

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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.

## 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Altar Server/Lector</b>	<b>Greeter/Usher</b>
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	The Reverend Catherine Powell	Louise Joyner	Linda Collette

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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.*

<b>Voluntary</b>	<i>Prelude Modal</i>	Jean Langlais
<b>Introit</b>	<i>O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord</i>	Christopher Tye
<b>Processional Hymn 494</b>	<i>Crown him with many crowns</i>	Diademata

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Acclamation and Response

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
**Celebrant:** Be still, then, and know that I am God:  
**People:** I will be exalted among the nations.

#### The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

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.*

<b>Canticle</b>	<i>A Song to the Lamb</i>	St. Anne
1 All splendor, honor, kingly power Are yours, O Lord, by right; For you created all that is, Your will brought them to light;	2 And yours by right, O Lamb once slain, For your blood now has won A royal priesthood for our God From every race and tongue.	
	3 And so to Christ the Lamb and him Who sits upon the throne, Dominion, splendor, worship, praise Forevermore be shown.	

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.  
**Celebrant:** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

**Reader:** A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Canticle 16

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Second Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20

**Reader:** A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the

invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 450** (vs 1-3, 6)

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name*

Coronation

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 23: 33-43**

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Catherine Powell**

*Please stand.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

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** *(adapted from Common Worship: Times and Seasons)*

**Celebrant:** Jesus our exalted King has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

**Intercessor:** Jesus Christ, great high priest, living forever to intercede for us: pray for your Church, your broken body in the world. We pray for Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the clergy of St. Paul's. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's in Wilmington. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Lord, hear us.

**People:** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Intercessor:** Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high: pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. Lord, hear us.

**People:** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Intercessor:** Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God: pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow. We pray especially for *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. Lord, hear us.

**People:** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Intercessor:** Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection: pray for the dying, that they may trust in your promises, and for the dead, especially William Murphy and Neise Turner. Lord, hear us.

**People:** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Intercessor:** Jesus Christ, Lord of all things, ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe: pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. Lord, hear us.

**People:** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Celebrant:** Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*Amen.*

## The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

**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.

## Offertory Anthem

*Psalm 66*

Ronnie Dale Wise

*(Written to the Glory of God and for the Reverend Caleb J. Lee on the occasion of his first anniversary as Rector of St. Paul's)*

O be joyful in God all the earth. Sing the glory of his name. Make his praise glorious. Say to God, how awesome are your deeds! Praise be to God who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me. So great is your pow'r that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bow down to you, they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name. Shout for joy to the Lord most high!

*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*

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

## 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.

*The celebrant continues with the Proper Preface of the day.*

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 S-125

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

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,

**All:** 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, reconcile all things in Christ and make them new 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 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.*

### Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S169

*Cantor or Choir*

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

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

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.

### Invitation to Communion

### 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

## The Communion of the People

*Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.*

### Communion Anthem

*Behold, the Tabernacle of God*

William Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit, the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns*

### Communion Hymn 324

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Picardy

### Communion Hymn 646

*The King of Love, my shepherd is*

Dominus regit me

*Please stand.*

*If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.*

#### Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

**Priest:** In the name of God, 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.  
**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

### The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

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 477

*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine*

Engelberg

### The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ our King.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Voluntary

*My Spirit Be Joyful (from Cantata 146)*

J.S. Bach

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

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**Celebrant**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Preacher**

The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Gospeller**

The Reverend Michael Singer

**Verger**

Leon Tillery

**Thurifer**

Jeffrey Hughes

**Crucifer**

Cheryl Wagoner

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

**Torchbearers**

Hazel Lee

Bennett Sanders-Park

**Gospel Book Bearer**

Dot Erway

**Altar Server**

Cheryl Wagoner

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Cheryl Wagoner

Cabe Lee

**Lectors**

Kathryn Hedgepeth

Cleve Callison

**Intercessor**

Marie Ashworth

**Ushers**

Mait Dubois

Greg Kutrow

Kenny Harkness

Jane Harkness

Ernest Patrick

**Greeters**

John and Denise Sheehan

**Flower Guild**

Lynda Miller

**Altar Guild**

Cheryl Wagoner

Margaret Haughey

Barbara Banks

Barbara Bucci

**Trumpet**

Carlton Howard

Casey Black

Stephen Luck

**Timpani**

Mitch Hebert

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TONIGHT AT ST. PAUL'S

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

Organ Recital | 5 p.m.

Nancy Novelly

Dean of Wilmington Chapter  
of American Guild of Organists

Choral Evensong | 5:30 p.m.

with the Choir of St. Paul's

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In our parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Dale Curran
Judy Farri	JoAnn Summey
Joe Farri	Barbara O'Rourke
Alice Calder	Katherine Ramsey
Merry Ann Wright	Diane Trubia
Larry Wright	Susan Carter
Tom Freeling	Barbara Bucci
Karen DeJarld	Elaine Francis
Norman LaSalle	Linda Morgan

People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Kathy Keagy
Tammy Tilghman	Tom Gonzalez
Richard O'Rourke	Barbara Holland
Major Jennifer Jantzi	Carroll Joines
James Graham	Dr. Everette Cameron
Stacy Neal	James
Bryce Harrelson	Lena & Ryan
Michael Justice	Shirley Joseph
Gina Lewis	Tim Harrison
Carol Findlay	Patricia Noble
Gracie Sage	Susan Richards Frederick
Sherry Herman	Sandy Veale
Greyson Chapman	Dennis Traina
Thomas Ramey Watson	Kristen Keen
Tonya Justice	Rebecca Eagen
Rick Taylor	Liz Duckrow
Joe Cerquiera	Mary Barto
Susan Petry	Lindsay Peterson
Lynne Vanstory	

For the departed

Neise Turner  
William Murphy

**Today, Sunday, November 20****Christ the King**

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist with

*Breakfast to follow in the parish hall*

**9:15 am - 12 pm** Nursery open

**9:30 am** Adult Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

**9:30 am** Children's Sunday School (*upstairs in children's wing*)

**9:30 am** Episcopal Youth Community EYC (*library*)

**10:30 am** Choral Eucharist

*Reception to follow in the parish hall*

**5:00 pm** Nancy Novelty Organ Recital

**5:30 pm** Choral Evensong with the Choir of St. Paul's

**Monday, November 21****Tuesday, November 22**

**7:30 am** \*Early-Bird Book Group

**9:00 am** Morning Prayer

**6:00 pm** Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

**Wednesday, November 23**

**12:10 pm** Midday Eucharist

*Lunch will not be served today*

**7:00 pm** Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 24**

**Office Closed**

**Friday, November 25**

**8:00 am** Mensgroup

**Office Closed**

**Saturday, November 26****Next Sunday, November 27****The First Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist with

*Breakfast to follow in the parish hall*

**9:15 am - 12 pm** Nursery open

**9:30 am** Advent Wreath Making for Everyone (*parish hall*)

**10:30 am** Choral Eucharist

*Reception to follow in the parish hall*

**5:30 pm** Advent Lessons and Carols

\*Join us as we discuss the book "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber via Zoom. Contact Julie Martin (910)262-6401 or [itsjuliemartin@gmail.com](mailto:itsjuliemartin@gmail.com) for more information.

**VANCO ONLINE GIVING**

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

MIDDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Join us for "Three Fridays in Advent" Midday Organ Recital Series starting Friday, December 2 at 12:10pm. This is a free series with lunch to follow in the parish hall.

- Sara Bryant | December 2
William Weisser | December 16
Ronnie Wise | December 23

THE CHOIR OF ST. PAUL'S
ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS
Sunday, Nov. 27 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC | spechurch.com

WILMINGTON BOYS CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Sunday, Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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The art show scheduled for Dec. 2 & 3 has been rescheduled for March 24 & 25.

WILMINGTON BOYS CHOIR
HOLIDAY POPS DINNER & CONCERT
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. (\$25)
Tickets available at the door & via Eventbrite
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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HANDEL'S
Messiah
Choir of St. Paul's
with the NC Baroque Orchestra and soloists
Thursday, Dec. 8 or Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC
Tickets: \$15 Available via Eventbrite

THE CHOIR OF ST. PAUL'S
CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS
Sunday, Dec. 18, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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**LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**

Fr. Singer is meeting privately with those in grief and may be reached at [pastoral-care@spechurch.com](mailto:pastoral-care@spechurch.com). The loss support group that was scheduled to begin Wednesday, November 23 has been cancelled.

**FLOWER GUILD HELP NEEDED**

On December the 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be making swags in the parish hall to hang on the church doors for Advent. COME ONE! COME ALL! We will begin at 10:00am. Starting Sunday, November 27 there will be tarps in the parish hall for any greenery you can bring as we are making nine swags. Thank you for your help.

**CREATIVE CARD MINISTRY**

Calling all card makers and paper crafters. St. Paul's invites you to join other parishioners for camaraderie and card making for our Card Ministry. The ministry is intended to create cards to uplift a troubled heart, bring a smile to someone's face or to celebrate a joyful occasion. There is always someone in our world who would appreciate a little TLC. This ministry is for anyone interested in learning how to make basic handmade greeting cards. No prior experience or specific skills are necessary. Just a desire to try your creative energies at creating something that is sure to be a blessing to others. Contact Jan Trivett if you have any questions or would like to participate at 910-622-8489 or [jltrivett@gmail.com](mailto:jltrivett@gmail.com). Invite a friend to join you in this ministry!



**NOURISH NC**  
One Less Hungry Child

We are still in need of 13 volunteers to pack meals for Nourish NC's

Backpack program on Thursday, December 1 from 5-7pm at the Nourish NC's office located at 3606 Market Street, Wilmington, 28403.

This program is specifically designed for K-5 children who have access to free and reduced lunch programs during the week but may struggle with hunger over the weekends. The backpacks are filled with 8 meals, 6 healthy snacks, milk or juice and fresh produce (apples, oranges, sweet potatoes, etc.) every weekend. All ages are welcome to participate in this event, but we are limited to 35 people. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAEA92CA2FDC70-nourish1>.

Can't make it? Would you like to sponsor a child? Would you like to split the cost with another family from St. Paul's? It costs \$500 per year to provide a weekend backpack of nourishment for one child. St. Paul's partners with Nourish NC to sponsor several children, but we would like to sponsor a few more. Please contact Steve Bucci [sbucci@hotmail.com](mailto:sbucci@hotmail.com) for more information.

**THE SOURCE GIFT SHOP ~ YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DESTINATION**

The holidays are upon us with a season of gifts for you and your loved ones. The Source Gift Shop at St. Paul's is your holiday shopping destination. Come shop our clothing, jewelry, candles, games and household items. When you purchase gifts for yourself and your loved ones 100% of the proceeds benefits our: youth group mission travel activities, St. Paul's Choir and other church charities. Come shop with us, on Sundays following the 10:30am service, and help spread St. Paul's ministries into the world. Questions? See Peg Brunton.

**Christmas Flowers and Music 2022**

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Christmas services. Forms are located in the front and back of the church and can be emailed to [admin@spechurch.com](mailto:admin@spechurch.com) or dropped off at the church office.

The deadline is Wednesday, December 14.

You can also donate Christmas flowers and music using the Vanco service on our website at <https://spechurch.com/online-giving/>



# *Advent and Christmas at St. Paul's*

## **November 27, The First Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:30am Parish wide Advent Wreath Making  
10:30am Choral Eucharist  
5:30pm Advent Lessons and Carols

## **December 4, The Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:30am Christian Formation for All Ages  
Adult Formation - The Christmas Story according to St. Matthew  
10:30am Choral Eucharist

## **Thursday, December 8 and Friday, December 9**

7:30pm Handel's 'Messiah' with the choir of St. Paul's and the N.C. Baroque Orchestra and soloists  
Tickets \$15 at Eventbrite

## **December 11, The Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:30am Christian Formation for All Ages  
Adult Formation - The Christmas Story according to St. Luke  
10:30am Choral Eucharist

## **Wednesday, December 14**

12:10pm Holy Eucharist  
5:30pm Blue Christmas: A Service of Healing, Hope & Light

## **December 18, The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:30am Christian Formation for All Ages  
Adult Formation - The Christmas Story according to St. John  
10:30am Choral Eucharist  
5:30pm A Festival of Lessons and Carols

## **Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services**

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

## **Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day**

10:00am The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Festal Eucharist

## **Wednesday, December 28, Holy Innocents**

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

## **Sunday, January 1, The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus**

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

## **Friday, January 6, The Feast of the Epiphany**

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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### **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.

**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 am 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 most Sundays from 9:15 am 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 am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

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



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