

# The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church

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Advent 3 - Joy

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:30.** Worship services are also live-streamed and uploaded for later viewing [here](#).

If you are joining us online, please see our [service bulletins](#). Alternatively, the QR code can be scanned to view our bulletins.



## ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL'S DECEMBER 14—21

<b>SUN</b> 12.14	10:30 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Rev. Henriette Kelker &amp; RW Hoekstra</b>
	12:00 pm	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
<b>MON</b> 12.15	8:30 am	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Yoga	Foote Auditorium
	7:00 pm	A Joyful Noise Choir	Foote Auditorium
	7:00 pm	A Joyful Noise Choir	Upper Hall
	8:00 pm	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
<b>TUE</b> 12.16	11:30 am	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
	5:45 pm	Nar Anon Support Group	Nursery
	7:00 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
	7:30 pm	Nar Anon Support Group	Bentley Room
<b>WED</b> 12.17	9:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b>	<b>Anna's Study</b>
	12:30 pm	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>THU</b> 12.18	9:30 am	<b>Quilters</b>	<b>Foote Auditorium</b>
	12:00 pm	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
	5:45 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Tai Chi	Upper Hall
<b>FRI</b> 12.19	4:00 pm	Social Justice Committee	Upper Hall
<b>SAT</b> 12.20	8:00 am	Social Justice Committee	Upper Hall
	3:30 pm	Moxy B Studio	Foote Auditorium
	7:00 pm	<b>Longest Night Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>SUN</b> 12.21	10:30 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Choir-Led Worship</b>
	12:00 pm	Piano Lesson	Sanctuary
	2:00 pm	Haut Nkam Association	Foote Auditorium

## Joy of Every Loving Heart

You are the gift unable to be kept secret,  
Leaping out from the happiness of sharing.  
You are the blessing of intentional kindness,  
The sigh of satisfaction in generous giving.  
You are the reward of helping hands,  
The natural euphoria of each caring heart.  
You are the quiet bliss of assured contentment  
Coming forth from hospitable gestures.  
You are the look of love in hearts that receive.  
The quiet pleasure in grateful acceptance

Today: I find *Joy* in both giving and receiving.

from *Fragments of Your Ancient Name* by Joyce Rupp

## City of Edmonton - Belgravia Traffic Review

**The City of Edmonton wants your feedback! Your input is important for understanding Belgravia's traffic flow and congestion challenges.** This input, along with technical and policy considerations, will be used to help assess potential short-term and long-term neighborhood traffic and shortcutting improvement measures.

Potential improvement measures will be brought to the Urban Planning Committee for information. Share your feedback [here](#) or by scanning the code. Comments open until December 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Finance Update:** Does seeing red make you blue? Then help put us in the black! Finances to the end of November show us with a \$19,000 deficit year-to-date. Any extra gifts this year would be very appreciated; every gift matters, large or small. Thanks, from the Finance Committee.

### From the Social Justice Committee:

Social Justice Committee echoes the warm thanks offered by the newcomers in the congregation (in this week's Friday Announcements email). This year your financial donations allowed St. Paul's to organize food hampers at Easter and at Thanksgiving with one more food hamper being planned for Christmas. Money donated was also used for warm coats and boots for these winter days. In kind donations – clothing, small household appliances, kitchen and bedding - were distributed throughout the year. Furniture donations too, were passed along to those just getting set up. Sincere and heartfelt thanks from the SJC.

Third Sunday in Advent: Rejoice in being able to use your gifts to do God's work.

Newcomers are excited to host the **Integrated Fellowship** on December 25th, 2025.

1. Praise and worship is the first thing on the program, from 10:30 to 12:30 in the sanctuary
2. Lunch later, from 1:00 to 2:00 downstairs
3. Cleanup : 2:00-3:00

This is a potluck lunch, please bring all your yummy delicious meals.

Do not miss an exciting opportunity to commune together as a family. You will have a great Christmas time. Come get a smile!

**Stewardship Update.** PAR/Pledge forms are now available in the Office and Friendship Room; please return them by Dec. 15. Wondering how much to give? Some years ago, Stewardship Committee ran a campaign, "3% for St. Paul's!", suggesting that 3% of income would be a good minimum target to strive for. Or apply the "Don Gardner" rule, and make it 4%! If your net worth is north of \$2 million, then kick in some extra (0.25% of net worth exceeding \$2M). Some will not be able to meet these targets, so if you *are* able to, please consider giving more. Unable to give financially? Consider giving of your time by volunteering! All gifts, no matter the size, are appreciated. Help us thrive in 2026!

### Christmas Poinsettias



If you purchased a poinsettia, they will be used to decorate the chancel for two weeks in December in memory of, or in honour of, someone special.

You may take your plant home after the service on December 21st or after either of the Christmas Eve services.

Thank you for your support of the work of the Flower Committee.

### No Room in the Inn Campaign 2025



Every year the No Room in the Inn campaign raises money in support of a specific project of an Edmonton area organization that seeks to help those experiencing housing challenges. This year's campaign will focus on raising funds for **WIN House!** Details of the project and how you can get involved are [available here on the Anglican Diocese website](#). Thank you for your ongoing support of this important initiative.

### A Call to Support Global 2S and LGBTQIA+ Rights

The United Church invites you to join a national Love, Faith, and Bold Action [letter-writing campaign](#). Urge the Canadian government to uphold and advance the rights of gender-diverse and 2S and LGBTQIA+ people around the globe—your voice truly makes a difference. Click [here](#) to see the recent letter from church leaders to the Alberta Premier, on the Trans Day of Remembrance.



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