

 St. Aidan
Anglican Church

Holy Eucharist
Advent 4



December 21, 2025

Order of Service is followed in the (green) **Book of Alternative Services (BAS)**.

Hymns are found in the (blue) **Book of Common Praise (CP)**.

A baby room is located next to the sound board for those with infants.

A nursery for children ages 1 to 3 is available in the parish hall.

Children ages 4 to grade 5 are invited downstairs for Godly Play.

Youth in grades 6 to 12 are invited to remain in the service.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome

Processional Hymn “The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky” ... #267 CP
(alt. tune: Old 100th)

Greeting and Collect for Purity p. 185 BAS

Advent 4—Lighting of the Candles

Leader: The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The Bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Let us pray.

All: **Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Praise Song “Heavenly Message” #269 CP

Collect p. 272 BAS

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading (*Nancy*) Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18 p. 812 BAS

Second Reading (*Jason*) Romans 1:1-7

Gradual Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 1,2,5,6).....#89 CP

Gospel Reading..... Matthew 1:18-25

Acclamation: Before—Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

After— Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest,

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon (*Fr. Cal*)

The Nicene Creed p. 188 BAS

Prayers of the People (*Jason*)

Confession and Absolution..... p. 191 BAS

The Peacep. 192 BAS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”#117 CP

Prayer over the Gifts..... p. 272 BAS

Eucharistic Prayer #3..... p. 198 BAS

The Lord’s Prayer..... p. 211 BAS; music p. 918 BAS

The Breaking of the Bread #5p. 212

God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

All who are baptized in any Christian church and seek to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour may receive communion.

- ✦ *To receive the bread, hold out your hands, crossed with palms up.*
- ✦ *The celebrant will place the bread in your hands.*
- ✦ *If you require gluten-free wafers, please indicate at the time of receiving.*
- ✦ *To receive the cup, guide it to your mouth using the base.*
- ✦ *If you prefer not to drink from the cup, bow slightly in reverence.*
- ✦ *If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

Songs during Communion: Born in the Night—#130 CP

Of Eternal Love Begotten—#132 CP

Gabriel's Message Does Away—#268 CP

Prayer after Communion..... p. 272 BAS

Doxologyp. 214 BAS

SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” #101 CP

The Sending

The Lord’s coming is close at hand.

Go forth in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Sun, Dec 21 at 7:00 p.m.—**Evensong Bells**

Tues, Dec 23 at 8:30 a.m.—**Holy Eucharist** (said BAS, p. 230)

Tues, Dec 23 at 9:00 a.m.—**Morning Prayer** on Zoom ([at this link](#))

Wed, Dec 24 at 8:00 a.m.—**Morning Prayer** in the chapel

Wed, Dec 24 at 7:00 p.m.—**Blessing of the Crèche and Family Eucharist**

Wed, Dec 24 at 11:00 p.m.—**Midnight Mass**

Note: no services on Christmas Day

Sun, Dec 28 at 10:30 a.m.—**Christmas Lessons and Carols**

Sun, Jan 4 at 10:30 a.m.—**Epiphany: Holy Eucharist** with Rev. Dell

Pray for those in need, especially:

Annie and Joel, Bob, Bret, Dani, Deb, Kira, Laura, Maddox, Margaret, Tom

*NOTE: To include someone in this list, please contact the Prayer Chain leaders
Linda Aird 692-7221 and Gwen Currie 693-3470, Deacon Arleen, or the church office.*

In prayer we remember our parishioners in care homes:

Carol, Eva, Isabel, Marjorie, Sheila



Diocesan Prayer Requests

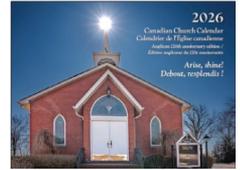
Please include the following in your prayers
December 21 - 27

- ✦ The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator
- ✦ Carmen Ramirez, Asst. to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Asst. to the National Bishop for Worship, ELCIC
- ✦ The Rev. Sue Keonig, Director, and team of Northern Province Racial Justice and Healing, Moravians
- ✦ The Rev. Christine Burton and the community and parish of All Saints – Weyburn.
- ✦ For those experiencing loneliness, homelessness and insecurity during this season. That Christ might come to them in particular ways.
- ✦ Our companion dioceses of Lichfield and Musinga
- ✦ Our ecumenical partners in the Lutheran, Anglican, Ukrainian Catholic, Roman Catholic Covenant (LAURC)

2026 CHURCH CALENDARS—\$6

A limited number of church calendars are available for purchase. If you want one, now's the time!

See Sherril Land or Sandra Messner on Sunday morning or Michelle in the office. Cash only please.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations toward flowers to decorate for Christmas are appreciated and may be made through the Sunday offering. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or include a note as you give electronically. If you wish to designate your gift as a memorial please include the information on the form provided in the envelopes or add to your notes.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions please contact Elaine Deans (306-693-4496) or the office.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7PM — Blessing of the Crèche
and Family Eucharist

11PM — Midnight Mass

* Note: no services on Xmas day



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Mary, painting by June Jameson

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FINANCIAL UPDATE – GRATITUDE

You've given generously in 2025. Thank you!



It appears our general giving will surpass our regular expenses this year. That's a great blessing as the vestry desires to replenish our investments after using them to replace the hall roof and looks to 2026 knowing that we expect higher regular costs.

Here's some of what is anticipated:

- ✦ Insurance: The diocese has changed insurers which means we will have better coverage at reasonable cost – higher than the wreckage coverage we've been carrying, though. Due to the transition, part of 2025's cost has been deferred to 2026.
- ✦ Building: There is work to be done on the tower roof.
- ✦ Incumbent?: There is ongoing hope that we will get to pay more in stipend cost as we wait for an incumbent priest.

Your faithfulness in this time of transition is clear evidence of God's grace and provision even as we wait for Jesus to come again and free us from things like risk, repairs, gaps in leadership, and budgets!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Welcome to this place of worship where we acknowledge that Jesus, the Lord of all, has called His Church to be a Church of all nations. With joy and in humility we gather on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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Godly Play

Ellen Redshaw, Sarah Varey

Youth Class

Youth invited to remain in service

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