

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM 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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## 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Celebrant	Preacher	Altar Server/Lector	Greeter/Usher
The Reverend A. Michael Singer	The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Herb Gant	Tom Gerow

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## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II

### ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

#### Prelude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please stand.*

#### Processional Hymn 57

*Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

Helmsley

### 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 forever. 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

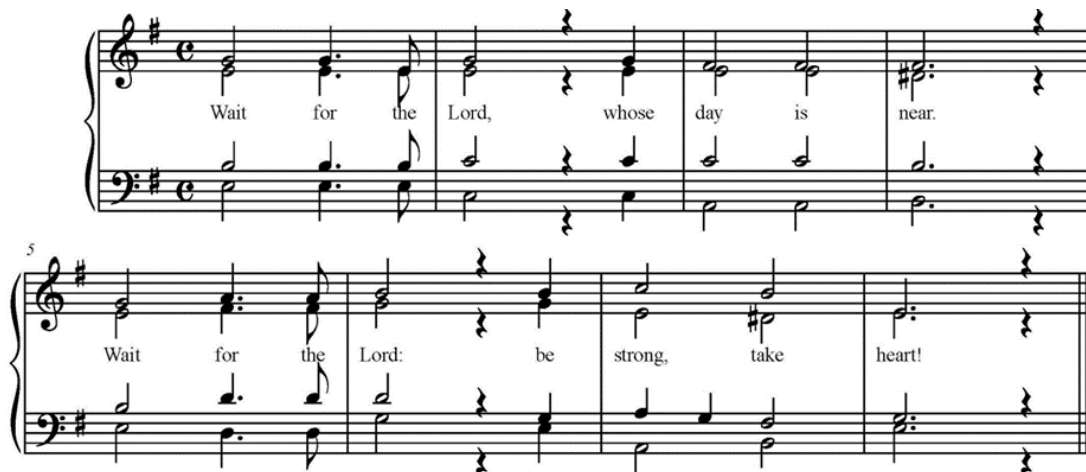
*Each Sunday of Advent a new candle is lit with prayer, until all four are lit on the Sunday before Christmas. A fifth candle, always white, is placed in the center of the wreath for Christmas. This Christ candle is lit until the Epiphany, when the wreath is put away.*

- 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.*

*Please 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*

Plainsong

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.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in  
their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

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.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

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.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## The Second 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.*

*Please stand.*

## Gradual Hymn 61

*Sleepers wake!*

Wachet auf



## 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 Caleb J. Lee

*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 The Ormonde Plater Archive, Year C)*

**Celebrant:** As we prepare to meet the Lord of righteousness, let us offer prayers to the Son of Man who comes with power and great glory saying "Come, O Lord, and save us."

**Intercessor:** For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

**Intercessor:** For Rob our bishop and all bishops, for our clergy, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

**Intercessor:** For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Advent in Williamston. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

**Intercessor:** For the leaders of the nations and all in authority. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

**Intercessor:** For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth. For an end to war between Israel and Hamas, and Ukraine and Russia. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

**Intercessor:** For travelers, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the sick and the suffering *(the intercessor prays for those in our parish who need our prayers)*. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

**Intercessor:** For the dying and the dead, especially Mary Ann Clendenin. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

**Intercessor:** For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

### **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**

**BCP 360**

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

**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.

### **Welcome and Announcements**

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. The loose offering today will go towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 11 for the QR code.*

## Offertory Anthem

*O thou, the central orb*

Charles Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light  
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.  
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray  
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

## Presentation Hymn

*Advent Doxology*

Veni Immanuel

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## 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 a proper preface.*

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:

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

**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 you thankfully,  
and feast with you eternally.

**Invitation to Communion**  
**Communion of the People**

**Agnus Dei S158**

*O Lamb of God*

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.



*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

*Steal away*

*Malcolm Archer*

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home,  
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder; the trumpet sounds within-a my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling; the trumpet sounds within-a my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.*

## Communion Hymn 54

*Savior of the nations, come*

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

## Communion Hymn 66

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Stuttgart

*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.*

## Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

**BCP 365**

### 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 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!*

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*

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*

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.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM	
<p><b>Celebrant</b> The Reverend A. Michael Singer</p> <p><b>Preacher</b> The Reverend Caleb J. Lee</p> <p><b>Gospeller</b> The Reverend Kay Swindell</p> <p><b>Vergers</b> Dot Erway, Leon Tillery</p> <p><b>Crucifers</b> Mary Jeffreys Nipper, Izzy Lee</p> <p><b>Gospel Book Bearer</b> Charlie Nipper</p> <p><b>Altar Server</b> Mary Jeffreys Nipper</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Carol Field John Fonda Zoë Frederiksen</p> <p><b>Lectors</b> Sara Pope Larry Hartman</p>	<p><b>Intercessor</b> Lindsay Joines</p> <p><b>Torchbearers</b> Zoë Frederiksen Laila Coleman Olsen</p> <p><b>Ushers</b> Bill Petry Jeffrey Sackrison Greg Kutrow Owen Aylesworth Ron Miller</p> <p><b>Greeters</b> Maryelle Jones Valerie DeJarld</p> <p><b>Flower Guild</b> Michelle Ryan Beth Richards</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Leon Tillery Gail Gallaher Amber Austin</p> <p><b>Advent Wreath Leaders</b> The Gaylord Family</p>

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Advent Wreath Making  
Formation for All Ages  
9:30am | Parish Hall

Every home needs an Advent wreath to help mark this season of hope and expectation leading up to the birth of Jesus.  
Come and make a wreath today during Faith Formation. No experience necessary!



**In Our Parish**

Earl Craig	Renée Patrick
Alice Calder	Carroll Joines
Eileen Searle	Janet Dillon
Lloyd Olsen+	Vicki Ruston
Tammy Pollock	Bill Garmon
Dale Curran	Mitchell Garrell
Lyle Sullivan	Bob Crafts
JoAnn Summey	Katherine Ramsey
John Efthemis	Richard & Barbara
Mack Umphlett	O'Rourke
Ashley Eason	Sib Vlahos

**People Requesting Prayer**

Tracy Sorrenti	Michelle Long
Rebecca Tousignant	Alida Babcock
Faye Briggs	Kristy Marshall
Doug Crafts	David Olsen
Aaron Harward	Andrea and Nate Carter
Lisa Wilson	Cory Smith
Anderson Cannon	Chris Godfrey
David Cole	Barbara Croom
Carol Spears	Mollie McKenna
Mary Wallace	Lynn Sunde
	Elise Harney

**The Departed**

Mary Ann Clendenin

**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. All parish prayer requests are listed on the prayer list for one month. The complete list of those in need of our prayer are remembered weekly at our 12:10 pm Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayers. 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](http://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 1st****First Sunday of Advent**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open (*upstairs in the Children's wing*)

**9:30am** Advent Wreath Making (*Parish Hall*)

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception following in Parish Hall*

**11:30am** <sup>1</sup>Church Tour

**11:45am-12:30pm** Children's Choir Rehearsal

**5:30pm** Advent Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

**Tuesday, December 3**

**9:00am** Morning Prayer (*via Zoom*)

**Wednesday, December 4**

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist + *lunch to follow in Parish Hall*

**7:00pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 5**

**8:30am** Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty (*Parish Hall*)

**9:00am** Morning Prayer (*via Zoom*)

**11:00am** <sup>2</sup>Rector's Bible Study (*Parish Hall*)

**5:30pm** Advent Taizé Service

**Saturday, December 7**

**9:00am-12pm** Parents Morning Out

**Next Sunday, December 8****Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00am**-Holy Eucharist (*Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall*)

**9:15 am-12pm** - Nursery open (*Upstairs in Children's Wing*)

**9:30-10:15am** - Children's Sunday School for Preschool-5th Grade (*Upstairs in Children's Wing*)

**9:30-10:15am** - Adult Faith Formation (*Parish Hall*)

**9:30-10:15am** - EYC Meeting for grades 6-12: Coffee & Conversation (*Gym Conference Room*)

**10:30am** - \*Choral Eucharist (*Reception to follow in Parish Hall*)

**11:45 - 12:30pm** - Children's Choir Rehearsal

**4:00 - 5:30pm** - EYC

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>We'll be walking around the church and the Parish House. For newcomers, it's a chance to see where things are. For visitors, it's a bit of architectural and church history. For the rest of us, it's a chance to revisit places not often seen. Everyone's welcome—bring questions! We'll start at the back of the church. Tours take 30-45 minutes.

**Vanco Online Giving**

**Tonight**

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

**Advent Taize Service**

Thursday, December 5

**5:30pm**

**St. Nicholas Luncheon**

Wednesday, December 11

**1:00pm**

*Following the 12:10 Eucharist the parish will be sharing in a community lunch with folks from the neighborhood and our Blessing Box Angels*

**Hoggard Orchestra Christmas Concert**

Tuesday, December 10

**7:00pm**

**Handel's Messiah**

Friday, December 13

*Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite at [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com)*

**7:30pm**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

December 8

**8:00am** – Holy Eucharist

**9:30am** – Formation for All Ages

**10:30am** – Choral Eucharist

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

December 15

**8:00am** – Holy Eucharist

**9:30am** Formation for All Ages

**10:30am** – Choral Eucharist

*with the blessing of Angel Tree gifts*

**Blue Christmas**

A Service of Healing, Light and Hope

*This is a service especially for those who are dealing with loss during the Christmas season.*

Wednesday, December 18

**6:00pm**

**Tallis Chamber Orchestra**

**Baroque Christmas Concert**

*to benefit the Good Shepherd Center*

Friday, December 20

**7:30pm**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 22

**8:00am** – Holy Eucharist

**10:30am** – Choral Eucharist

**5:30pm** – Christmas Lessons & Carols

**Christmas Eve**

**5:30pm** – Family Eucharist

*With a Children's Presentation of the Nativity*

**8:00pm** – Christmas Choral Prelude

**8:30pm** – Choral Eucharist

**Christmas Day**

**10:00am** – Holy Eucharist with Carols





**ADVENT TAIZÉ**  
**SERVICE OF PRAYER,**  
**LIGHT & MUSIC**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024**  
**5:30 P.M.**

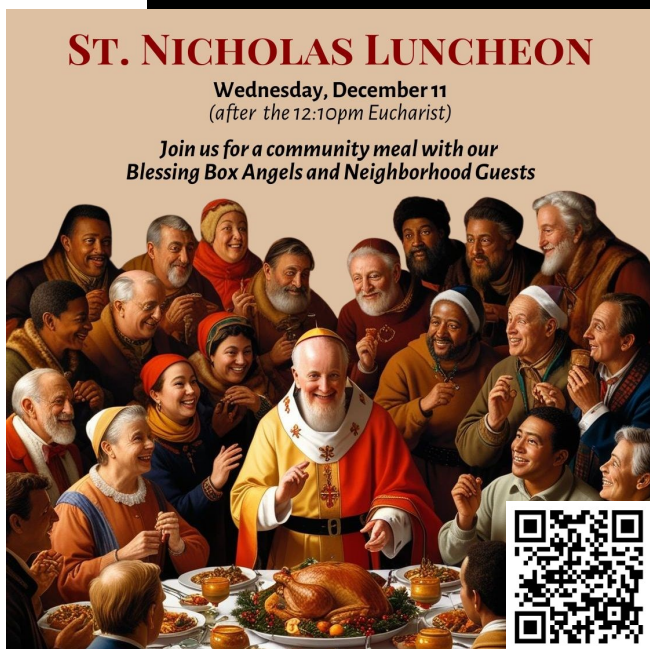
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**HANDEL'S**  
**Messiah**

**Choir of St. Paul's**  
with the NC Baroque Orchestra and soloists

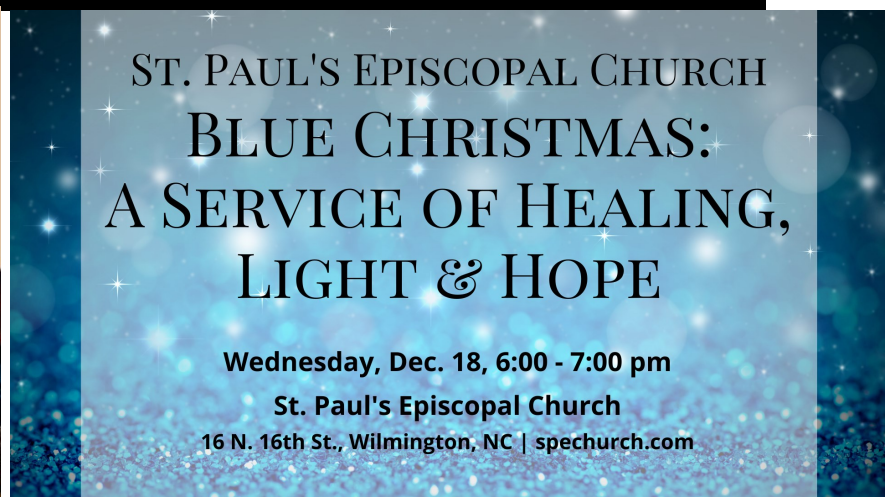

Friday, December 13th at 7:30 pm  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16 N. 16th St. Wilmington, NC  
**Tickets: \$15 Available online via Eventbrite or at the door**



**ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, December 11  
(after the 12:10pm Eucharist)

Join us for a community meal with our  
Blessing Box Angels and Neighborhood Guests



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

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
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Click on the QR Code to  
RSVP for this special lunch.



### Hoggard High School Orchestra Concert

You are invited to a Christmas Concert featuring The Hoggard High School Orchestra directed by Alexander Vedder here at St. Paul's on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm.



### Baroque Christmas Concert To benefit the Good Shepherd Center

Friday, December 20, 2024  
7:30:PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
16 North 16th Street  
Wilmington, NC

### OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

#### St. Paul's Angel Tree

St. Paul's has two ministries to share the Christmas spirit with local families and seniors. The Angel Tree for students of Snipes and Rachel Freeman Elementary and their siblings is outside of the Parish Hall.

Each decorated angel on the tree has information for a student or their sibling, with age and some desired presents. Once you pick your angel, write your name next to the angel number you picked, on the sign up sheet. ***All Angel Tree gifts need to be dropped off no later than Friday \ December 13th. Presents will be blessed during the liturgy the morning of December 15th.*** If you are interested in organizing and helping to deliver presents to Snipes and Freeman, please contact Cecelia Peers.

#### Stockings for Seniors

Stockings for Seniors are hanging on the tree as well. The New Hanover Senior Center has a wish list of items that they will deliver to homebound seniors around Christmas. On the stockings is a QR code with a link to a wish list. Items purchased will be delivered right to the Senior Center.





## Christmas Flowers & Music Gift Form 2024

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Christmas services. Completed forms can be emailed to [admin@speechurch.com](mailto:admin@speechurch.com) **or** dropped off at the church office. You can also donate Christmas flowers and music using the Vanco service on our website at <https://speechurch.com/online-giving/>.

**Please e-mail or turn this form into the church office.**

**Deadline to submit is Wednesday, December 18, 2024.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, and Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bulletin Dedication:**

**Circle one or both:** In Memory of *and/or* In Honor of:

**Name(s):**

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**Donation** (*circle one or both*): Flowers / Music

**Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one:** Cash or Check

**Check #** (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 10:30am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**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. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4 -11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** EYC meets Sunday from 9:30 -10:15am in the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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