



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



**Christmas Eve
Family Service**
December 24, 2021 at 4pm
Service offered both in-person and online

Online Bulletin



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether you are joining us online or in-person, we're glad you're here!

Online services may be viewed at: www.StPaulsVentura.org, www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, and www.Facebook.com/StPaulsVentura.

Important Safety Protocols for In-Person Worshipers

- We take safety very seriously and ask you to help keep yourself and your neighbors healthy.
- Masks are required on campus at this time, even outside
- Some of our worshippers are seated in a section for social distancing because they prefer some extra space. Please respect their wishes. We are all doing the best we can to make good decisions in this challenging time.
- Open seating is for those who are fully vaccinated, healthy, and have not had any recent exposure. We do not check vaccination records but ask you to please follow these guidelines and decide for yourself whether you should attend services in-person. Those who meet these requirements are invited to sing along through their masks during the hymns.
- All are invited to participate in the service. The words in bold are the ones we'll all say together.
- Everyone is invited to come forward for Eucharist. Due to COVID restrictions, we are offer the bread only. We assure you that this is a full experience of communion and ask your patience – we don't know when we'll be able to offer wine again. Gluten-free wafers are available. When the priest comes to give you communion, please let the know if you prefer gluten-free.
- A full list of protocols is available at the sign-in table and in the narthex (lobby).

Check our Email Newsletter each week to keep up with the latest events, announcements, and protocols. If you don't receive our newsletter, please contact us at office@saintpaulsventura.org. Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping with us! If there's anything we can do to help make your time with us more meaningful, please let us know. Also contact us if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you.



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Holy Eucharist – 10:15am

Attend in-person or online at:

www.SaintPaulsVentura.org/live www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura
Sunday School at 10am

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Healing Service at 9am on Zoom

Prelude

What Child is This

*Allison McKay, oboe
arr. Al Roberts***Welcome**

The Reverend Susan Bek

Passing Baby Jesus Forward to the Manger*Celebrant* Prepare the Way of the Lord!*Away in a Manger***Blessing of the Crèche***Celebrant* Behold, the dwelling of God is with creation.**People** **He will dwell with us and we shall be his people.***Celebrant* God himself is with us. Alleluia.**People** **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born of Mary: Bless, we pray, this Crèche that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ Our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Procession*Celebrant* Please stand as you are able as we process into the church singing hymn 83.**O come, all ye faithful V.1-3****Hymnal 83***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**Angels we have heard on high v.1****Hymnal 96**

**Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn

Silent night v.1

Hymnal 111

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm,
all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Holy Gospel

Remain standing.

Luke 2:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us pray for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift. May our heavenly Father, who loves us so much that he sent his Son to be our Savior, bless our worship with answered prayer; Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Open the hearts and hands of many for the support of your Church in every place; Lord Jesus,
Hear our prayer.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the glory of God in all creation; Lord Jesus,
Hear our prayer.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the wonderful works of God; Lord Jesus,
Hear our prayer.

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the miracle of God's love; Lord Jesus,
Hear our prayer.

Touch our hands, that we may do the things which you have taught us; Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Touch our feet, that we may go for you into all parts of the world; Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Touch our spirits, that as we forgive others, we may receive forgiveness for our sins; Lord Jesus,
Hear our prayer.

Strengthen and encourage us by your Holy Spirit to proclaim your glory in all we say and do; Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

We invite you to add your own petitions either silently or aloud. (*The People may add their petitions.*)
Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

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 forever. **Amen.**

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.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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

Ephesians 5:2



Thank you for your donation, and for your pledge.

Your generosity is appreciated!

*We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ
with whatever you are able to give.*

Offertory Anthem

The Little Road to Bethlehem

Tara Eisenhauer, soloist

Michael Head

Presentation Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hymnal 87

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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 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***Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass****Felix Eisenhauer*

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
(Holy, holy, holy,)

Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit, in the name of the
(Blessed are those who come)

Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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 Mary, Joseph, 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.**

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.

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.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

The Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

For in-person worshipers: 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. Cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

Suggestion: Before or after Communion, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. It can be found online at www.bcponline.org

Communion Music

O Holy Night

*Adolphe Charles Adam
Trombone: Hayles King*

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal 99

The first Nowell

Hymnal 109

Pastoral Symphony: Pifa from Messiah

*G. F. Handel
arr. Daniel Kelley*

Away in a manger

Hymnal 101

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen

Blessing

May you be wise like the magi,
humble like the shepherds,
obedient like Mary and Joseph.

And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World! (v. 1, 2, 4, 1)

Hymnal 100

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude Joy to the World! *arr. Alfred Fedak*

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Merry Christmas!

Thank you for joining us. We invite you to come again.
Sunday Services are available online and in-person at 10:15am.
All are welcome.

Many thanks to all who helped to make this service so special including:

Hayles King, trombone; Allison McKay, oboe

St. Paul's Choir: Taylor Bernstein, Annelise Ebell, Rose Hayden-Smith, Amy Schaffer, Laura Andrews, Jordan Daniels, Sophia Cotsis, Kara Johnson-Craven, Allison McKay, Bridget Wareham, Robert Kubilos, Diego Magaña, Alexis Renteria, Daniel Smithson, Robert Brown, Christopher Craven, Reid Edwards

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Choir Conductor: Tara Eisenhauer
Organist: Sara Edwards

Altar Guild:

Louise Bretz, Susan Talmadge, Rose Hayden-Smith, Roger Crow, Anna Darby,
Dela & Jim Parker, Judy Gold, Lisa Cross

Flower Guild:

Grace Dunlevy, Virginia Hernandez, Roger Crow, Sarah Lamola,
Anna Darby, Judy Gold and Lisa Cross

**And a special "Thank You!" to everyone who helped with the
Greening of the Church.**

Serving at 4pm Christmas Eve Service

Server:	Roger Crow	Intercessor:	Roger Crow
Seating Coordinator:	Wendy Van Horn	Ushers:	Dan Wakelee and Sally Weimer
Cantor:	Reid Edwards	Video Production:	Patrick Van Horn



January 9, 2022

Baptism of our Lord

An Epiphany Pageant will be presented at the 10:15 service.

January 30, 2022

Annual Meeting following the 10:15 service.

March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

And while you have your calendar open,
please consider adding Sunday mornings at 10:15am.
We'd love to have you join us as we worship and praise the Lord.



ST. PAUL'S
ENEWS
announcements,
enrichment, encouragement

Because faith isn't just for Sundays!

This bulletin contains a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list! office@saintpaulsventura.org

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Christmas Bulletin Announcements

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



We invite you to join us again next Sunday.



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Whether you're new, visiting or have been a member for years, we're so glad you joined us today. **A warm welcome to you!**

We currently offer Sunday services online, and in person.

Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey this week.

We're always happy to hear from you!

We invite you to come back soon.

Sunday Services are available

Online and In-Person at 10:15am.

Come get Inspired! Every Sunday from St. Paul's you can enjoy wonderful music, meaningful worship, and hear an uplifting message about hope and the importance of serving the world in the name of Christ.

We look forward to welcoming you back.



On the 2nd day of Christmas...

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS – Sunday, 12/26

Once Christmas arrives, we begin the twelve days of Christmas, or Christmastide, which runs through January 5. During this season we recognize God with us; a God who knows and understands our fears and sends forth angels who proclaim, "Fear not!" Join us as we celebrate!



Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

A warm welcome to you! We are so glad you joined us. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters and production team will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. If you view the services online, please complete the newcomer card linked in the description. If you attend in-person, please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.



BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – January 9 The next baptism opportunity will be on the Sunday we remember the Baptism of our Lord. *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.*



Want to help our warm the hearts and bodies of our neighbors in need?

COATS FOR ALL and REACH for Socks - We are collecting new or gently used coats and jackets of all sizes **now through the end of the year!** The drive is sponsored by the Downtown Chapter of the Rotary Club. The donation box is located in the church lobby.

SOCK DRIVE 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 off your sock donations in the basket on the REACH table. We'll distribute them throughout the winter season. (Please no dress socks or children's sizes.)



This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities and ministries. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share.

Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.



We are grateful for the donations received for
Flowers & Music
that make our Christmas Celebrations so beautiful.

The Wied and Schmitt Families gave in loving memory of Douglas and Christine Wied.

William Brewer gave in memory of Carol Brewer by her loving family.

Barbara Jakovich gave in honor of her parents, Irene and Frank Dirricq.

Miles & Cathy Sexton gave the Christmas Trees in loving memory of Aldo Fattarelli
and Jim & Nile Sexton

Marilyn Beattie gave in memory of her husband, Louis A. Beattie,
her son, Andy Beattie, and her grandson, Trevor Beattie.

Roger Gold gave in thanksgiving for family.

John and Virginia Dilworth gave in memory of Harry & Margery Dickinson.

Barbara Gear gave in memory of her mother, Helen.

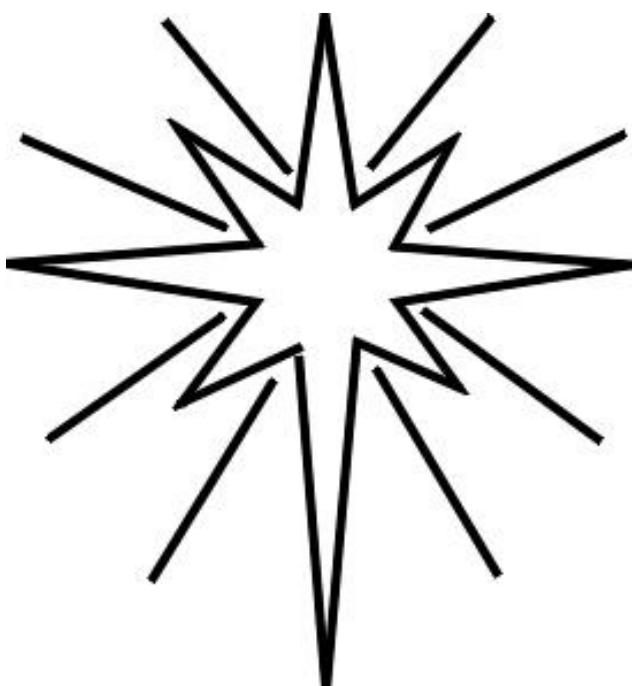
Roger Myers gave in loving memory of his wife, Kathy Stone.

Patrick VanHorn gave in memory of Millie Timko and Kiel VanHorn.

Lisa Cross gave in gratitude for her many blessings.

The Rev. Susan and Jon Bek gave in thanksgiving for their grandchildren -
Emmanuel, Nathaniel, Joy, Jeremiah, Christina, Christian and Daniel.

Christmas Coloring Pages





Joy

Peace

Love