

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



The Night Before Christmas Eve

December 23, 2022

7pm

3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura, CA 93003

office@saintpaulsventura.org 805 643-5033 www.saintpaulsventura.org

Facebook: St. Paul's Ventura

✧ WELCOME

✧ TRANSFORMING THE ADVENT WREATH

✧ PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Hymn 115 What child is this?

✧ THE CHRISTMAS STORY AND ASSEMBLING THE
CHRISTMAS CRECHE

Hymn 101 – Away in a Manger

✧ PRAYERS

A Bidding Prayer

*Beloved in Christ, on this final day of this Advent season,
let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to
hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and
mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Baby lying in
a manger.*

*But let us first, pray for the needs of his whole world; for
peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission
and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially
for the people whom He loves.*

✧ LIGHTING CANDLES AND OFFERING PRAYERS



✳ THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.

✳ BLESSING

May Almighty God bless you with abundant grace; May Jesus Christ fill you with unending love and may the Holy Spirit inspire you; today and always. Amen.

Hymn 111 – Silent Night

You are welcome to linger as long as you like.
When you go, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



***For tonight we leave baby Jesus safe inside of Mary.
Safe in the hands of God.***

Join us tomorrow as the story continues.



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura is a warm and welcoming community that offers traditional worship anchored in an ancient faith, dynamic preaching that connects with our lives today and a call to serve as the Light of Christ in the world.



Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. Family Service – Online and In-Person

This is a friendly service that is especially appropriate for families and people of all ages. All children and families are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant, no rehearsal necessary. Just arrive by 3pm for a quick walk-through, costuming and then over to the green room for songs and games until the service begins.

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service – Online and In-Person

Carols begin at 10 p.m., the service begins at 10:30 p.m. This service includes: traditional Christmas lessons, candlelight, choir and Eucharist.

Christmas Day– In-Person

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Join us for a beautiful service on this holy day.

Sunday Services – Online and In-Person

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday School starts at 10:00 a.m.