

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022
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.

NURSERY

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

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. Worship activity bags are available in the Narthex (entrance to the church). Please return following the service.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Helmsley, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778);

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.; desc. Stuart Forster (b. 1972)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You have come to your people and set them free.**

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

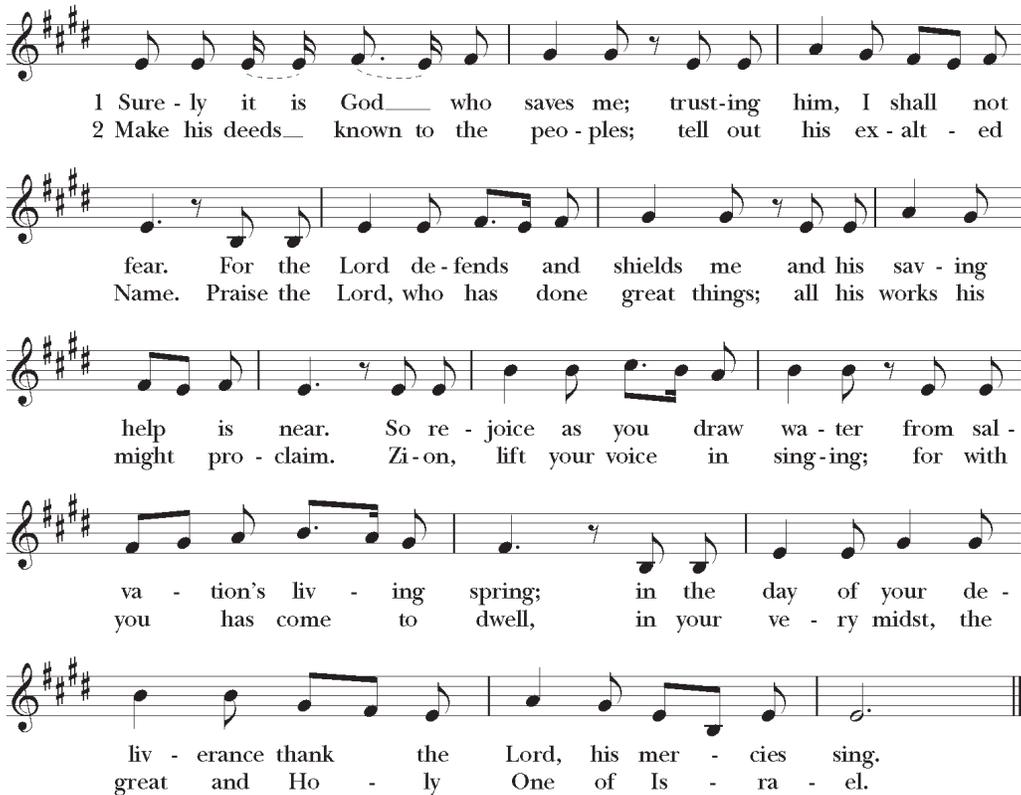
One Voice Today we light the first candle of our Advent Wreath.

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.**

One person lights a blue candle.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*

Music: Thomas Merton, Ray. W. Urwin (b. 1950)

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 LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

THE WORD that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Silence is kept.

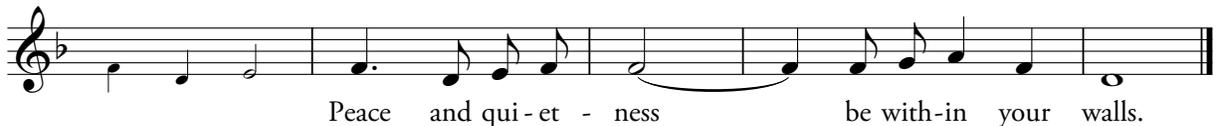
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 122 *Laetatus sum*

chant: Mode 1

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



- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **Refrain**
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David. **Refrain**
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers. **Refrain**
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good." **Refrain**

BESIDES THIS, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Silence is kept.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to participate in the Gospel procession, especially children. Simply follow the Gospel book around the church and stay in place for the Gospel reading.

HYMN

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: Llangloffan, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Egluys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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

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

JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*

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 People of God, in this season of preparation, let us come together to offer our prayers to the Holy One who offers us hope.

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Help us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

People **Let us live peaceably as salvation draws near.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. Help us turn our swords and spears into instruments of peace and nourishment.

People **May we learn war no more.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. Help us join all your creatures in voices of praise.

People **May we respect and preserve the works of your hands.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, this city of Richmond. Let there be peace and prosperity for everyone within our walls.

People **May we pray earnestly for the peace of Jerusalem and all the cities of the world.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness, especially those we name now. May they be delivered from their darkness as they find comfort in your light.

People **May all those waiting for healing find that your salvation is near.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, all those who have died in the Lord, especially those we name now. May they find rest and new life in your habitation.

People **Prepare all your people for the day when the Son of Man will bring us all into our heavenly home.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions and thanksgivings.

Presider Gracious God, prepare our hearts to receive your gift of love in our Savior Jesus. Give us strength to face the uncertainties of our time and courage to offer fresh hope to each other and to our neighbors. Draw us together as your community united in love and service to the world you have made and are always making new. We offer our prayer in the name of the One for whom we wait, even as he is present among us.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

The People stand or kneel.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Presider gives the absolution.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century
Music: Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

The people stand or kneel 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.

People
 A - men.

The Presider continues

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

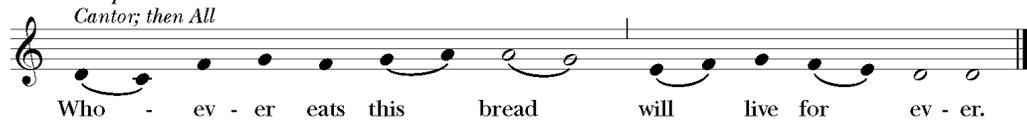
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

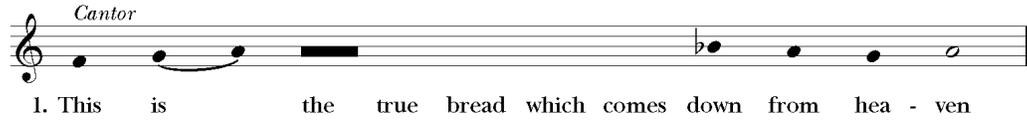
The Antiphon is sung by all, the verses are sung by the choir.

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 hea - ven

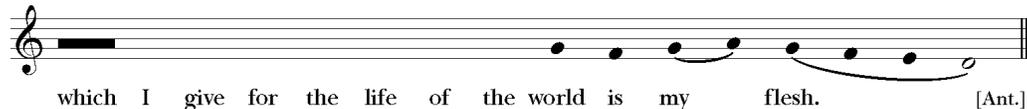
Cantor



and gives life to the world. [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.]

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

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

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward. 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. 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 COMMUNION

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.

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

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!

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!

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

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

TAIZÉ CHANT

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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

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

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The people stand.

Presider In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth to share communion with *N.*, who cannot be present at this table.

People **We who are many are one because we all share one bread and one cup.
Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people 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

Presider Go into the world to find your voice.

People **Listening to what God will do.**

Presider Go into the world to find each other.

People **Reaching out when we need support.**

Presider Go into the world to be amazed.

People **Knowing that God is always with us.**

HYMN

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

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 to 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!

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

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Lionel Rogg (b. 1936)

Those interested in the St. Paul's History Tour are invited to gather at the baptismal font immediately following the service.

PARTICIPANTS

Clergy

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

Preacher

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*

Musicians

Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music & Organist*
Crystal Jonkman, *Music Associate*
The Saint Paul's Choir

Advent Wreath Lighting

Josh, Amelia, and Caroline Paulie

Lectors

Suzanne Spooner-Munch
Celia Luxmoore

Intercessor

Jim Cramer

Acolytes

Ella Eters
Maura Matthews
Sally Ray Griffith, *Mentor*

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Nancy Burns
Douglas Callaway
Debra Cole
Sally Ray Griffith

Altar Guild

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



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