

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION, TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND
TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 163 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.*

Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

Voluntary *Jesu, meine Freude (Jesus, Priceless Treasure)* Johann Gottfried Walther

Introit *Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand* Christopher Tye

Arise, the kingdom is at hand, the King is drawing nigh; O come with joy, thou faithful band,
to meet the Lord most high! Look up, ye souls weighed down with care the Sov'reign is not far;
look up, faint hearts, from your despair, behold the Morning Star!

Processional Hymn 74 *Blest be the King whose coming* Valet will ich dir geben

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts;
People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,
People: That your people may rejoice in you?
Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord.
People: And grant us your salvation.
Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

Each Sunday of Advent a new candle is lit with prayer, until all four are lit on the Sunday before Christmas. A fifth candle, always white, is placed in the center of the wreath for Christmas. This Christ candle is lit until the Epiphany, when the wreath is put away.

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.
Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. (Isaiah 9:2)
Reader: We light this candle to remind us of the hope of all people for a Savior who will bring us freedom and peace. This hope was promised by the prophets of the Old

Testament, who shared their vision of justice coming to the earth by the mighty acts of God.

The first candle is lit.

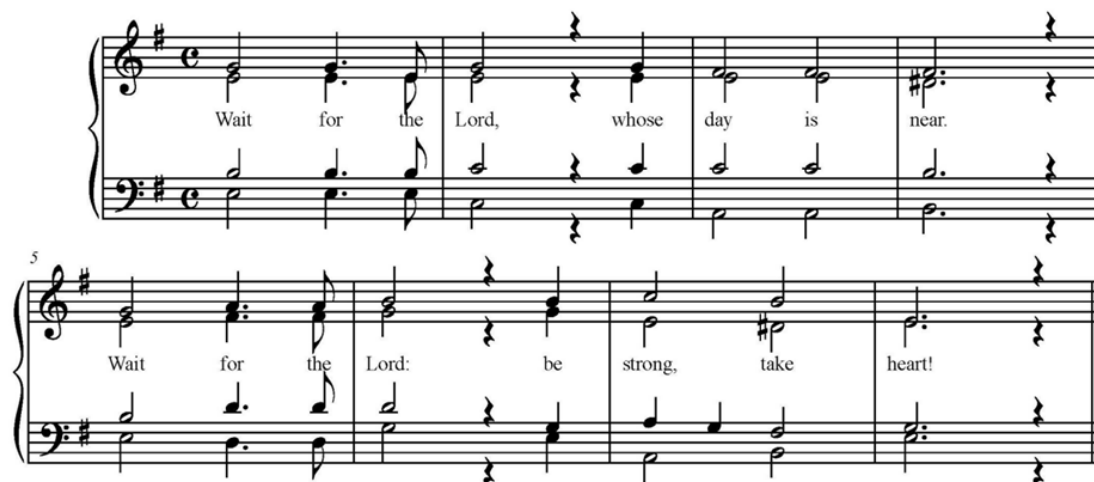
Reader: Let us pray. Father, you awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son Jesus. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring the kingdom of peace and justice you promise for the whole earth.

All: Amen.

Advent Refrain

Wait for the Lord (sung three times)

Taizé



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

The people may be seated.

The First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25: 1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 73

The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21: 25-36

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Catherine Powell

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we begin this season of anticipation of the Christ who comes to us in great humility, we pray for our own needs and the needs of the world saying “Lord, show us your way and teach us your paths.”

Intercessor: Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love. Fill your Church with your grace and goodness, that we may grow in holiness and in hospitality, that we may reach out in mission in love, that we may reveal your light in your glory. Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise. We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Rob, our bishop, and our clergy at St. Paul’s. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church and Galilee Mission in Creswell and St. Luke and St. Anne’s in Roper. Lord, show us your way

People: *and teach us your paths.*

Intercessor: We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. May the resources of the earth be neither hoarded nor squandered, but used to the benefit of all in the relief of those in need. Strengthen all who strive for justice and integrity in world trade; may vulnerable peoples be freed from oppression and abuse. May we all have compassion and concern for the poor. We pray especially for all those who benefit from our Community Ministries; that they may see in us the hands and feet of Jesus. Lord, show us your way

People: *and teach us your paths.*

Intercessor: Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory. Lord, show us your way

People: *and teach us your paths.*

Intercessor: God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captive to sin, vice, or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence, or abuse. We pray also for friends and loved ones who are ill, especially ([the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers](#)). Bless all who seek to rescue and restore those who are in need or distress. Lord, show us your way

People: *and teach us your paths.*

Intercessor: We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your Kingdom. We rejoice in the fellowship of the Saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love. Lord, show us your way

People: *and teach us your paths.*

The Advent Collect *(said together)*

O God, you make us glad with the yearly expectation of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully prepare to receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again in glory, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Marty Wheeler Burnett

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find
our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every
nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our
hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology with Alleluias

Helmsley (57)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP 367

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 and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Picardy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of power and might,
7 heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo - - - ry. Ho -
13 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - - - na, ho - san - na in the high -
19 est. Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
26 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - - - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 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,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Our Father, who are 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.

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 All 2 *Cantor or Choir*
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

St. Botolph

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, and grant to us your peace.

Communion of the People

Communion Anthem

Adam Lay Ybounden

Malcom Archer

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; for thousand winters thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavene Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen; Deo gracias!

Communion Hymn 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The people stand or kneel.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Processional Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni Immanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. *Refrain*

3. O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode. *Refrain*

4. O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light. *Refrain*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Christ who is to come.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Sleepers, Awake

J S Bach

† † †

Service Participants at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Verger and Altar Server

Spencer Weig

Greeter/Usher

Linda Collette

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Service Participants at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Verger

Leon Tillery

Crucifer

Cabe Lee

Altar Server

Don Brainard

Gospel Book Bearer

Ruth Gates

Torchbearers

Zoe Frederiksen

Bennett Sanders-Park

Lectors

Lindsay Joines,

Katie Rose Sanders-Park

Intercessor

David Heath

Greeters

Barbara Bucci

Midge Silberman

Ushers

Jane and Kenny Harkness

Shannon and Dick Rowe

Tom Erway

Advent Wreath Leaders

Cecelia and Riley Peers

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In our parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Lyle Sullivan
Anne Laudati	Pat Baker
Judy Farri	William Murphy
Joe Farri	Sherry Mulhollen
Ed Ablard	Peggy McCaleb
Harriet Fowler	Wayne Fowler
Della Kirkland	Jenny DuBois

People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Bryce Harrelson
Tammy Tilghman	Michael Justice
Capt. Samantha Stillwell	Ken Crawford
Sharon O'Rourke Berry	Gina Lewis
Richard O'Rourke	Iris McDermott
Glenda Snowa	Carol Findlay
John Ciriello	Chervonne Miller
Ken Crawford	Schmeake
Kim Brafford	Ann & Rodney Strickland
Sarah Duarte	Sam Gilmore
Jesse Robinson	Velma Farrior
Bella, Jaxon & Hadley Duarte Billings	

About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, www.spechurch.com.

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

Online Giving Platform

You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring pledge payment through Vanco. You can use this QR code to access Vanco:



ST. PAUL'S NOTES

Parish-Wide Wreath Making Today!



Annual Pledge Campaign Update from your Stewardship Team

On this first Sunday of Advent, we ask God's blessing upon St. Paul's. Fill our hearts with holy patience as we wait in hope for the One who is, who was, and who is to come. May we be the light that illuminates the world with Christ's radiant love, and through our faith may we see and serve Christ in friend and stranger alike. Amen.

As we enter the final phase of the Annual Pledge Campaign, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who has pledged their support to St. Paul's mission and ministries for 2022. We have received 115 pledges totaling \$413,088 as of November 21, but if we are to meet or exceed last year's totals of 131 pledges equaling \$425,374, we need everyone's help. Our collective financial commitment allows Fr. Caleb and the Finance Team to develop a comprehensive, responsible plan in early December for the new year. It is a joyous time at St. Paul's. We are excited about our future and invite everyone to experience the transformative power of generosity.

If you are planning to make a pledge for 2022, we ask you to do so as soon as possible. You may return your pledge form by mail or place it in the offering plate this Sunday. If you need a new pledge form, you can print one at <https://spechurch.com/annual-pledge-giving/>. Or even simpler, use the link on the same page to submit your 2022 annual pledge form online. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Day at (917) 913-3609 or karencday@aol.com.

Wilmington Boys Choir



Angel Tree - Calling All Elves

St. Paul's Angel Tree for Snipes students is up outside the Parish Hall. The Angels have information for a Snipes student or their sibling with age and some desired presents. Once you pick your angel mark your choice on the sign up sheet next to the tree. Bring the wrapped presents in a bag and attach your angel or label to your bag with the child's number so they can be distributed. We will designate a location in the church to drop off presents. Presents need to be dropped off no later than December 12th. If you are interested in helping deliver presents to Snipes, please contact Cecelia Peers at cecelia.peers@gmail.com.

We're also collecting items for the senior center. This year, the senior center will make gift bags with the items for all their members. Here is a link to their wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1YI688UIC2XCL/guest-view?pldnSite=1>. You can purchase the items on Amazon and drop them under the tree at St Paul's. All donations for the senior center need to be dropped off by today. Please contact Kathryn Hedgepath with any questions.

Be a part of the Parish Life Team

St. Paul's Parish Life Team is looking for volunteers! This team plans and organizes opportunities for our St. Paul's family to make connections with each other and with God while strengthening relationships within our family through joyful and love-filled activities. We would love to include you in our next planning meeting in early December. Talk with Sally Pope (brsapope@nc.rr.com) or Teresa Singer (teresabsinger@gmail.com).



December 5, The Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM – Christian Formation for All Ages
Adult Formation – The Collects and Theology of Advent: Part I
10:30 AM – Choral Eucharist

Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10

Handel's Messiah with the Choir of St. Paul's
and the NC Baroque Orchestra and soloists
Tickets \$15 at Eventbrite
7:30 PM

December 12, The Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM – Christian Formation for All Ages
Adult Formation – The Collects and Theology of Advent: Part II
10:30 AM – Choral Eucharist
7:00 PM – Blue Christmas

December 19, The Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM – Christian Formation for All Ages
Adult Formation – The Collects and Theology of Advent: Part III
10:30 AM – Choral Eucharist
5:00 PM- A Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 24, Christmas Eve Services

5:00 PM – Pre-service music begins
5:30 PM – A Children's Presentation of the Nativity with Holy Eucharist
8:00 PM – Pre-service music begins
8:30 PM – The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord
Choral Eucharist

December 25, Christmas Day

10:30 AM - The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord
Festal Eucharist

Sunday, December 26 – The First Sunday in Christmas

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM – Choral Eucharist

Christmastide Weekday Services

Monday, December 27 – St. Stephen 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, December 28 – St. John the Evangelist 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, December 29 – Holy Innocents 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 2 – The Feast of the Holy Name

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Choral Eucharist

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

We are glad you are with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

Welcome: All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

Help: Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

Dress: Parishioners of St. Paul's dress in smart casual or business casual attire, but please come in what you are most comfortable.

Handicapped Parking: Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

Live-Streamed: Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

Masks: All may, none must, some should.

Worship: St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

Children: All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

Worship Kits: Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew, including our children's worship bulletin, *The Sunday Paper*. Please return when church is over.

Nursery: The nursery is open every Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

Sunday School: Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the library for 6th grade and older.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Our church family is delighted that you have joined us to worship and have expressed an interest in St. Paul's. Please fill out this card. You may drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters.

Date: _____ Greeter: _____

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Names and Ages:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please check all applicable spaces:

_____ First-time Visitor _____ Returning Visitor _____ A Newcomer's Ministry Member may call me
_____ Add me to the mailing list



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