



# The St. Paul's Page

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December 19 2021

## **DECEMBER 19** [please register](#)

Worship service in sanctuary at 10:30 am  
an integrated zoom-recorded pageant

## **DECEMBER 21** [please register](#)

The labyrinth will be open from noon till 9 pm.

## **DECEMBER 24** [please register](#)

Christmas Eve in sanctuary at 8 pm

### **December 24**

Christmas Eve video on our YouTube channel  
with families of young children in mind

### **December 26**

Sunday worship video on our YouTube  
channel with the theme of Boxing Day

## **JANUARY 2** [please register](#)

Worship service in sanctuary at 10:30 am

Registration: [office@stpaulsunited.org](mailto:office@stpaulsunited.org) or 780-436-1555.  
Proof of minimum double vaccination is required.

### **Message from Stewardship and Finance**

Finance and Stewardship are pleased to report a positive response to our request for extra (13th Month) donations. We are more than half-way to eliminating the budget shortfall, and if donations continue apace we should end the year in good shape. Thanks to all who have donated so far. Donations can be made online via the church website: <https://stpaulsunited.org/donations/>, or by cheque mailed to the church office.

To avoid the challenges of a deficit budget in the coming year, we ask, if at all possible, that you consider a small increase to your pledge or PAR or the new financial year beginning in January. This will put our congregation in a stable, sustainable position as we continue our important work. Please give this request careful consideration as you evaluate your year-end finances. You can email any changes to your pledge or PAR donation to the church office at: [office@stpaulsunited.org](mailto:office@stpaulsunited.org).

Yours in Christ.

Jim Stewart (chair, Stewardship Committee)

Justin Wheler (chair, Finance Committee)

Heather Peden (Finance Committee)

## True Love

St. Augustine

In spite of our unfaithfulness,  
You continue to be a reliable constant,  
An unwavering, undying love.  
Whether in good times or in bad,  
We turn to you and you are there for us.  
We show forth our best or our worst  
and you continue to believe in us.  
We wander askew or remain aloof  
And you still leave the porch light on.  
Because you are our one True Love.

Today: I join my heart to True Love.

from *Fragments of Your Ancient Name* by Joyce Rupp

You will find worship service videos and livestream recordings on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/stpaulsucyeg](http://www.youtube.com/stpaulsucyeg).

Here is the link to Sunday bulletin for December 19  
<https://stpaulsunited.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Advent-4-December-19-2021.pdf>

### **Year-End Donations**

Many thanks to all of you who support the church with your donations. In order for your contributions to be included in your 2021 tax receipt, please ensure that any year-end donations are received at the church **no later than December 31.**

### **Poinsettias**

Those who purchased poinsettias are welcome to take them home after worship on Sunday December 19 or after the Christmas Eve service.

The church office will be closed on December 27 and 28 in lieu of Christmas and Boxing Day.




Denise and Lawrence setting up the crèche (in -20°C freezing cold). Their puppy Peaches is helping too.

Thanks to Logan Smarch for his professional contribution operating the livestream and the soundboard.

Year-round giving guide for Bissell Centre:  
<https://bissellcentre.org/goods-we-need/>  
 Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



**Affirming News - Goodbye**   
 Shylo Rosborough has served as the Affirming Ministries Coordinator based out of Robertson-Wesley UC for 2.5 years. He will be leaving his position at the end of this month to follow a call to study toward becoming a paramedic. Click here [here](#) to listen to Shylo's goodbye message. Please follow [this link](#) for a list of all available affirming resources, links, and video playlists.

This holiday season, Canadian Blood Services is asking for your help in our community. Blood donors are urgently needed throughout the month of December, especially during the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. For more information and to book an appointment please visit <https://blood.ca/en>



**Our Christmas Eve offerings are shared with No Room in the Inn**

Since 1990, the Edmonton and District Council of Churches, through its *No Room In the Inn* Committee, has coordinated this ecumenical justice housing initiative based on the Biblical story of Mary and Joseph seeking a safe place to stay when there was no room in the inn. This annual campaign invites people of Edmonton and area churches to think about those in our community who do not have adequate and safe housing. During this pandemic when we have had to spend so much time "at home" we have become more aware than ever of the importance of a safe place to live. The 2021 *No Room In the Inn* campaign is now under way, and is inviting Communities of Faith to support L'Arche Edmonton, which provides supportive housing and help for adults with special needs. With the funding raised in this year's campaign, L'Arche Edmonton will be renovating and upgrading one of their seven houses in the Edmonton area. For more information about the campaign, please see the 2021 [Poster](#) and [Brochure](#) (includes options how to donate) or email [nrii.edm@gmail.com](mailto:nrii.edm@gmail.com). For more information about L'Arche Edmonton, please visit their [web site](#).



  
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