

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 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

Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

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| The Reverend Caleb J. Lee | The Reverend Michael Singer | Carol Field | Teresa Singer | Ange Green |

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*The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.
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Voluntary *From Heaven Above to Earth, I Come* David Schack

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 72 *Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes* Richmond

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his 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 Sovereign Lord has filled me with his spirit. He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives, and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save his people. (Isaiah 61:1-2)

We light this candle to remind us of our task in preparing the world for the coming of the Messiah. We are also called to be prophets who will relieve suffering, promote justice, and bring hope to those who live without light and love.

The third candle is lit.

Reader: Let us pray. Father, you have called us to share in Christ's ministry to a troubled world. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may faithfully proclaim your Word in all that we say and do, until your kingdom comes upon the earth.

All: Amen.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four measures of the refrain, with lyrics: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system contains the next four measures, with lyrics: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The music is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line is simple and follows the rhythm of the piano accompaniment.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Reader: A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146: 4-9

Lauda, anima mea

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9 The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: James 5: 7-10

Reader: A Reading from the letter of James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Lllangloffan

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11: 2-11

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Singer

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, who through the prophets promised that light would conquer the darkness, shine in our hearts and in our minds as we pray, "Come, Lord our Savior."

Intercessor: Come, Lord God, give strength to the hands that are tired and to the knees that tremble with weakness. You are the God who cares for all who are down, you come down to where we are to uplift us. You are the God who gives us hope. You come to rescue us.

People: *Come, Lord our Savior*

Intercessor: Lord, may your church travel the road of holiness, may we grow in faith, grow in love, and grow in number. We pray for the church to which we belong. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's by the Sea in Swansboro. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. May the good news be preached to the poor. May the gospel be proclaimed in all places. Lord, we need your help and your strength. You come to rescue us.

People: *Come, Lord our Savior*

Intercessor: We remember before you the discouraged and fearful, all whose freedom is limited by tyranny, all whose lives are restricted by poverty, all who are abused by those in power, all whose dreams are destroyed by mockery. You are the God who gives us hope. You come to rescue us.

People: *Come, Lord our Savior*

Intercessor: We pray for the time when the lame will leap for joy, when the deaf will hear, when the blind will be able to see, when the dumb will shout your praise, when the handicapped will find freedom, when sorrow and grief are done away and all will sing and shout for joy. We remember all who long for this time. We pray for friends and loved ones especially (*the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers*). You are the God who gives us hope. You come to rescue us.

People: *Come, Lord our Savior*

Intercessor: You are the Lord and giver of life, you give life which is eternal. We give you thanks for the saints in glory. We remember before you all who served this community in the past. We remember loved ones departed this life, especially William Cornell Murphy and Graham Powell. You come to rescue us.

People: *Come, Lord our Savior*

The Advent Collect (*said together*)

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.

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.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Ave Maria

Jacob Arcadelt

Hail Virgin Mary, you are full of grace, the Lord is with you, for you are greatly blessed among all women the most blessed; and blessed is God's Son, fruit of your womb, our Lord Jesus. Most holy Mary, pray for us we beseech you. Amen.

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 11 for the QR code.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Puer Nobis

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.

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.

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

Be known to us, our promised Lord

Conditor alme siderum

Text by CJL +

Be known to us, our promised Lord,
in broken bread and wine outpoured.
May we receive it thankfully,
and feast with you eternally.

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

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

Adrian Batten

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Grant us thy 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

Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Praetorius

(Text found on page 81 of the Hymnal)

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

Communion Hymn 365

Come thou almighty King

Moscow

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

The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

Laudate Dominum

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

- Bryan Rees

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Wachet Auf

Paul Manz

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

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| <p>Celebrant The Reverend Caleb J. Lee</p> <p>Preacher The Reverend Michael Singer</p> <p>Vergers Cheryl Wagoner</p> <p>Crucifer Zoë Frederiksen Cabe Lee</p> <p>Torchbearers Hazel Lee Bennett Sanders-Park</p> <p>Gospel Book Bearer Carolyn Demorest</p> <p>Altar Server Dot Erway</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Dot Erway Cabe Lee Jeffrey Hughes</p> <p>Lectors Joan Rosko Miller Phillip Weiss</p> | <p>Intercessor Teresa Singer</p> <p>Ushers Ron Morgan Cynthia Smallwood Jay Stewart Jeanne Stewart Ron Miller</p> <p>Greeters Barbara Bucci Ruth Gates</p> <p>Flower Guild Lynda Miller</p> <p>Altar Guild Cheryl Wagoner Scotty Galganowicz Leon Tillery</p> <p>Advent Wreath Leaders Al Cannon Tori Cannon</p> |
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In Our Parish

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| 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 |
| Norman LaSalle | Elaine Francis |
| Karen Smith | Linda Morgan |
| Lynda Miller | |

People Requesting Prayer

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| Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti | Susan Richards Frederick |
| Tammy Tilghman | Mary Barto |
| Richard O'Rourke | Susan Petry |
| Major Jennifer Jantzi | Melodee Fraser |
| Carroll Joines | Alex Apostolou |
| Linda Harris | Rosalie Fonda |
| Lynne Vanstory | Ellie Gibson |

For The Departed

William Cornell Murphy
Graham Powell

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. Names are listed for one month. 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.

Today, Sunday, December 11**The Third Sunday in Advent**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist with

Breakfast to follow in the parish hall

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

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

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

9:30am EYC (*library*)

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Reception to follow in the parish hall

5:00pm Christmas Caroling with WBC

Monday, December 12**Tuesday, December 13**

7:30am *Early-Bird Book Group

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:30pm WBC Holiday Pops Dinner and Concert

Wednesday, December 14

12:10pm Midday Eucharist

Light lunch to follow in the parish hall

5:30pm Blue Christmas

Thursday, December 15

9:00am GNP and St. Fiacre Garden Guild Work Day

11:00am **Rector's Bible Study

Friday, December 16

8:00am Mensgroup

Saturday, December 17**Next Sunday, December 18****The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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9:30am EYC (*library*)

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Reception to follow in the parish hall

5:30pm Christmas Lessons and Carols

*Join the Early Bird Book Group as we begin a new book, "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston, Tuesdays, 7:30am via Zoom. Contact Julie Martin (itsjuliemartin@gmail.com) for details.

**Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible.

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

ADULT EDUCATION: SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT SERIES

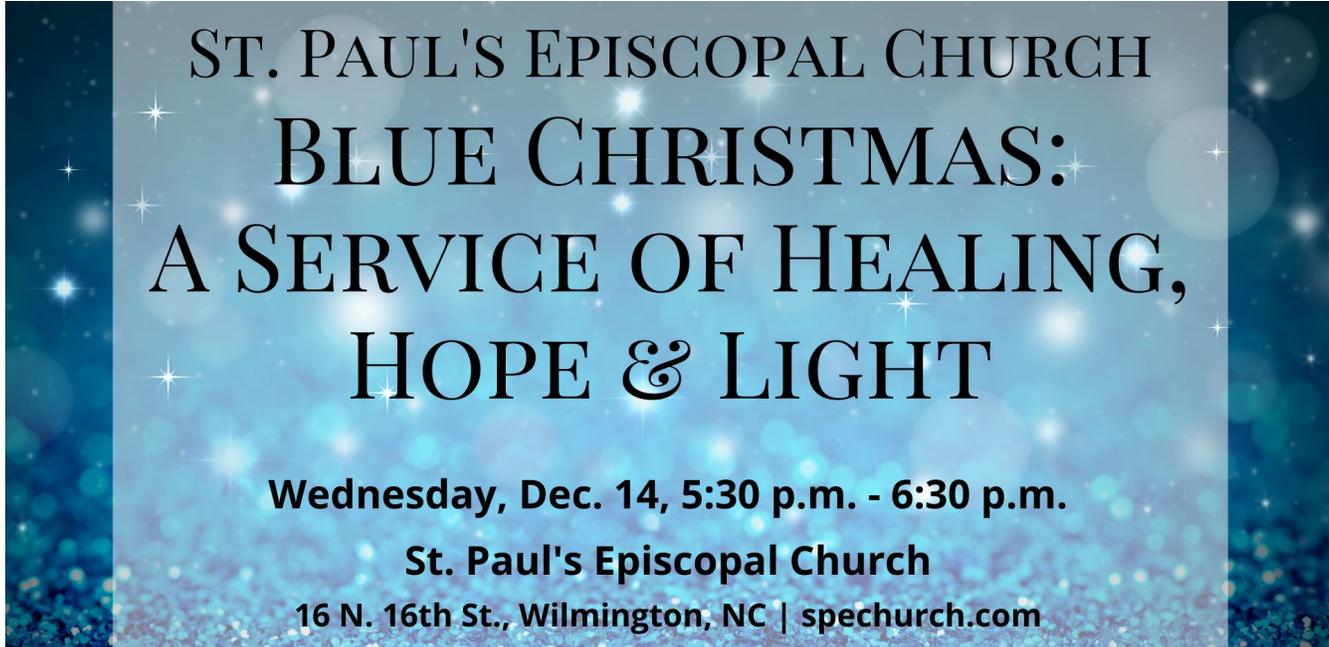
PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE INCARNATION: EXPLORING JESUS' NATIVITY IN THE GOSPELS

The Nativity of Jesus according to St. Luke with The Reverend Michael Singer

TONIGHT - WBC CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Wilmington Boys Choir invites you to gather at St. Paul's for an afternoon of Christmas caroling in the neighborhood on Sunday, December 11 at 5pm.

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLUE CHRISTMAS:
A SERVICE OF HEALING,
HOPE & LIGHT

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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ADULT EDUCATION: SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT SERIES

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE INCARNATION: EXPLORING JESUS' NATIVITY IN THE GOSPELS

Sunday, December 18 | A Different Kind of Birth Story

The Gospel according to St. John with The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

MUSIC UP AT ST. PAUL'S

WBC HOLIDAY POPS DINNER & CONCERT

A concert by the Wilmington Boys Choir featuring Christmas Carols and Holiday favorites on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30pm. Dinner included. Tickets available at the door or online at Eventbrite.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

The Choir of St. Paul's presents Christmas Lessons and Carols, a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 18 from 5:30-6:30pm.

ORGAN RECITAL

FEATURING COLIN LYNCH

Free organ recital on Friday, January 27 at 7:30pm.

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.

Gift cards are now available at The Source. The perfect gift in a tiny envelope!



2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Christmas services. A form has been inserted in this weeks bulletin or you can find one in the front and back of the church.

Forms can be emailed to admin@spechurch.com or dropped off at the church office.

The deadline has been extended to Wednesday, December 21.

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

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

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.

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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