St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ where all are invited to be fed and everyone’s story matters.

The First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2019, 10:30 A.M.

“All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ.”
The Rule of St. Benedict
Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.
Prelude

The Holy City

Kathleen Johnson, Organist

The Liturgy of the Word

(We stand to sing and pray.)

Processional Hymn # 87 Hark the herald angels sing

Priest

Blessed are you, holy and living one.

People

You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

Gloria: Angels we have heard on high # 96 Vs. 1, 2

Gloria

in excelsis Deo.

The Collect of the Day – First Sunday after Christmas

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 148

Lector Let us read Psalm 148 together

1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
    praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
    praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
   praise him, all you shining stars.
4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
   and you waters above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
   for he commanded, and they were created.
6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
   he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
7 Praise the LORD from the earth,*
   you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,*
   tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9 Mountains and all hills,*
   fruit trees and all cedars;
10 Wild beasts and all cattle,*
   creeping things and wingèd birds;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,*
   princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens,*
   old and young together.
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,*
   for his Name only is exalted,
   his splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up strength for his people
   and praise for all his loyal servants,*
   the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
   Hallelujah!
The Second Lesson

Lector

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn # 84 Love came down at Christmas
The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 2:13-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Mack Patrick

Silence for meditation

The Creed: I believe in God almighty

I believe in God almighty, Author
I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and
I believe in God’s own Spirit, bonding

of all things that be, Maker of the earth and
scorned and crucified; taken from the cross, was
all the saints within One church, catholic and

heavens, Keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God’s son,
buried, True Life there had truly died. I believe that on the
holy, where forgiveness frees from sin; in the body’s resurre-

Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the
third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then ascension, for the breaking of death’s chain gives the

Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life,
cended to God’s right hand. He will come to judge and save.
life that’s ever lasting. This the faith that I have claimed.
Prayers of the People for Christmas

Intercessor  Wondrous God, whose love was made flesh on this holy night, hear us, as we pray, and take to your heart all of our longings and thanks.
People  Hear us and help us!

Intercessor  Wonderful Counselor, give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, that the might guide us to peace. Bring an end to war in the world.
People  Wonderful Counselor, may your justice and righteousness be established on the earth.

Intercessor  Mighty God, make your church to be one, in spirit and truth, strong with courage, and rich with grace. Help us to tell the sweet, good news of your love in all we say and do, and especially as we reach toward each other.
People  Mighty God, may your church be united in serving the world.

Intercessor  Everlasting Father, help all who suffer to remember your love. Bring relief, and strength to endure, to those who are lonely, dying and in pain. Help especially, those with AIDS and cancer. We pray especially for Gail, Puzz, Dorothy, Marilyn, Margaret, David, Ed, Colleen, Lisa, Paul, Colleen, Neil, Maddie, and Rosemarie
People  Everlasting Father, may the day come soon when are tears are wiped away by your own hand.

Intercessor  Prince of Peace, help us to bring an end to all poverty and racism, which keep your children hungry and powerless.
Grant that your peace would rule in our hearts and in our lives.

**People**  
**Prince of Peace, may you come soon to reign among us.**

**Intercessor**  
Child of David’s throne, may all who live with you in glory help us, by their example, and prayer, to find our way home. Give us, especially, the courage of Isaiah, of Mary, and of John. Grant us the wonder of the shepherds and magi. Fill us with the songs of the angels.

**People**  
**Son of David, make us one with all your saints who enjoy your presence day and night.**

**Intercessor**  
God of Resurrection, we remember those who have died.

**People**  
**God of Resurrection, hear us and help us!**

**Intercessor**  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.)*

*Silence*

**People**  
**God of all, hear us and help us!**

**Priest**

Wondrous God, thank you for the miracle and grace of Christmas. May we be true, all the year long, to its call to believe the impossible and to make our humble humanity the place of your dwelling. Hear us we pray, and take to your heart all of our longing and thanks; through Jesus the Christ, through the Spirit. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Priest**  
The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People:**  
And also with you!
The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Priest Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *(Psalm 96:8)*

**Offertory Hymn** #115 *What child is this*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive the power to become your children.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S 130** Holy, holy, holy, Lord

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the
night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is ris’n. Christ will come again.**

Priest

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast.
Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread and wine at the Lord's table.

We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.

Communion Hymn # 79 O little town of Bethlehem

Prayer after Communion

Priest Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Let us depart from this place
in peace, and as we go on our way, forget not the poor, pray for the sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another as God in Christ has loved us, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all, be upon you this day and forever more. Amen. 
Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays
God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wedding Anniversaries
Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Travelers
O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn # 100 Joy to the world

Sending Forth
Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Postlude  Christmas Postlude  William Stickles

Kathleen Johnson, Organist

Join us in the Parish Hall – the “St. Paul’s Parish Café” – for Coffee and Conversation!

Welcome to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago   
Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes
Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, Sept-May
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson, Rector;
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Lynne Jacobson, MDiv, Pastoral Assistant
Susan King, Administrative Assistant
Lorraine Langer, Director of Music
Kathleen Johnson, Organist  Hannah Buckle, Pianist
Jocelyn Prall - Sacristan
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins, Nursery Attendants

Our Wardens and Vestry,
Maureen Gerrity, Warden,
Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,
Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today’s Ministers

The Reverend Mack Patrick       Presiding Clergy
Rick Johns                      Eucharistic Minister
Rick Johns                      Lector
Bill Cummings                   Intercessor
Bill and Jennie Cummings        Ushers
Jocelyn Prall                   Altar Guild
Team Flower Guild               Flower Guild
Mary Short, Jan Modloff         Coffee Hour
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter Nursery

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**Christmas Flower Dedications 2019**

The flowers on the altar today were donated by:

- Kristen Borre and Jim Wilson
- Pat Brown
  ~In Thanksgiving for My Family and for Peace in the World~
- Bill and Jennie Cummings
  ~In Thanksgiving for our Families~
- Maureen Gerrity
  ~In Thanksgiving for Children and Grandchildren~
- Vince and Pat McMahon
  ~In Thanksgiving for Kurt, Kara, Jim, and Ryan~
- Jan Modloff
- Martin and Jackie Mounts
  ~In Honor of Our Family and In Memory of Maude and William May~
- Peggy Newby
  ~In Memory of Art Fields and Joseph E. Williams, Jr.~
Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

Today’s Celebrant

We welcome The Reverend Mack Patrick, pastor at Grace Place Campus Ministry at NIU, as our guest celebrant today.

New Year’s Day Party

We are planning to have a New Year’s Day party on January 1st, 2020. We’ll gather in the Parish Hall at 1:30 PM for a movie (possibly “It’s a Wonderful Life) and then at 4:00 PM watch the Rose Bowl football game. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite box or card game, too. If anyone can help with transportation ministry, please let Jennie Cummings know.

Epiphany Celebration

There will be a luncheon following the 10:30 service on January 5th to celebrate Epiphany. The entrée and drinks will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for volunteering to bring a salad, side dish or an Epiphany Cake (trinkets to place in the cake will be provided). See Jocelyn Prall or Peg Newby with questions.
Next Evening of Taize

The first Evening of Taize was well attended (75 people) and well received, including many in the community. We are looking forward to the next one on Friday, January 10th, 2020. Thank you to all who helped with creating this beautiful event.

Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on Friday, January 24th, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the home of Mary Short. The discussion will center on Chapter 5, “A Complicated God” from the book The Changing Face of God.

All Parishioners! Come to the Parish Cafe!

So that we can all continue fellowship and welcome newcomers, please plan on taking coffee or tea (with savories and sweets) on Sundays after church at our Parish Cafe. Many of us are enjoying conversation and connections there. We recall when people have joined us and how we invited them for coffee after church and they joined us there, bringing their enthusiasm and energy and faith. We recall, too, people who bring the blessings of their family life and wonderful food to our Parish Cafe. This is the place to be. Please plan on coming and staying awhile as often as possible.

Prayer List and Healing Liturgy

If you would like to add someone to be prayed for in The Prayers of the People, you can fill out one of the sheets available on the table near the Narthex and give it to the ushers. Or call or email the Parish Office. Names will appear for six weeks, but can be continued if the need continues. There will be a special healing liturgy, usually on the fourth Sunday of each month, as part of the Sunday service. Those who would like to come forward for healing will be prayed for and anointed with oil specially consecrated by the bishop.
For more information about St. Paul’s
Go to our FaceBook Page or our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, and read the Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc.

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!
Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

Communication!!!!!
There are a lot of things happening at St. Paul’s! A new form has been developed so that the office can keep up with events and programs and be sure information is communicated to all who should know. In addition, the new Audio Video System in the Parish Hall has many capabilities for streaming, playing DVD's, slide shows, music, etc. To both ends, we are asking that you fill out a Communication and Tech Request Form for your events and email or turn it in to the office. Copies of the form will be available in the Parish Office and on the table in the Parish Hall. If you need help putting an announcement together, Susan is happy to assist.

Join Us for Upcoming Worship Services, Celebrations, Activities, and lots of Fellowship!

New Year’s Day Party  Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, 1:30 PM
Epiphany Service  Sunday, January 5, 2020, 10:30 AM
Evening of Taizé  Friday, January 10, 2020, 7:00 PM
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Household Prayer: Morning

Creator God, as I begin this day, open my eyes, my ears, all my senses to the beauty around me. Help me to see how mountains and trees rise up in praise of you. Help me to hear how the birds of the air, the whales in the deep, and the wild animals on the ground sing your praises. Help me to join another, or many others, in praise of your glory not only today, but even forever. Amen!

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, as the evening comes, and with it the moon and shining stars, I know that you are the Light in every darkness. Shine, then, upon anyone who is troubled this night. Shine, then, upon the troubles I have known. Help me to put my trust in you, for I am your child,
and you have come to help me; you help all whom you have drawn close. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my brother and Savior. Amen.

A word about the Household Prayers:
These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers and liturgies reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.