

SAINTE PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,
we are glad you are here.

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING AT ST. PAUL'S?

Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area? Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Memorial Garden.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Parish House.

COVID SAFETY

St. Paul's is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our building and grounds. You can read more about our safety protocol, including for children and our response if there is a COVID exposure at St. Paul's, on our website at www.stpaulsrva.org/covidsafety.

CONTACT THE CLERGY

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or a pastoral emergency. Contact can be made by phoning the church at 804.643.3589. The church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FAMILY SPACE IN THE SANCTUARY & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Young ones need to be able to see and feel the worship experience. We have a space at the front right hand side of the church for young children and their parents (3 families can comfortably distance in this space). Feel free to bring quiet items from home specifically for your child and not to be shared. If your child would like to participate in Children's Chapel (children three years old and above) during the sermon, they will be prompted to meet Linda Willis at the brass doors next to the Family Space. We will leave and return in time for Holy Communion. Worship activity bags are available in the Narthex (entrance to the church). Please return following the service.

SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S

Nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (3yrs – 5th grade) in Scott Hall

Family Group for parents and care-givers in the Family Room on the second floor

Youth Faith Formation (6th – 12th grade) in Youth Room on the second floor

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist in the church

11:15 a.m. (following service)

Social Hour with Ministry Spotlight in the Memorial Garden

(learn more about the different ministries at St. Paul's and visit our Welcome Table)

HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN



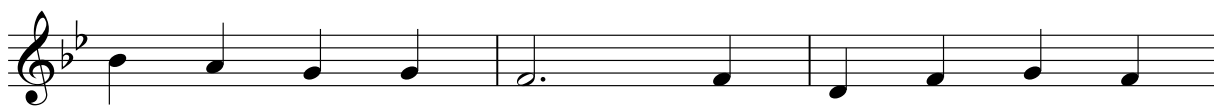
1. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
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God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly t the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they



barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And



power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
light his yoke shall be, for he would have us



poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
bear it so he can make us free!

music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) alt.; harm. Ronald Arnatt (1930-2018)
text: Federico J. Pagura (1923-2016); tr. Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

All say together the Collect for Purity.

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.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

One Voice Today we light the first candle of our Advent Wreath.

One person lights a blue candle.

Second Voice This candle is the candle of Hope. In the Bible we learn to hope because God has promised to send us a Messiah, Jesus. The prophet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Let us pray.

People **Dear God, we thank you for giving us hope. We thank you for keeping your promise to send Jesus. Help us to bring hope to others as we share the good news of Jesus' birth. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the year.

Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.

Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

music: *Besaçon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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."

Silence follows

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

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 EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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.

Silence follows

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the start of the following hymn the children are invited to go with Linda Willis for children's worship. The children will return during the Peace.

HYMN

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)
text: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand.

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

- Presider* As we enter the season of Advent, in the silence of our hearts, we lift before God our concerns for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.
- Intercessor* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael and for our Bishops Susan, Jennifer, and Porter; for this parish and all the faithful people of God. Pray for the Church. *(In the silence, add your own prayers.)*
- Intercessor* I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations, for the proper use of the resources of the earth, and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *(In the silence, add your own prayers.)*
- Intercessor* I ask your prayers for the poor, the lonely, the hungry, the bereaved, those in prison, and those for whom prayers have been requested, especially *N*. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *(In the silence, add your own prayers.)*
- Intercessor* I ask your prayers for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by Christ's love. *(In the silence, add your own prayers.)*
- Intercessor* I ask your prayers for the departed, especially *N*. Pray for those who have died. *(In the silence, add your own prayers.)*
- Intercessor* I now invite your thanksgivings and intercessions. *(In the silence, add your own prayers.)*
- Presider* Gracious God, accept the prayers of your people; in your great mercy, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

Presider Let us confess our sins against God, self, neighbor, and planet.

The people stand or kneel.

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider gives the absolution.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

music: Howard Helvey (b. 1968)
text: trans. John Brownlie (1857-1925)

THE KING SHALL COME when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that e'er shall last;

Not, as of old, a little child,
to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

and let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

WE PRAISE YOU and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

music: Land of Rest, American folk tune

text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

The people remain standing as the Presider continues.

GLORY AND HONOR and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

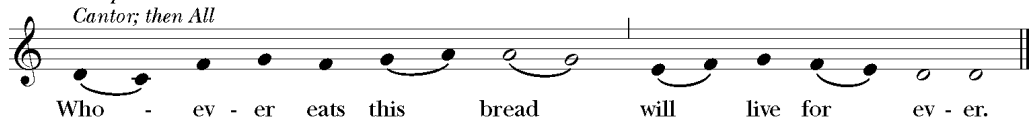
OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

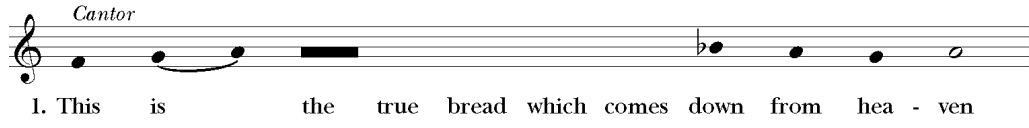
The Antiphon is sung by all, the verses are sung by the choir.

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



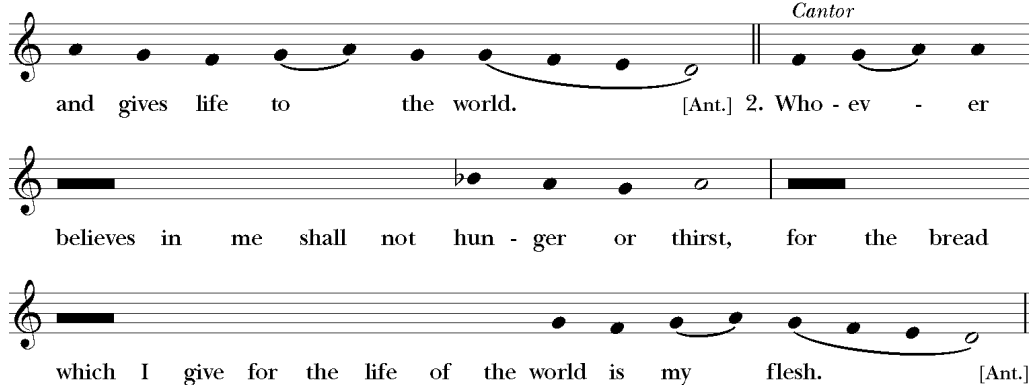
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor



1. This is the true bread which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

Cantor



[Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er
believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread
which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

music: Mode 1 melody, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

text: drawn from John 6:51b, 33, 35, 51c

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward to receive the bread. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a prayer; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Prayers for Healing - Sundays During Advent - To help prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ anew in us this Christmas, the clergy of St. Paul's are offering a time of healing prayer during worship on the four Sundays of Advent. After receiving the bread or a blessing, if you would like healing prayer, please come to the station to the left of the pulpit where clergy will be offering prayers.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

text: Revelation 22; adapt. Ruth Manz (1919-2008)

PEACE BE TO YOU and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

TAIZÉ CHANT

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

music: *Wait for the Lord*, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand and say together.

GOD OF ABUNDANCE, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

music: Helmsley, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778);
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.; desc. John Scott (1956-2015)
text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

PARTICIPANTS

Clergy

The Reverend Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*
The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*
The Reverend Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*

Preacher

The Reverend Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*

Musicians

Dr. Christopher Reynolds, *Director of Music and Organist*
Karen Harris, *Assistant Director of Music*
The Saint Paul's Choir

Lectors

Jim Cramer
Mary Fran Lowe

Intercessor

Christopher West

Advent Wreath Lighting

Greg, Devon, Elsa, Audie, and Harrison Wojcikewych

Acolytes

Isabelle Cresswell
Phoebe Huff
Brian Carr, *Mentor*

Altar Guild

Randy Blankenship, Joni Dray, Amelia Paulie, Connie Rice;
Sallie Nolte, Mary Ann Ready, *co-chairs*

Social Hour Host

Community Engagement Christmas Gifts

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GRACE NOTES

This week at Saint Paul's

Social Hour Spotlight – Community Engagement Alternative Giving Opportunities | There are several ways for you to engage with individuals and families experiencing acute needs in our community this holiday season. Visit the CE table in the Memorial Garden to find out more.

Advent Lecture Series with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine | We are excited to host internationally renowned scholar and speaker Dr. Amy-Jill Levine for a two-part Advent Lecture series. The first lecture will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. The second lecture will be held at St. Paul's on December 3 at 9:00 a.m. For more details and to register: www.stpaulsrva.org/levine-lectures.

Contemplative Worship Service in Advent on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd). Following the style of Taizé, these quiet services will be held in the lovely setting of St. Paul's Church and will help you stay centered. The service on the 22nd will be a Liturgy of the Longest Night (Blue Christmas). In-person and live-streamed.

Advent Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 p.m. | The service alternates lessons from the Old and the New Testaments with carols and hymns, finally climaxing in St. Matthew's Gospel, in which the angel brings the news that Mary will bring forth a son, "and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Newcomers Gathering – Sunday, December 12th following worship | Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul's? Join St. Paul's Rector, Rev. Charlie Dupree for a connecting and informative meet-up. We will gather in the Parish Hall (first floor of the Parish House). Childcare is available upon request by Wednesday, December 8th. E-mail the Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper at kshipleycooper@stpaulsrva.org to RSVP and with any questions.

Christmas Memorial Flowers | As we prepare to beautify the church for Christmas worship, you are invited to remember or honor a loved one by making a donation for this purpose. Those wishing to contribute to Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone may do so by sending your check to the church office by Friday, December 17. Include with your check the name of the person(s) for whom the gift is given and also the name of the person making the donation, with Christmas Decorations in the memo. Gift donations begin at \$20. Please email Carter Johann at cjohann@stpaulsrva.org or call the office at (804) 643-3589.

Christmas Eve Pageant Sign-Up | Calling all children and youth of St. Paul's! We are preparing for our Christmas Eve Pageant and need to make sure we have enough costumes. The Pageant will be on Friday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. and participants need to arrive at 3:00 p.m. All participants will be fully masked. And if your child is participating in our Children's Choir, Canti, they can be a part of the Pageant as well. E-mail Linda Willis at lwillis@stpaulsrva.org for more information and to sign up.

New Training Scheduled for St. Paul's Historic Tour Guides | For all parishioners who are interested in the resurrected Tour Guide Ministry (whether new or former Guides), we have scheduled training on Sunday, January 9, 2022. We will meet in the church at 11:30 a.m. for one hour. This session will be followed by lunch in the Norwood Room with time for questions and answers. Both sessions are necessary for completion of the training. If you responded by e-mail or by signing up earlier, we still need a firm commitment in order to make lunch reservations. Please respond to Mary Fran Lowe with your name, phone number and e-mail before December 10th: mfranlowe@aol.com or 804-264-6348.

Calling All Bakers! | We want to share the hope, light and joy of Christmas with our St. Paul parishioners who are homebound or dealing with loss this year. We are looking for volunteers to bake two (2) dozen muffins (recipe to be provided) to be included in a Christmas care package to be delivered for these parishioners. Volunteer bakers would need to drop off their muffins at church on Saturday, December 18th, by 10:00 a.m. Please contact Michaelle Justice at michaelle.justice@comcast.net if you would like to be a volunteer baker!

Holy Baptism Offered on Sunday, January 9th, 2022 | Please let us know if you would like to have an infant or child (younger than 12 years old) baptized by water and the Holy Spirit to be incorporated as a member of Christ's Body on Sunday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. when we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please contact the Rev. Gwynn Crichton, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care, gcrichton@stpaulsrva.org or (804) 545-5415 or Linda Willis, Director of Children and Families, lwillis@stpaulsrva.org or (804) 502-8566 for more information.



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