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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8th, 2026
A Service of the Holy Communion in the Anglican Church Tradition
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Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton
Rector & Minister in Charge: The Rev. Laureta Blondin
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(* = Please stand, but only if it is comfortable to do so)

Welcome in the name of Christ to the Anglican and United Church Ministries in Vegreville and thank you for joining us on this special day. We pray that you enjoy your time with us and that your spirit is enriched as we sit together at the feet of our Saviour. We believe that no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey God welcomes you… and so do we! If you are visiting us, a warm welcome to you. We pray that you and your family are blessed and experience Christ's love in this morning's service. God's richest blessings be on you!

The congregations of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church and Vegreville United Church are committed to the ongoing work of being fully affirming churches. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone into the life of our congregations, without exception to ability, age, race, place of origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, life stage, or any other basis by which a person can be pre-judged. You are invited to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

The congregations of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church and Vegreville United Church respectfully acknowledge that we are located on ancestral Treaty Six Territory land ᓱᓴᐲᐩᓱᒪᐣ (Siksikaitsitapi), a traditional gathering place, travelling route and home for diverse indigenous peoples including the Nehiyawak (Cree), Tsuut'ina (Sarcee), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Métis, Dënë Sųłınᶎé (Chipewyan), Anishinaabe (Ojibway-Saulteaux), Inuk (Inuit), and many others whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our vibrant local communities. We give thanks for their hospitality and the opportunity to share common ground.

Children are welcome at all services! We believe it is very important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children — and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles — as part of our community and worship life! After all… as an old saying goes, "faith is caught, not taught!"

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Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24.42, 44*

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Opening Words

Land Acknowledgement & Prayer

All **As we gather to worship, let's respectfully pause to remember we live and work and worship on Treaty 6 lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the original First Nations peoples. Therefore, we pray:**

Creator of all, give us one heart and one mind that we may live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all diverse peoples who now call this land home. Amen.

* ♫ **Opening Hymn** .....***Seek Ye First*** (VU #356)

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

All **And also with you.**

* Collect for Purity

One Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♫ Glory to God

All **Glory to God in the highest,**
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the ✠ Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* Collect Prayer of the Day

One Let us pray.

All **Eternal God,**
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading..... Joshua 24.1–3a, 14–25 [NRSVue]

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and
summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of
Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to
all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your
ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the
Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham
from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and
made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

14 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in
faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the
River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to
serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods
your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of
the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my
household, we will serve the Lord.'

16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake
the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought
us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us
along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through
whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples,
the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the
Lord, for he is our God.'

19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a
holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions
or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he
will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you

good.’ 21And the people said to Joshua, ‘No, we will serve the Lord!’
22Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You are witnesses against
yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.’ And they
said, ‘We are witnesses.’ 23He said, ‘Then put away the foreign gods
that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of
Israel.’ 24The people said to Joshua, ‘The Lord our God we will serve,
and him we will obey.’ 25So Joshua made a covenant with the people
that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78.1–7

1. Hear my teaching, O my people; *
   incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable; *
   I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3. That which we have heard and known,
   and what our forefathers have told us, *
   we will not hide from their children.
4. We will recount to generations to come
   the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
   and the wonderful works he has done.
5. He gave his decrees to Jacob
   and established a law for Israel, *
   which he commanded them to teach their children;
6. That the generations to come might know,
   and the children yet unborn; *
   that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7. So that they might put their trust in God, *
   and not forget the deeds of God,
   but keep his commandments;

Reader Let us pray.

All **Creator God of all who journey your vast lands, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading .....1 Thessalonians 4.13–18 [NRSVue]

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have
no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive,
who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet
the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

* ♫ **Gradual Hymn** ..... ***I Love to Tell the Story*** (VU #343)

* The Gospel..... Matthew 25.1–13 [NRSVue]

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

25‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him." 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9But the wise replied, "No! there
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers
and buy some for yourselves." 10And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other
bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12But he
replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13Keep awake therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon ..... The Rt. Rev. Stephen London

Affirmation of Faith

* Apostle's Creed

One Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

We hold the following ministries, communities, and people in prayer. During the Prayers of the People in our services of worship we bring before God the needs of others and ourselves. Please consider offering these requests to God in your own daily prayers through this week.

Let us approach the throne of grace on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another. Our response to, Lord in your mercy," is "**hear our prayer**."

Heavenly Father, we are sometimes foolish, not wise; scatterbrained, not prudent; reactive, not responsive. Forgive us! Remind us of the privilege of being invited to your Son's wedding feast! Fill us with your Holy Spirit's wisdom. Let us always rejoice; believe; and show the light of faith, hope, and love in this dark world *(pause)*. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church. Today:

- in the Anglican Communion's world cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and leadership of *Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo* as well as the Edmonton Diocese's own companion Diocese of Buyé.

- in the United Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Kimberly Heath, our Moderator and for the people and leadership of the *Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region*.
- in the Anglican Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for our Primate, the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, and for the people and leadership of the *Diocese of Niagara* and *the Rt. Rev. Susan Bell*, their Bishop.
- in the Northern Spirit Region cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rev. Leigh Sinclair, our chair, and for the Rev. Adam Hall, our Pastoral Relations Minister, and for the people and leadership of the *Goodfish Lake—Saddle Lake Pastoral Charge*.
- in the Diocese of Edmonton cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, our Bishop and all *Diocesan Rural Ministry* as well as *Kevin Kraglund, Archdeacon for Rural Ministry.*
- In our wider ecumenical cycle of prayer, *we pray for those who have died in war and for a renewed commitment to work for peace.*
- in our local cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and leadership of the *Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Vladimir.*
- in our indigenous cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and leadership of the *Alexander First Nation*.

Make your Church wise, faithful, pure, and watchful, rejoicing in the near approach of her Bridegroom and Saviour. Make her worship joyful and pleasing in your sight. Make her labours glorify you and help those in distress. Make her feasts a foretaste of your heavenly wedding banquet, feeding all with truth, righteousness, and salvation *(pause)*.
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Give patience, kindness, comfort, and hope to your persecuted Church. Help us provide for their needs and bear witness to their suffering. Turn the hearts of their enemies to seek your forgiveness *(pause)*.
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Make everyone in this congregation into lamps shining with your light and love. Keep us constantly worshipping you and serving others. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us share your grace and favour with those whose lights are flickering out *(pause)*. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Let your justice roll down like waters upon this parched and broken world. Let your righteousness fill the hearts and minds of all who are entrusted with authority. Especially we pray for our elected and appointed leaders. Give them your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, so that they may bring peace, prosperity, justice, and healing to our land *(pause)*. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

As we approach Remembrance Day this week, we pray for all who have honourably served their country. Grant wisdom, courage, integrity, and sound judgment to everyone currently serving in the military, and to all who risk their lives on behalf of community and country. Use their skills to bring freedom, safety, and justice wherever they serve. Keep them safe; shield their loved ones from grief and fear; and grant them a swift and joyful homecoming *(pause)*. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Let all who seek your help in their times of trial find deliverance from all that troubles them. We now remember before you those we name aloud or hold within the silence of our hearts *(long pause).* Along with those for whom no one prays, grant them health and salvation; justice and comfort; hope and guidance. When their lamp of faith seems ready to flicker and fade, rekindle them with the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. And give a double portion of that same Spirit to all who minister to their needs *(pause)*. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We joyfully pray for all our brothers and sisters in this community celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and any other life milestones or accomplishments *(pause)*. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Heavenly Father, we grieve for our dead, but not without hope. Thank you for receiving them into your merciful care and renew our confidence in your goodness in this time of our earthly pilgrimage *(pause)*. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Conform our prayers to the heart of Jesus, hear them through the interceding of your Holy Spirit, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

One Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

One Most merciful God,

All **we confess that we have sinned**
against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

One Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All **Amen.**

* The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Members of the community are invited to greet those around them with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be always with you." This ancient tradition is an appropriate response to the peace that God gives to those who hear and do his word.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

An Invitation to Generosity and Preparation of the Gifts

One God has laid a path before each of us. A path of caring for the least, of seeking justice for all, of faithfulness, compassion, forgiveness, and love. When you give a portion of what you have, freely and generously, you take another step on that path, which draws you closer to God. Let us be generous as we are able.

♫ **Offertory Hymn**..... ***Three Things I Promise*** (MV #176)

Prayer over the Gifts

One Gracious God,

All **your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

* ♫ Sanctus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ✠

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

One We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

One and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified ✠ by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

* ♫ **The Lord's Prayer** ..... (Common Cup version)

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

One We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body,**
for we all share in the one bread.

One Behold who you are, become what you receive.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

An Open Table! *Here at the Anglican & United Church Ministries, we believe that when we celebrate Holy Communion, we are all guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all —including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the entire community of God's people, and not merely members of this congregation. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God.*

Those who do not wish to receive communion are most welcome and encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Please make your way to the serving station at the front of the sanctuary, by way of a centre aisle. Receive the elements and then return to your seat by an outside aisle.

Important Health Notice: *For your health and the health of others, please use the hand sanitizer provided in the main aisle before receiving communion. Communion bread is gluten free. There is also both consecrated wine (go to your left) and grape juice (go to your right).*

♫ **Communion Hymn..*Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night*** (CP #599)

Prayer after Communion

One Living God,

All **in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

God Moments

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♫ **Recessional Hymn** .....***Amazing Grace*** (VU 266)

The Commissioning & Dismissal

One Go in the strength of the Lord and let Christ shoulder your burdens. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

* ♫ **Three-Fold Amen**

Thank you for worshipping with us! Please join us for fellowship time with refreshments and treats in the auditorium following the worship service.

Announcements
Life and Work of the Church

Donations to our churches: To continue the good work of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican and Vegreville United churches and ensure their ongoing presence in our community, your financial support is most appreciated. Donations can be made by either cash, cheque or e-transfer. Please use one of the envelopes located in the Narthex for cash or cheque donations and place the envelope in the offertory plate by the door. If writing a cheque, **please ensure your cheque is made payable to either Vegreville United Church or St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church**. Annual Tax Receipts are provided for all donations totalling $20 or more per year to the church of your choice. E-transfers for Vegreville United Church can be sent to *vegucc@telusplanet.net* and e-transfers for St. Mary's can be sent to *stmarysvegreville@gmail.com*. Cheques can also be sent via post to 5126-48 Avenue, Vegreville, AB T9C 1M7.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule: Worship services are at 10:00 AM (unless otherwise noted) and alternate between the Anglican and United worship styles at Vegreville United with occasional blended services:

Nov.15th **25th Sunday after Pentecost:** A worship service of the Word in the Anglican Church tradition. ***The Handbell Choir will also be present.***

Nov.22nd **The Reign of Christ:** A blended communion service in the Anglican and United Church traditions.

Nov.29th **1st Sunday of Advent:** A blended communion service in the Anglican and United Church traditions.

Dec. 6th **2nd Sunday of Advent:** A communion service in the United Church tradition with a potluck lunch to follow.

Dec.13th **3rd Sunday of Advent:** A communion service in the Anglican Church tradition.

Dec.20th **4th Sunday of Advent:** A worship service of the Word in the United Church tradition.

Publicity Tax is Back! Has your photo or name appeared in the news? If so, Anglican & United Church Ministries has a fun little collection. Every week if your photo or name appears on TV, in the newspaper or in a Social Media News post, on Sunday morning we will collect a $2 Publicity Tax. All monies collected will go into the weekly collection and be used to help support our local ministries.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser: Catalogues are available at the Vegreville United Church Office or contact Pat Buehler at (587) 280-0105. All orders must be dropped off at the church office or given to Pat by November 28th. Orders will be delivered mid-December.

Lessons & Carols Service: To start the Advent and Christmas season, a family-friendly community service of scripture readings will be held at **3:00 PM** on the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29th). Music will be provided by the various members of our music team, St. John Lutheran Church choir, the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Choir and the Vegreville Handbell Choir.

Annual Nativity Festival: The Anglican & United Church Ministries will again host our 5th Annual Joint Nativity Festival in the church auditorium! November 27th from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm and November 28th from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm with more information to come about set-up times and weekend schedules.

White Gift Sunday: On the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29th) you are invited to bring a gift (toy or clothing) for a girl or boy, wrapped in white tissue or white wrapping paper, or alternatively placed in a white gift bag. All gifts should include a tag on the outside indicating it is a gift for a boy or girl (e.g.: "Girl [3-6 years]" or "Boy [7-9 years]"). For teens and older children, you may prefer to give a gift card in a white envelope. (Putting cash in an envelope is *not* recommended.) All gifts should be placed under the Christmas tree and gift envelopes in the basket under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary when you arrive for worship that Sunday. All gifts collected will be delivered to our local Christmas Bureau. Please note: They are also collecting new and gently

used winter coats, toques and mitts for adults and kids, as well as new and gently used Christmas decorations.

Annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale: Saturday, December 5th in the church auditorium. (1:00 PM to 3:00 PM). There will be lots of Nativities still up to see as well.

Prayers of the People: While you are always encouraged to name aloud those you are praying for during the Prayers of the People, some people find this a difficult task when they are in a stance of prayer. To add a name to the prayers for the sick (only first name will be read out) or those who have died (full name will be read out): Please email Irene Sabados in the Church office, *vegucc@telusplanet.net* or give her a call (780) 632-2338. You can also call Rev. Laureta at (780) 904-9026. Rev. Laureta or the prayer leader will include their names during the Prayers of the People at worship. Names will stay on the prayer list for a total of three weeks unless a longer period is specifically requested.

Shut-In Senior's Visits: Do you know a local senior shut in who would like a visit by the Rev. Laureta Blondin? Rev. Laureta will be pleased to visit home-bound seniors and take them communion if they would like to receive it. Please call Irene Sabados in the church office (780) 632-2338 to arrange and advise if there are any special needs!

If you have any questions about our church services or programs, want to add something to our bulletin or add a name to the prayers for the sick or deceased, please call or email the Church office.

Please check out our events page
on our church website for more upcoming events:
https://vegrevilleunitedchurch.com/events