



**SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**December 6, 2015 Year C 9:30 am Service
2nd Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to the House of God. As is the Episcopal tradition, and as a courtesy to others, please use the time before the service for quiet reflection and for preparing your heart for worship.

Musical Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle

Joan Wilson

(The People Stand)

Processional Hymn 72

(Musician will play all hymns through once before The People begin singing.)

-The service begins on Page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer-

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Gloria Note: Taizé; sung 3 times.

Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

(In unison)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(The People Sit)

Canticle 16

Judy Olson, Cantor

The Cantor will chant the verses. The People will then chant the Antiphon:



Prepare the way of the Lord.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

At the conclusion of The Lesson:

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

At the conclusion of The Lesson:

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

(The People Stand)

Gospel Hymn 56 (v. 3 before; v.4 after)

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

At the conclusion of The Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

(The People Sit)

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian Palmer

(The People Stand)

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, Page 358

(The People Stand or Kneel)

Prayers of the People-I

Book of Common Prayer, Page 383

The People's response is "Lord, have mercy."

...For the special needs and concerns of our congregation and extended church family: Georgianne Jackson, Anne Harris Smith, Bill Baker, Anna Mae Wagner, Alva Jahnes-Smith, The Coopers, Ann Cichowski, The Fenns, The Golowkas, The Stimsons, Dan and Sara Blair Field, Connie Gannon, The Wilsons, The Linihan Family, Jack and Jane Gibson, Brian Nordwick, Marylyn Ville-neuve, The Schutz Family, Tony Holderman.

...For those family members, friends and neighbors whose needs are on our hearts today: (Please offer names verbally.)

...For those serving in the military: T.C. Dallmann

...For the recently departed: the 14 victims of the San Bernadino shooting

...We give thanks today for: all those who have pledged their time, talent and financial support to the work of God through our parish.

(The People Kneel)

The Confession & Absolution

Book of Common Prayer, Page 360

(The People Stand)

The Peace

Welcome to Visitors; Birthdays, Anniversaries and Celebrations

Celebration prayers are found inside the back cover of the pew Prayer Book.

Complete birthday list located on the bottom of Page 4.

The Holy Communion

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to God's table.

The Offertory

(The People Sit)

Offertory Music *A Time for All Things*

St. Paul's Choir
by Douglas E. Wagner

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Response (The People Stand and Ushers come forward):

The Doxology #380-v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving (New!)

Eucharistic Prayer **B**
Book of Common Prayer, Page 367

Sanctus S 130 (*Holy, holy... highest.*)

Hymnal

(Lyrics also found in Book of Common Prayer, Page 367)

(The People Stand or Kneel)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal: Inside Cover

(Lyrics also found in Book of Common Prayer, Page 364-Form II)

The Communion of the Faithful*

** Those desiring individual healing prayers may join the Prayer Leader in the front corner of the church (near St. Paul mosaic) immediately after receiving Communion. Those wishing only a blessing may cross their arms over their chest as they arrive at the communion rail.*

Prayer for Eucharistic Ministers (if applicable)

Please refer to Prayer Book's inside back cover.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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

Recessional Hymn 68



December Birthday Wishes to:

Lillian Roach • Jeremy Behrens
Julian Crocker • Donna Ross
Priscilla Cooper • Doug Spelts



Christmas Tributes

A beautiful way to remember a loved one or an event, while helping to make our Christmas season services special.

*Simply return this form with your offering to the office
By December 14th
to have your tribute listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.*

Please print clearly. I/we would like this offering to go towards:

____ Choir/Music Fund OR Flowers____

In Memory of: _____

OR

With Thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____



Christmas at St. Paul's



Cookie Outreach • Sat. Dec.12 • Drivers needed!

Deliveries start around 10:15 a.m. To help call 927-5583.



Blue Christmas Service • Mon. Dec. 21, 7 p.m.

For those seeking comfort from loss during the holidays.



Christmas Eve Service • Thurs. Dec.24

6:40 p.m. hymn sing followed by the 7 p.m. service.



Christmas Day Dinner at the Church!

Friday, Dec. 25th • Parish Hall

Christmas movie at 11 a.m. • Festive meal at 12 noon.

Turkey will be provided; please bring a favorite holiday dish to share.

Carols and games will follow the meal.

RSVP to Michelle at 927-3239 by Dec. 18th, with the number in your group and info on what dish you will be bringing.



**ST. PAUL'S
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The Rev. Brian Palmer
Parish Priest

Michelle Costa
Parish Administrator

Kate Hepworth
Music Director

**Thank You
For Serving Today**

The Rev. Brian Palmer
Celebrant

Van Jahnes-Smith
Acolyte & Chalice

Julian Crocker
Reader/Intercessor

Carol Schutz
Healing Prayers

Frank Schutz
Usher

Rhea Wong • Helen Allinder
Altar Guild

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 6, 2015- 9:30 am service

Monday **Office Closed**
9:30 am Sr. Health Screening
5-7 pm Adult Children of A.A.- L/C

Tuesday **Office Open***
4 -9 pm Comm'ty Christian Fellowship
 (Presbyterian Church-USA)
5:45 pm CCF Worship (Parish Hall)

Wednesday **Office Open***
11:30 am-1:20 pm Women's AA (Closed)
6 pm Bible study: weekly readings

Thursday **Office Open***
8 am Men of ABC-Redwood Cafe
10:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday **Office Closed**
12 pm (Apprx.) Facility cleaning

Saturday **Office Closed**
9:30 am Cookie Outreach-PH
9:40 am Al Anon—L/C
2:30-4:20 pm AA Meeting- L/C

Mon-Fri **Senior Nutrition**
11:45 am Reservations: 927-1268

***Office Hrs** **Parish Admin.**
9 am- 3 pm Public office hours
3 pm- 5 pm **By appointment only***
*This time is reserved for private meetings or confidential office work. Please no drop-ins.

Pastoral Care **Father Brian**
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Please join us in the Parish Hall
after the service for our
Stewardship Brunch, hosted by
Stewardship Chair Joni Michel

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NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

8 am & 10:30 am Services

Readings: Wed. December 9
Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18