

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*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. All are welcome, no exceptions!*



**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017, 10:30 A.M.**

## The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Reader The evening of the year is upon us.

**People** We enter the darkness and wait for light's return.

Reader We light one candle to remind us of God's light which has come to us all through the Christ.

**People** We open our hearts to that light, and ask for help to shine with the brilliance of love.

Reader All of our waiting is a waiting for God.

**People** God of our hearts, we wait for you alone.

## The Liturgy of the Word

*We stand to sing and pray.*

**Processional Hymn # 74** Blest be the King whose coming

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

*People Amen.*

## Lord have mercy: Kyrie S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. have mercy.' The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first two staves are for the first voice part, and the last two are for the second voice part. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens to indicate syllables. There are some blank lines in the lyrics, possibly indicating breath marks or specific phrasing.

### The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*We sit to hear the lessons.*

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector            A reading from the book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
    so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
    and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
    so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
    you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
    no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
    who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
    those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
    because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
    and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
    and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
    or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
    and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
    we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
    we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
    and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector            The Word of the Lord

People            *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Lector            Let us read sections of Psalm 80 together

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
    shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
    stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
    how long will you be angered  
    despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
    you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
    and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
    the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
    give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector      A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

People      *Thanks be to God.*

*We stand to hear the Gospel.*

## Gradual Anthem

The Children's Choir

*Stay Awake, Be Ready*      *Christopher Walker*

1. *Stay awake, be ready. You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming. The Lord is coming soon! Alleluia!*

2. *Change your lives, he's coming. The one who is the light of the world is coming. The reign of God is near! Alleluia!*

3. *Go back, tell (St. Paul's) All that you have heard and have seen me doing, The wonders that you see. Alleluia!*

4. *By the pow'r of the Spirit, Mary will give birth to a son called Jesus. Emmanuel is near. Alleluia!*

## The Gospel

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Holy Gospel

**Mark 13:24-37**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

People            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Ed Bird

*Silence for meditation*

*We stand to affirm our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*



## Prayers of the People for The First Sunday of Advent

Intercessor Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.

Merciful God, you call us to goodness and lead us on right paths. You encourage us with signs of your coming and urge us to keep watch, that we might greet you with heads raised high when you come to restore all of creation. Watching and waiting, we pray for this world that needs your saving power.

*Silence*

In your mercy

People *Lord, save us.*

Intercessor We pray, too, for your church in the world, that we may increase in ardor for you and your children, and work in confidence for your coming reign. Strengthen our leaders, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our Diocesan Bishop, and our priest, Ed. \*For the congregations of Kaduna, Nigeria, for our companion Dioceses of Renk in the South Sudan and Southeast Mexico; and the Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services: Bishop Anderson House; Cathedral Counseling Center; ReVive Center; Lawrence Hall; The Church Home at Montgomery Place; Primo Center for Women & Children; The Julian Year Program.

*Silence*

In your mercy,

People *Lord, save us.*

Intercessor We pray for peace in every nation that people will turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more. We pray especially for our president, Donald, our governor, Bruce, and our mayor, Jerry.

*Silence*

In your mercy,

*People Lord, save us.*

Intercessor Pray for the peace of this community. We pray for peace in this place for safety in our homes and streets, for the prosperity of our neighbors, and for the health of family and friends. For all who live in worry or fear,

*Silence*

In your mercy,

*People Lord, save us.*

Intercessor We pray for people in need of restoration and reconciliation: for those battling addictions and those in recovery, for people estranged from those they love, for someone lost in grief, for someone far from home. We pray also for those facing new challenges. We pray especially for Gail, Susan, Mike, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Kathy, Erin and Mandy, David, Patty, and Rosemarie.

*Silence*

In your mercy,

*People Lord, save us.*

Intercessor We remember before you not only our cares, but also our joys. For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ava Stubblefield, and those celebrating anniversaries.

*Silence*

In your mercy,

*People Lord, save us.*

Intercessor We remember those who have come to their eternal rest; help us to comfort those who grieve their loss.

*Silence*

In your mercy,

*People Lord, save us.*

Intercessor For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now.

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

*Silence*

In your mercy,

People *Lord, save us.*

Intercessor God of the future, make us ready for the coming of your reign, when you will bring everlasting peace and renew the face of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*\*Every week we will pray for a different international church in the Anglican Communion as part of the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We also will pray weekly for churches and ministries in the Diocese of Chicago and our Companion Dioceses as part of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence (kneel or stand)*

*In Unison*

*Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.*

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*We stand for the pronouncement of the Peace*

## The Peace

Priest        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People        *And also with you.*

*Then we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you."*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

#### Offertory Anthem

The Adult/Youth Choir

*Advent Alleluia    Camille Saint-Saens*

#### Doxology *Hymn # 380, Vs. 3*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

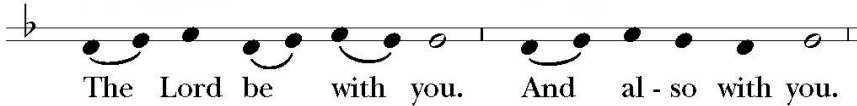
# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

Sursum Corda S 120

Priest

*People*

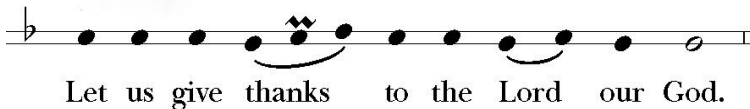


Priest

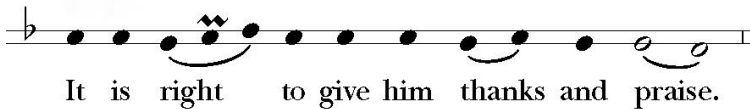
*People*



Priest



*People*



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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*We remain standing or kneel*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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.

### Memorial Acclamation S 138

*Celebrant*

Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

### Priest

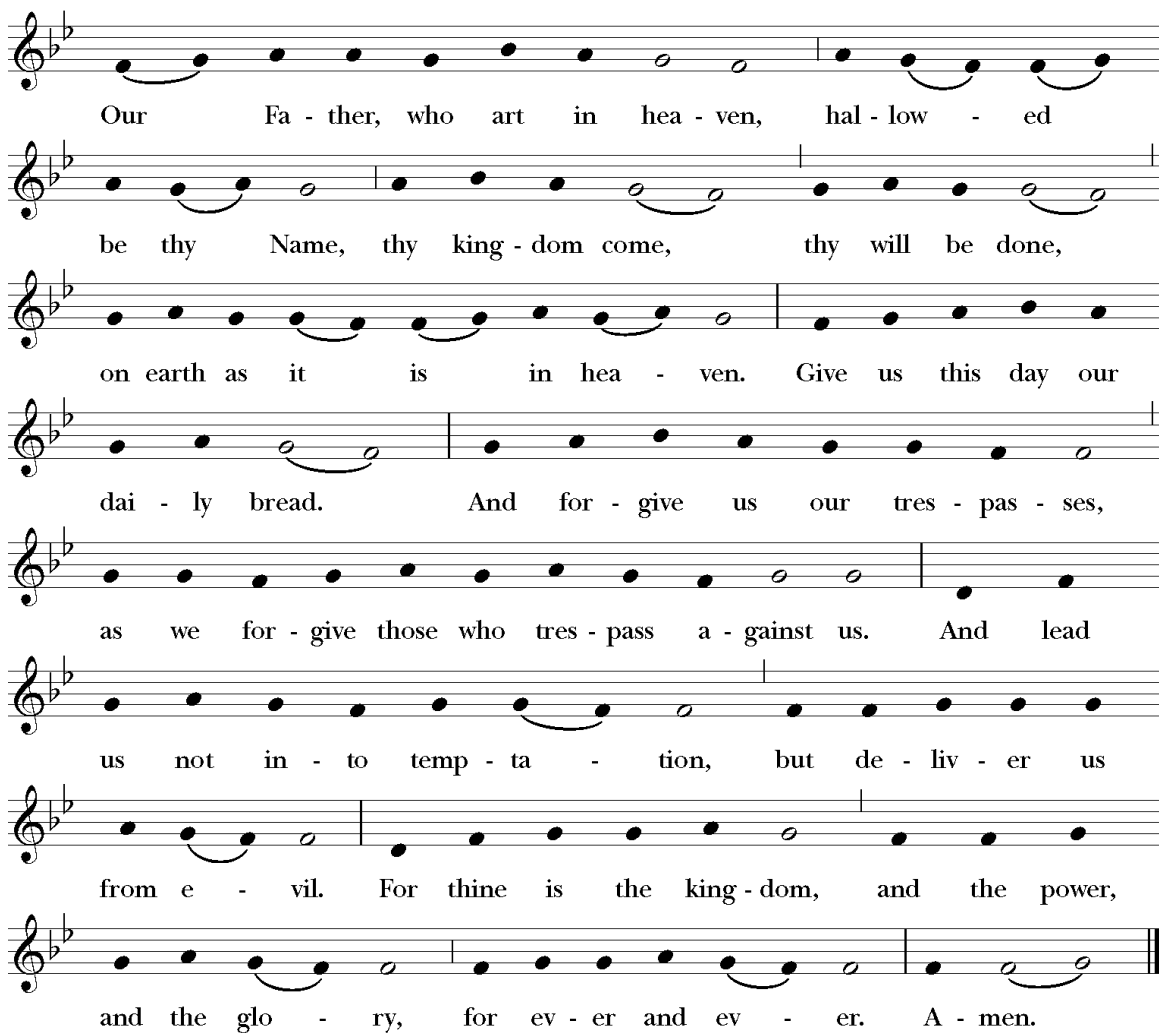
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 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.*

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

**The Lord's Prayer, S 119** *In Unison*



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## The Breaking of the Bread

*Silence is observed after the bread is broken*

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction Anthem: Agnus Deis S 164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - dee - mer, re - dee - mer of the world:

Give us your peace. Give us your peace.

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

*The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion.*

*The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. **We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.** It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.*

**Communion Hymn # 53** Once he came in blessing

*When all have received Communion, the Priest leads the following prayer*

Priest            Let us pray.

*In Unison*

*Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

**The Blessing**

Priest

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn # 73** The King shall come when morning dawns

**Dismissal**

Priest            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago  
Member of the Episcopal Church

**Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist**

Sundays: 10:30 A.M. (with music)  
Second and Fourth Sundays: 8:00 A.M. (spoken)

Child care for infants & young children is available  
Sundays 9:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

**Christian Education Classes**

*Sundays 9:30-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages.  
Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May  
Adults meet in the Conference Room at 9:15 A.M. year round*

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**Our Wardens and Vestry**

Peg Newby, Senior Warden, Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Junior Warden  
Pat Brown, Treasurer, Julie Stubblefield, Gretchen Schlabach  
Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach, Marv Kombrink

## Today's Ministers

The Reverend Edward Bird	Presiding Clergy
Peg Newby	Eucharistic Minister
Ava Stubblefield	Acolyte
Alex Esche	Lector
Alex Esche	Intercessor
Bill and Jennie Cummings	Ushers
Jocelyn Prall	Altar Guild
Rebecca and Brad Smith	Coffee Hour Hosts
Marilyn Cleland	Flower Guild
Julie and Jamie Stubblefield	Pray Ground Greeters
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Nursery Attendants

<b>Today, Sunday December 3rd, 2017, First Sunday of Advent</b>		
Nursery and Child Care	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Conf. Room
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee/Fellowship and Greening of the Sanctuary	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
Small Group Meeting	12:00 P.M.	Conf. Room

<b>This Week - December 3rd, 2017 through December 10th, 2017</b>			
Wed	Dec 6	Blue Christmas Service	6:00 P.M. Sanctuary
Thu	Dec 7	Instrumental Rehearsal	5:00-6:00 P.M. Sanctuary
Thu	Dec 7	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00-6:30 P.M. Parish Hall
Thu	Dec 7	Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 P.M. Parish Hall
Sun	Dec 10	Holy Communion Rite I Service	8:00 A.M. Sanctuary
		Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M. St. Timothy Ctr
		Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M. Conf. Room
		Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M. St. Timothy Ctr
		Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M. Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M. Sanctuary
		Children's Christmas Party	11:30 A.M. Parish Hall

## 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.**

### Farewell to Alex Esche

There will be a cake to cut at coffee hour today to wish Alex Esche farewell today. Alex has been involved in many activities during his time here at St. Paul's and we celebrate his ministry.

### Greening of the Sanctuary

Following the 10:30 a.m. service today, we will have the Greening of the Sanctuary. Please join us as we hang greens and add lights to our Sanctuary tree!

### Small Group Meeting

There will be one more Rector Search small group meeting today at 12:00 P.M. for those who were unable to get to any of the previous meetings. Dick Downen and Marilyn Cleland will lead and will meet in the Conference Room.

### Blue Christmas Service, Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

The Blue Christmas Service will be on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. This service includes prayers, scripture, and music that focus on the hope and healing that God offers each one of us. Everyone is welcome to stay afterwards for light refreshments and conversation. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend!

## Children's Christmas Party

Please join us **next Sunday, December 10th**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for our annual Children's Christmas Party. All are welcome to partake of the fun and fellowship as we decorate the Parish Hall trees with ornaments and crafts. Stay for pizza! (This is a date change from Dec. 17th.)

## Advent Devotional

The Advent devotional, *"Practicing Wonder With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind"* is available in the Sanctuary and in the Parish Hall. Author the Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner is joined by guest writers Wendy Claire Barrie, the Rev. Viktoria Gotting, the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, and the Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel.

The Reverend Heidi Haverkamp's book, *Advent in Narnia*, is also available in the Sanctuary.

For families, there are copies of An Advent Devotional with crafts and coloring pages.

## Send your Christmas flower memorials and thanksgivings by December 17

We are accepting donations for Christmas flowers now through December 17th. Please write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo of your check and be sure to include your dedication. Look for the Christmas Flower envelopes and place these in the collection plate. Suggested donation is \$25-\$30.

## Rector's Discretionary Fund Collection Today

Donations allow us to assist people in need in our community. Checks can be written to "St. Paul's" with "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo. Thank you for your contributions to this important ministry.

## St. Nicholas "Mighty Boxes"

"Mighty" boxes for collecting coins to benefit children's ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem are available today. A coin a day in the "Mighty" Box reminds us of the true reason for the season--the arrival of the Christ child for the healing of the world. We will gather in the Mighty Boxes on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany.

## Food Pantry Collection is Next Week, December 10th

Parishioners are reminded that next Sunday, December 10th, will be Food Pantry Sunday. Please place your donations in the baskets provided. No glass jars, please. **Contributions may be made at any time during the month, not just today.** We hope that everyone will participate, even in a small way.

## Prayer List

If you would like to add someone to be prayed for in The Prayers of the People, you can fill out one of the blue 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.

## 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, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, 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!

## For more information about St. Paul's

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*Felix Mendelssohn*

**Postlude** *Fanfare Postlude*

*Douglas Wagner*



## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Thank you, God, for the gift of life today. I give thanks that your face shines upon me – for you are my salvation. Lead me like a shepherd through this day. Strengthen me for whatever lies ahead. Grant me the spiritual gifts of peace, patience, kindness, and gentleness, for I want to show your love, in word and deed, to others. In Christ's name. Amen.*

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Though you have told us to keep awake, O God, you have also blessed us with rest and sleep. Grant me such rest in the hours ahead that I awaken with eager longing for a new day, ready for you to be revealed in mundane moments and ordinary encounters. By your grace prepare me, whether awake or asleep, to greet you: in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn. All times are in your hands, and I, too, am in your hands, faithful God. In Jesus' name I rest and pray. Amen.*