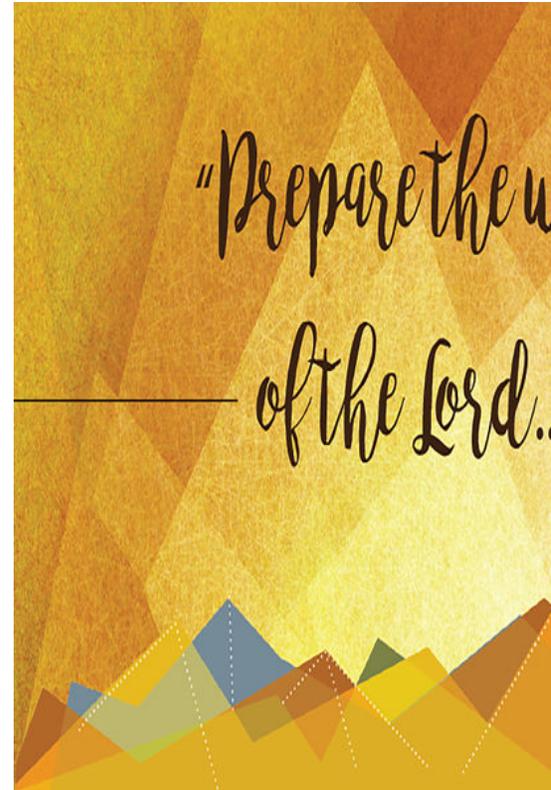


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**Second Sunday of Advent  
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## The Liturgy of the Word

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The Collect of the Day

Second Sunday of Advent

Priest            The Lord be with you.

People           *And with thy spirit.*

Priest            Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*We sit to hear the lessons.*

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector            A reading from the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Second Lesson**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly  
one of my prayers for all of you, because of your shared  
first day until now. I am confident of this, that the  
among you will bring it to completion by the day of

heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Household Prayer: M**

*Blessed are you, Lord God: by you  
the dawn breaks upon us. Guide our journey  
of peace; through Jesus Christ our*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 3:1-6**

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

*People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, and the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

**Household Prayer: Ev**

*Blessed be you, Lord God: for you  
this day and redeemed us from our sins  
who wait in darkness until we rest*

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

*of peace; through Jesus Christ our*

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
    make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
    and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
    and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*A word about the Household Prayers:*

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you may use your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers and liturgies include special feast days.

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.

**For more information about St. Paul's**

Go to our website, [www.stpaulsdekab.org](http://www.stpaulsdekab.org) - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to get the latest updates on what's going on!

**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, 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!

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*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Prayers of the People for Advent**

**Intercessor**

God of the prophets, give your church to tell of your love.

**People**

*God of the prophets, hear us and help us!*

**Intercessor**

God of the angels, give your church into the world. Give the world a freedom to speak peace throughout the earth.

**People**

*God of the angels, hear us and help us!*

**Intercessor**

God, and Mary and Elizabeth, give your church hope and to bring forth new life

**People**

*God of our mothers, hear us and help us!*

**Intercessor**

God of Zachariah and Joseph. Give your church visions, and the courage to follow the

**People**

*God of our fathers, hear us and help us!*

**Intercessor**

God of the shepherds, give your church in darkness, alone and afraid, a light and peace.

**People**

*God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!*

to find you among the poor.

People  
Intercessor

*God of the magi, hear us and help us!*

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence to protect the powerless.

We are accepting donations for Christmas flowers for the 16th. Please write "Christmas Flowers" in the collection plate. Suggest to include your dedication. Look for the flowers and place these in the collection plate. Suggest

People

*God of the victim, hear us and help us!*

During the season of Advent, greens are used for Christmas flowers.

Intercessor

We especially pray this week for Averil Schrieber, Joyce Kotvan, Chris Rogers, Jackie, Gail, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Michele and family, Rene, Myrna, Terry Costello, the Langer family, Roy Nilsen, and Rosemarie.

**Safe Passage Gifts**

Once again we are collecting donations for St. Paul's Domestic Violence Prevention Agency. St. Paul's has been at Christmas for many years. This year, as last year, so they can purchase gift cards and use them for Christmas.

People

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Intercessor

God of Resurrection, we remember those who have died.

like to participate please write a check to St. Paul's "Safe Passage" in the "Memo" line and we will forward it. It will become part of your donation record.

People

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

Intercessor

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

**Save these Dates**

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

*Silence*

- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM, Reception 7:00 PM
- 01/06 Epiphany Sunday Service 10:30 AM, Reception 11:30 AM
- 01/13 Worship Services 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- 01/20 Annual Budget Meeting 9:00 AM

People

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

Intercessor

We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays this week, especially for Pam Kombrink, Jan Bach, Martin Mounts, Mervyn Goodenough; and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Terry and Jackie Dickow.

- 01/27 Mother Barbara Wilson's first Service Meeting 12:15 PM
- 01/27 Annual Meeting w/Reports, 9:00 AM
- 01/27 Worship Service 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- 02/03 Superbowl Party, 3:30 PM

Priest

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. Amen

*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.*

The Holy Communion

### In the Interim

Mother Heidi Haverkamp will be our Priest-In-Charge until our new permanent rector, Mother Barbara Wilson, arrives on Sunday, January 20. Mother Heidi will serve us as part-time interim, working Sundays, and usually Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her email is [revhhaverkamp@gmail.com](mailto:revhhaverkamp@gmail.com).

On Sunday, December 9, the Reverend William McLemore from St. Paul's in McHenry will be presiding at the services while Mother Heidi attends previously scheduled events related to her book, *Advent in Narnia*.

### Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be next Sunday, **December 16th**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to partake of the fun and fellowship as we decorate the Parish Hall trees with ornaments and crafts. Stay for pizza!

### Christmas Eve Celebration

The Celebration of Christmas will be at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and will begin with special music from the St. Paul's Choirs. A cookie reception follows in the Sanctuary.

### The Offertory

On Sunday, January 20, All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

### Eucharistic Prayer II

The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to  
The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in giving thanks  
or dip the host in the wine. **We have gluten free hosts available.**  
It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you wish, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms.  
priest will say a prayer for you.

### The Post Communion Prayer

### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month 8:00 A.M. (spoken service)

Every Sunday 10:30 A.M. (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available

Sundays 9:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery

**Christian Education Classes**

Sundays 9:00-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages

Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, 9:30 AM

Adult Formation: Meet in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

*No Adult Formation in Advent*

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**Our Wardens and Vestry**

Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Senior Warden,

Marv Kombrink, Junior Warden

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Gretchen Schlabach, Clerk

Brod Smith, Linda Lorbach, Margaret Gerrity

<b>Today, Sunday, December 9, 2018, Second</b>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I		8:00
No Children's Sunday School		
Nursery and Childcare Available		10:15-11:45
Choir Practice		10:15
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II		10:30
Fellowship and Coffee Hour		11:30

<b>This Week - December 9 2018 through</b>		
Thur	Dec 13	Choir Children 5 P.M. Adult
Sun	Dec 16	Children's Sunday School 9:15
		Nursery/ Childcare 10:15-11:15
		Choir Practice 10:15
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30
		Coffee/Fellowship 11:30
		Children's Christmas Party 11:30