

### Dismissal

From where we are to where you need us,  
**Jesus, now lead on.**

From the security of what we know  
to the adventure to what you will reveal.

**Jesus, now lead on.**

To refashion the fabric of this world  
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom.

**Jesus, now lead on.**

Because things have been prepared  
for those who love God.

**Jesus, now lead on.**

## **Morning Prayer at 10:00am**

*Book of Alternative Services* BAS (green book)

*Common Praise* CP (large blue hymnal)

*Sing a New Creation* SNC (small blue hymnal)

Officiating & Preaching Karen Brown

Co-Officiant Julie Case

Music Director Malcolm Gillis

Duty Warden Patricia Birtch-Guirandou



## ANNUAL VESTRY 2026

**Vestry Reports are due**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Meeting is Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> following  
the 10am Sunday Service.**



## THINK GREEN!

Use energy-saving light bulbs. They last up to 10 times longer than ordinary bulbs.

Saturday, February 7th  
at 2:00pm

### ***INVICTUS* (2009)**

Nelson Mandela, in his first term as President of South Africa, initiates a unique

venture to unite the Apartheid-torn land: enlist the national rugby team on a mission to win the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

*Morgan Freeman    Matt Damon*

*Directed by Clint Eastwood*

All-you-can-eat popcorn   50¢    Soft drinks   \$1 each



**It's time for our annual  
PANCAKE SUPPER!**

**Mardi Gras   Fat Tuesday**

**Shrove Tuesday**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>   5:00pm - 6:30pm**

**This is a fantastic St. Paul's event, and it's all hands on deck! There is a sign-up sheet circulating, and we would like to have TWO volunteers for each position so that no one gets too tired. Please add your name to the list. Proceeds will be split between St. Paul's accessibility project and the Food Bank.**



Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul's will be teaming up with First Presbyterian, as part of the "Sunday Strollers". Come and walk with us, as we raise money and raise awareness of the unhoused crisis.



St. Paul's will once again be hosting the community World Day of Prayer service, which has been created by the women of Nigeria. The service will be held on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you would be interested in assisting with this service, please speak with Rev. Lynn+

## **This Week at St. Paul's**

### **Monday**

**Prayers for St Paul's and our Parish Ministries** 10:45am-11:00am on Zoom. Please contact Jennifer Palmer 343 364 4388

### **Tuesday**

**Women's Book Study** on Zoom.

Contact Jane Guthrie 613 802 8513 [ccrquilts@gmail.com](mailto:ccrquilts@gmail.com)

**PAC Meeting** 6:30pm on Zoom.

### **Wednesday**

**Camera Club** 7:00pm

### **Thursday**

**Bible Study** 7:00pm in-person and Zoom. For more info contact the office 613 342 5865 [office@stpaulsbrockville.ca](mailto:office@stpaulsbrockville.ca)

### **Friday**

**Scottish Country Dancing Class** 2:30pm – 4pm For more info contact 613 345 2793