



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



Online Bulletin

## Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

December 8, 2019 10:15 a.m.

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### *Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

*Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.*

*Our Sunday School program for children and youth will begins at 10:00am in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day and a preview of the activity. Children move to their classrooms at 10:10 for creative programming and activities including circle time, prayer and storytelling. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Youth will be in Room 8. All children and youth will return to the sanctuary at the peace to join their families for Eucharist.*

*Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable. We're glad you're here.*

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## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE

*The candles are lit.*

*Child* Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”.

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

*People* **Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**



# Holy Eucharist

## Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Christ, Be Our Light v.1-2

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for

1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone

1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

*Please be seated.*

Celebrant Join me in sending the children to Sunday School.

**People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

*Children Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

Processional Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymnal 75

Opening Salutation

*Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**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. Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Kyrie from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

Chri - ste e - le - i - son

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

*As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

## **Second Reading**

Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn***Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.***O come, O come Emmanuel v.3-4****Hymnal 56***arr. Felix Eisenhauer*

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny;  
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 3:1-12

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

**Sermon**

The Reverend Liz Williams

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**Credo from St. Paul's Mass**  
*All stand as able and together sing.*

*Felix Eisenhauer*

*Celebrant*

Our service continues with the Nicene Creed. Please stand and join us in singing.



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.



A - men.

**Prayers of the People**

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*

The prophet John the Baptist preached a repentance which would bear fruit in the lives of those who heard him. In penitence and faith, let us offer to God our prayer for all people, saying: In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

We pray for the church throughout the world, and for all those ordained to particular ministries for the building up of the body of Christ, that in our diverse vocations we may serve the glory of God. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all the nations of the world, remembering especially those who are victims of political or social injustice. We pray for those whom we have elected to public office, and for political leaders everywhere, that they may administer the tasks of government with courage and equity. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, especially, *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, the elderly, and those who live alone. We pray for those who are overworked and those who cannot find work. Send upon them the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may abound in hope. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community, for our neighbors and friends, for those with whom we study and work. Guide and strengthen us all in our common life that we may know the gifts of your grace and love. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, especially, *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

We offer these prayers to you, our God, in penitence for what is past and in faith that your work in us will bear fruit as we seek to do your will, for you alone are the Holy One. May our lives give honor to you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor  
*A period of silence is observed.*

**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.**

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.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

### **Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions**

*For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel or during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.*

## ***Liturgy of the Table***

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

*setting by James H. Laster*

**Presentation Hymn***Please stand as you are able.***Comfort, comfort ye my people****Hymnal 67****The Great Thanksgiving***The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.**People** **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.**People** **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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****Holy, holy, holy Lord****Hymnal S128***The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

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 all 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 risen.****Christ will come again.**

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,

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### Invitation

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.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.*

*Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.*

*Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.*

### Communion Music

*Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People*

*arr. George Böhm*

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -

pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will

see the sal - va - tion of our God \_\_\_\_\_ Pre -

## An Advent Round of Anticipation

Felix Eisenhauer

I



O come, ye, come. O

II



The Prince of Peace, The

III



A Mi - ra - cle! A

### Post Communion Prayer:

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving 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 for ever. Amen.**

*When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

### Blessing

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn

### Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

*Please stand.*

### Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

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**Female Composers Initiative**

St. Paul's Music Ministry is addressing continuing gender inequality by featuring female composers as part of its regular repertoire. This week, our initiative includes *Christ Be Our Light* by Bernadette Farrell

**Thank you to our Guest Musician, Allison McKay on Oboe*****Welcome! We're so glad you're here.***

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship and Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to bring their children to worship with them, and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there. Our side chapel can be used as a quiet play space during services. You will find lots of stuffed animals and books there.

**Serving This Week**

Team Two – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

<b>Acolytes</b>	Dean Nahabedian, Nairi Nahabedian
<b>Chalice</b>	Roger Crow – Server, Kay Armstrong
<b>Psalm</b>	Roger Crow
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Janet Koehn, Drew Darby
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Ernie Fickerson
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Brown, Tamara Nerdrum, Peter Anderson
<b>Eucharistic Prayer Ministry</b>	Kathleen Crookston
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews
<b>Counters</b>	Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson
<b>Welcome Ministry</b>	Pat Malchak
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Rose Hayden Smith
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Woody Bretz
<b>Cantor</b>	Reid Edwards
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday, Greg & Karyn Jackson

## Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today</b> <b>12/8</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Advent Wreath Lighting (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b> <b>12/9</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	5:00 pm	Daisy Scout Troop 65014 (Community Room)
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Library)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>12/10</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>12/11</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>12/12</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>12/13</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>Sat</b> <b>12/14</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>12/15</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Advent Wreath Lighting (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Parish Christmas Party (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)



## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of December 8, 2019***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan  
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson  
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Onofre, Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Carol, Diane, Kathie, Tom, William

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Rachel, Mary, Kim

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints; Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

Thomas Honeyman  
Kathleen Craven  
Doris Darby

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

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The Rev. Liz Williams, Associate Rector  
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## Announcements December 8, 2019

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

**We invite you to join us again next Sunday!**



Please help us thank the following people  
for our refreshments this morning:

**8:00 am-Wes Cullins**

**10:15 am-Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton,  
Ted & Laura Andrews**

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Richard Goodman*

*10:15-Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday, Greg & Karyn Jackson*

*If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

**The Vestry Greeter today is Rose Hayden-Smith  
come by and say hello**



*We are faithful people waiting for the coming of light, the coming of Christ...*

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD** – Sunday, 12/8 Services at 8 & 10:15am  
Be with us as we light the first and second candles on our Advent wreath.  
Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is  
PEACE.



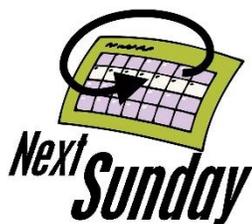
*Want to learn how to sign Christmas Carols?*

**ASL CAROL CLASS - 12/1 & 12/8 11:45am** Grab some coffee and join us in the  
Community Room for some great fun and learning. Using the beautifully  
visual and conceptually based language of ASL, we'll consider the words of  
some favorite Christmas Carols and learn to sign them. Friends are welcome  
too! We look forward to seeing you there.



*Every purchase matters, and they make great stocking stuffers!*

**FAIR TRADE SALES – Sunday, Dec. 8th after both services** After Sunday  
services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from  
businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment  
opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers.  
**Thank you for helping abolish modern-day slavery!**



*We are faithful people waiting for the coming of light, the coming of Christ...*

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD** – Sunday, 12/15 Services at 8 & 10:15am  
Be with us as we light the first, second, and third candles on our Advent  
wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second  
candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY. Let's come together as we  
worship and wait, holding on to the hope that Christ has instilled in us,  
enjoying the peace that is beyond understanding and delighting in the joy  
that comes as we lift our thanks and praise. Join us as we prepare the way of  
the Lord, lift our prayers and receive the bread and wine made holy. Come  
get inspired! Invite a friend and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!



*Come and join in the fun!*

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Sunday, 12/15 at 11:45am  
Bring your friends and neighbors and join us in Kahler Hall for our annual  
Christmas Carol Sing Along and Cookie Decorating Party.  
*All are welcome!*

	<p>Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?  <b>A warm welcome to you!</b> We are so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.</p>
	<p>Join in the fun, perform in our Epiphany Pageant. Who knows, you could be the STAR!  <b>REHEARSALS FOR THE EPIPHANY PAGEANT – Sun. 12/29 &amp; Sun. 1/5</b>  The Epiphany pageant is an annual favorite for our Sunday School children, and they could use your help. We need a team of adults and teens to come act, sing, help with costumes, cue lines, help with staging, and be sure the camel gets his cue. Please let us know if you can help. Thanks!</p>
	<p>Time to gather up our blue boxes and donations...  <b>INGATHERING OF UTO BOXES – Time to bring back your boxes &amp; donations</b>  United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. 100% of what is collected is used to support God's mission in the world.</p>
	<p>Bring your toys in by next Sunday. Thank you!  <b>COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE TOY COLLECTION – LAST DAY TO DONATE</b>  Thanks for helping us share the love of Christ this season!</p>
	<p>Want to help our warm the hearts and bodies of our neighbors in need?  <b>COATS FOR ALL</b> - We are collecting new or gently used coats and jackets of all sizes <b>now through the end of the year!</b> The drive is sponsored by the Downtown Chapter of the Rotary Club. The donation box is located in the church lobby.  <b>SOCK DRIVE</b> - Socks are also in high demand at this time of year for the men and women served by the Sack Lunch Program and Family to Family ministries. Drop of your sock donations in the basket on the REACH table. (Please no dress socks or children's sizes.)</p>
 <p><b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b>  10:30am in the Library</p>	<p>Looking for a wonderful Advent Study?  <b>WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OFFERS ADVENT STUDY at 10:30am</b>  Best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: What were these expectations? And Did Jesus fulfill them? You're invited to join us any Wednesday you're available as we work through this study and make our way toward a more meaningful Christmas. All are welcome.</p>
	<p>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...  <b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, January 6, 5:30-7pm at Panera</b>  All are welcome! This month's selection is Life Undercover: Coming of Age in the CIA by Amaryllis Fox.</p>
	<p><b>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – January 19</b> The next baptism opportunity will be on the Sunday we remember the Baptism of our Lord. <i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, or would like to arrange baptism for a child, please speak with Rev. Susan or Rev. Liz to make arrangements. We look forward to it!</i></p>
	<p>Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!  <b>NEWCOMER COFFEE WITH OUR CLERGY – Sunday, 12/22 at 11:45am</b>  Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: <i>Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church</i>. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7  <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>  Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share.  <b>Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.</b></p>



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC**

We'd love to have especially beautiful flowers and music this Christmas. If you'd like to contribute, please mark your donation "Flowers & Music" and place in offering plate, send in offering envelope, or donate via the website, PayPal, or Text. Be sure to note whether the donation is in memory or honor of a loved one and whether you would like it included in the service bulletins. Donations accepted any time. Deadline is to be listed in the bulletin is 12/15.

**Thank You!**



**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY  
December 15**

Bring your friends and neighbors and join us on Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in Kahler Hall for a Christmas Carol Sing-along & Cookie Decorating Party. All are welcome!



**GREENING OF THE CHURCH  
Monday, December 23 at 9am**

Help us transform the church in preparation for Christmas. Bring your friends and join us. Many hands make light work. Childcare available.



**THE NIGHT BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
December 23 at 7pm**

Come and enjoy the peace and beauty of the church on the night before Christmas Eve. Quiet music, bedtime stories and prayers. Children are invited to come in their jammies. Come get centered and connect with the spirit of Christmas before the festivities begin.



**Christmas Eve at St. Paul's**

**4:00 p.m. Family Service**

This is a friendly service that is especially appropriate for families and children of all ages.

**10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service**

Carols begin at 10 p.m.

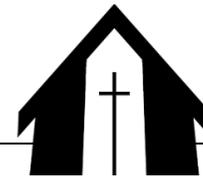
Service begins at 10:30 p.m.

This service includes: traditional Christmas lessons, candlelight, choir and Eucharist.

**Christmas Day**

**9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Join us for a beautiful service on this holy day.



**St Paul's, Ventura  
Your Church Home for the  
Holidays**

*We invite you to bring your family, friends and neighbors and join us this Christmas for inspiring worship, beautiful music, friendly fellowship, and the opportunity to be filled with the true message of Christmas.*

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Sunday Services at 8am & 10:15am  
Wednesday Healing Service at 9am



**EPIPHANY PAGEANT**

**Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:15am**

All are welcome! Come enjoy the service or participate in it. Rehearsals on Sun. 12/28 and Sun. 1/5. Contact the church office for details.