

# SAIN'T PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 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 Gathering Space of the Parish House.

## **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](http://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**

Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our Family Space at the front of the church where you will find picture books, paper and crayons, and small hand-held toys. We also have Worship Bags as you enter the church that contain Children's Bulletins, paper and crayons.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pastorella, 1. Pastorale

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## HYMN



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2. lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3. sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4. Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



1. come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2. on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3. glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

*Text:* John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

*Music:* *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);  
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All say together the Collect for Purity.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re-ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*Text:* French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

*Music:* *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

**H**OW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL: PSALM 98 *Cantate Domino*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4

**L**ONG AGO God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*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.

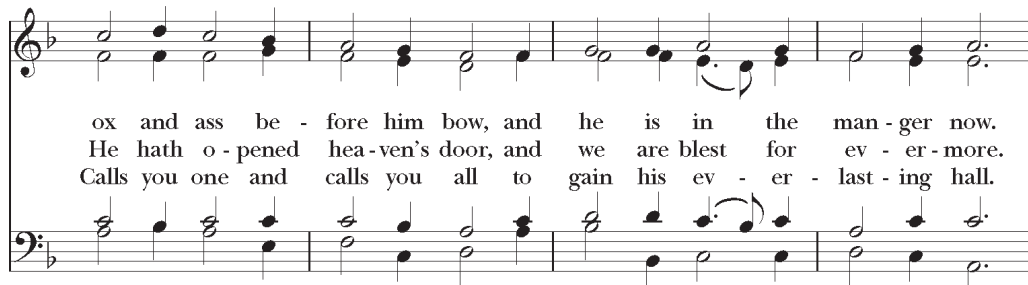
## HYMN



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Text:* John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

*Music:* *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**I**N THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand.*

**W**E 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 join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.
- Intercessor* With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*People* **Make us instruments of your peace.**
- Intercessor* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*People* **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**
- Intercessor* For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*People* **Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**
- Intercessor* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord;  
*People* **Where there is discord, let us sow union.**
- Intercessor* For those who do not yet believe, for those who have lost their faith, and those in despair and darkness that they may receive the light of faith, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*People* **Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**
- Intercessor* We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those who have asked for our prayers. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for all who suffer and those in danger. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for those who are far away from family and friends. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for comfort and protection, O Lord:  
*People* **Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**
- Intercessor* For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church; for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, our Bishop; and for this parish family, that in faithful witness we may spread God's love near and far, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*People* **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**
- Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those we name now. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We also remember those who have died as a result of addiction, disease, conflict, or any manifestation of violence and hatred. For all the departed and those who are grieving, may they find comfort and be at peace, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*People* **Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**
- Intercessor* Your own intercessions and thanksgivings are now invited silently or aloud.  
*During the silence, add your petitions and thanksgivings.*
- People* **Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**
- Presider* Living God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and may we be the light that reveals truth and love to all of your people. This we ask in the name of the one who sleeps helplessly in the manger, Jesus Christ, Son of God.
- People* **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

*The People stand.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# —————THE HOLY COMMUNION—————

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pastorella, 2. Allemande

J. S. Bach

## 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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 to the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

*Text:* Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

*Music:* from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues.*

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

*The people say with the Presider.*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Paul, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**O**UR 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.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### 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. Receive the bread from the priest, and then either drink from the cup, or take an individual serving of wine. 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.*

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pastorella, 3. Aria

J. S. Bach

HYMN

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

*Text:* William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

*Music:* Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people say together.*

**G**OD 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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Presider* May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* And the blessing of God Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"  
late in time be - hold him come off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings;

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies,  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us se - cond birth.

*Refrain*  
Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

*Text:* Charles Wesley (1707-1788), George Whitefield (1714-1770), Martin Madan (1727-1790), and others  
*Music:* Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915);  
desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pastorella, 4. Giga

J. S. Bach

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## 2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

- ✘ Given by Rainey Dankel in loving memory of Thaddeus George Dankel, Jr. and Frank W. Raysor II
- ✘ Given by Heather Brugh and Edward Hettrick in loving memory of their mother, Fontaine Minor
- ✘ Given by Bryn and Paul Davis in honor of the Huss family and Kevin Davis
- ✘ Given by Nan Ellen and Dick Ritsch in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Ritsch
- ✘ Given by Nan Ellen and Dick Ritsch in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Williams, Jr.
- ✘ Given by Bettina Nelson in loving memory of William H. Mann
- ✘ Given by Fontaine Minor in memory of Philip Minor and Diana, Princess of Wales
- ✘ Given by John Taylor in loving memory of Ruth Campbell Taylor
- ✘ Given by Jane Baird Hyde in loving memory of Dr. Charles Lewis Baird, Jr.
- ✘ Given by Jane Baird Hyde in loving memory of Olin Volney Hyde
- ✘ Given by Leila Taaffe and Arthur Kellermann in honor of Keli Shipley Cooper
- ✘ Given by David and Jean White in loving memory of Lolly Hetherington
- ✘ Given by Sally Ray Griffith In loving memory of: Trudy Bryan, Dean Goplerud and Lolly Hetherington
- ✘ Given by Sally Ray Griffith In Honor of the Rev. Bob Hetherington
- ✘ Given by Cindy, David, and Si Wofford in loving memory of Caroline Gray Wofford with much love
- ✘ Given by Christie Montgomery in honor my great nephew Connor Shulman.
- ✘ Given by Marti L. Truman and Kia J. Bentley in loving memory of Lee and Peggy Truman and Bill & Zip Bentley
- ✘ Given by Macy and Jim Stikeleather and Rebecca Wall in loving memory of Nell Poole and Wyatt Wilson Wall, and Wyatt W. Walll, Jr.
- ✘ Given by Stephen and Iralin Peple in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Peple, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Crowder, and Margery Peple
- ✘ Given by the Burt family in loving memory of Henry R. Burt
- ✘ The window and door wreaths are given in loving memory of Sidney Buford Scott

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# PARTICIPANTS

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## *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*

## *Organist*

Crystal Jonkman, *Music Associate*

## *Lectors*

Norma Clark  
Jonathan Wight

## *Acolytes*

Sally Ray Griffith  
Stephen Peple

## *Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Lydia Mercado  
Howard Wells



**ST. PAUL'S**  
CELEBRATING **175** YEARS