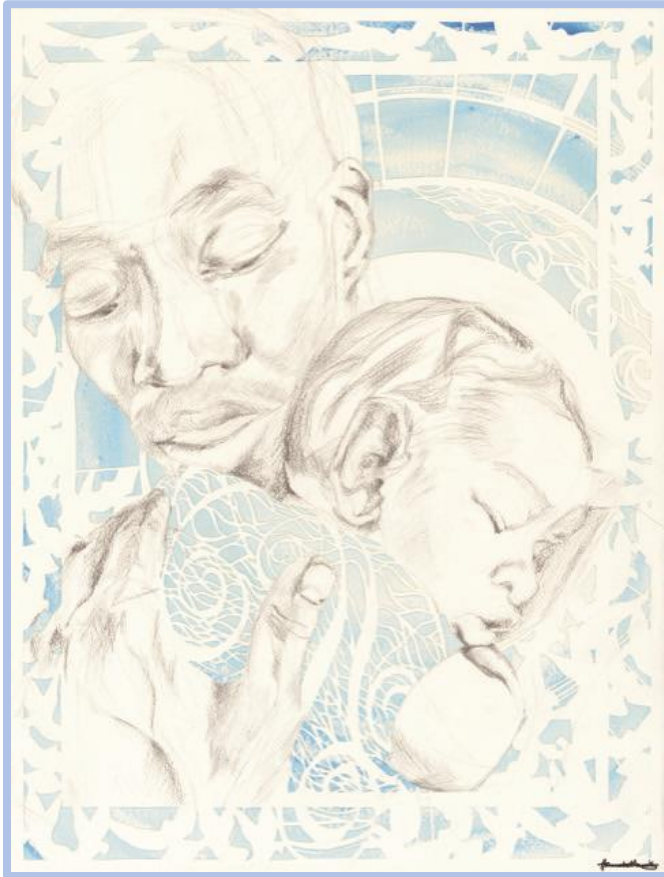


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# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



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The Second Sunday of Advent

*Close to Home: Laying the Foundation*

December 5, 2021

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**Welcome!** Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are. It is our prayer that you will encounter God’s peace this morning. If you’re new to our community, or if you have questions or other needs, please ask. There’s no such thing as a stupid question. We’ve all been “new” at some point.

**About Our Worship:** As Christians in the Episcopal (*episcopal=church with bishops*) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which—for centuries—has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (the work of the people in worship) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God’s Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God’s story. You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

**Worshipping with Children:** We are delighted to have children in our midst no matter how squiggly they may be. Worship bulletins for children are located on the table in the rear lobby. Activity bags and a small library of books can be found right outside of the left door next to the piano. In order to reduce cross-contamination, each household has a designated bag. If you are new, we invite you to pick up a bag with a “New Friend” tag.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway behind the stairs. Exit through the front or rear doors and make a right at the double doors.

As an act of care for yourself and all those gathered, please maintain appropriate physical distance at all times.

**Masks:** Masks must be worn over **mouth and nose** by all those above the age of two.

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## ADVENT

Welcome to Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “to come.” Advent—the four weeks leading up to Christmas—is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of Jesus’ birth and the final coming of Christ in power and glory. The liturgical color for Advent is deep blue, which symbolizes hope, expectant waiting, and the faithfulness of Mary, Jesus’ mother. One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. The wreath is also a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of abundant life.

*+Please stand*

BCP=*Book of Common Prayer*

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**WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD**

+The Blessing  
The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+*Please stand*

PRELUDE

*Pastorale*

Archer

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

*Reader* As we reflect on the foundation of our faith in our lives, we gather together around the candle of peace.

*People* **The home we long for is a home that knows peace—**

*Reader* peace that rests between us and our grief,

*People* **peace around our anxiety,**

*Reader* peace between us and our self-criticism,

*People* **peace amidst our relationships,**

*Reader* peace at the core of our being,

*People* **peace hovering through and in our world.**

*Reader* The home we long for is a home that knows peace.

*People* **So today we light the candle of peace—as a reminder and as a prayer.**

*Reader* Let it be so. Amen.

### +**OPENING HYMN**

*For builders bold*

For builders bold whose vision pure saw more than brick or stone,  
Who laid in hope foundations sure with Christ the cornerstone;  
For those who honored your commands and trusted your strong Word,  
Who offered faithful hearts and hands, we give you thanks, O Lord.

As here they raised a soaring spire which thrusts toward worlds above,  
So may our prayers, like tongues of fire, leap kindled by your love.

And let your living Word descend as seed on waiting hearts  
And, fruitful, there its grace extend to earth's most distant parts.

Here saints newborn you generate through water and the Word,  
Through bread and cup communicate the gift of Christ the Lord.

We gather, Christ's own family, Christ's meal of love we share.

Come, help us live in unity, each other's burdens bear.

We come, O Lord, inheritors from those whose work is done.

Lord, make us now contributors to years beyond our own.

Let faith's enkindled flame not fail; let love's best gifts increase.

Let hope in Christ's sure Word prevail till earth and time shall cease.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* If life was a home, then we would pray—  
*People* may love be the foundation.  
May God be the cornerstone.  
May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.  
And may hope be the walls—holding us together

*Celebrant* In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.  
*People* We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

*People* We are homesick, but we are on our way.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

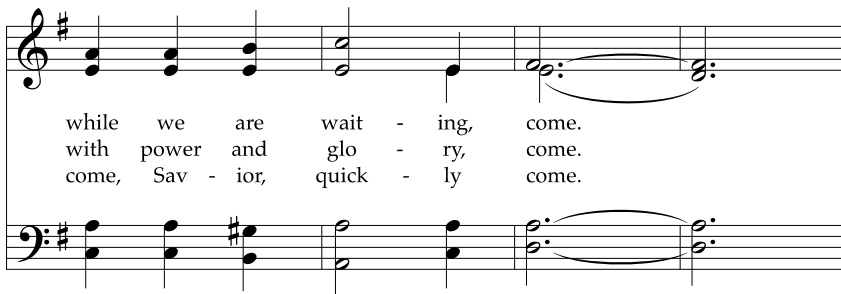
*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* 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.

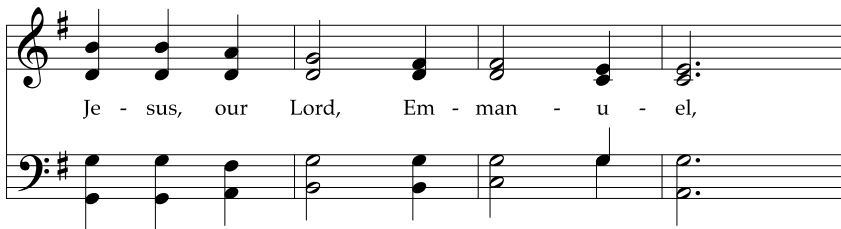
## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*While We are Waiting, Come*

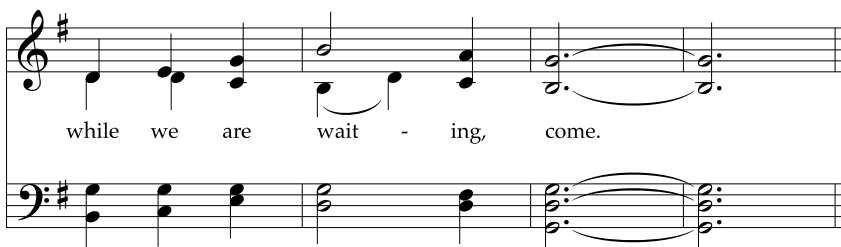
1 While we are wait - ing, come;  
2 With power and glo - ry, come;  
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;



while we are wait - ing, come.  
with power and glo - ry, come.  
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



while we are wait - ing, come.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

God, who speaks a good news language—we admit, listening has never been our greatest gift. We are easily distracted, our minds run a million miles a minute. we doubt your faith in us, and take the easy way out when it comes to hope. So today we bow our heads and ask for help. Settle our hearts. Quiet our minds. Steady our breathing. Help us to rest in you. Help us to listen for your good news. Gratefully we pray, **Amen.**

### YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

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## THE OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3:1-4

*Malachi, which means “my messenger,” is troubled by the complacency and impurity of God’s people and looks forward to a day of renewal and commitment.*

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.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

## THE CANTICLE

Canticle 16: *The Song of Zechariah*

*Zechariah’s song or canticle introduces Luke’s technique of paralleling the experiences of men and women. Just as Mary broke into song with her Magnificat (1:46-55), now Zechariah, J&B’s dad, echoes the same theme: when God breaks into our lives, everything is changed!*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

    God has come to his people and set them free.

**God has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of the servant David.**

Through holy prophets God promised of old,

**that God would save us from our enemies, \***

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

God promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

    and to remember the holy covenant made with us.

**This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham, \***

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship without fear, \*

    holy and righteous all the days of our life.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

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To give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**+THE GOSPEL LESSON**

*Luke 3:1-6*

*Luke sets his account of John's preaching, and thus the beginning of Jesus's ministry, firmly into the context of world history. Into this world comes God's word manifesting God's active power, as revealed to the prophet John.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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."

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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### **+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

*The Nicene Creed, the Church's central statement of faith, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th century in response to controversies about Jesus' divinity. The Latin root of the phrase "we believe" (credo) means to "give one's heart." The creed is our way of affirming to the foundation to which we orient our hearts and lives. The term "apostolic" refers to the historic succession of the apostles (original leaders of the early church) through our bishops. The term "catholic" refers to the universal church throughout the world.*

*Celebrant* Let us affirm our faith in the One, holy, and living God:

*All* 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.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### *Celebrant*

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. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, "Fill the valleys, make low the hills: come great Redeemer, come."

### *Intercessor*

Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown; Episcopal Church Women; United Thank Offering; and the International Human Rights Day. We also give thanks and ask your blessing upon Rev. Jenifer and her ministry

**Fill the valleys, make low the hills: come great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace.

**Fill the valleys, make low the hills: come great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives.

**Fill the valleys, make low the hills: come great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care.

**Fill the valleys, make low the hills: come great Redeemer, come.**

*Please add your thanksgivings.*

Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. We pray for: **Natasha, Gene, Joe, Tony, Stephanie, Richard, Ann, Sally, Donna, Diane, Harold, Jim, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Margaret, Tom, Rosemary, Tina, Bryce, Nancy, Sarah, Chris, Barbara, Tim, and Allen.**

**Fill the valleys, make low the hills: come great Redeemer, come.**

*Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant will add a concluding prayer.*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Celebrant* In our scripture passage for today, Zechariah, a new father, speaks to his newborn son, John the Baptist, for the very first time. I want you to imagine yourself in his shoes . . .

What would you say to a newborn sleeping in your arms? What would you want them to know on their very first day? What would feel important?

I imagine that all of you would speak words of love. It's impossible not to speak words of love when you're holding a baby, and yet as we grow up, that skill tends to become harder for us to practice. So let us return to our foundation—to words of love, starting with love for ourselves. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Gracious God,

*People* **Holy God, When John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it.**

**We forget that in the beginning we were made good.**

**We doubt that we could possibly be enough.**

**We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.**

**We deflect words of praise.**

**We hide behind shiny first impressions.**

**Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness; and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: "You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here.

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## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

### THE OFFERTORY

You may place your offering in the trays as the ushers walk down the aisle; give via text message by texting **PINEY5000 to 73256**; or, you may give online via our secure online portal: <https://onrealm.org/stpaulswaldorf/give>. If you are visiting with us, your presence is more than enough. Thank you for your generosity.

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Celebrate with Singing*

## WE ARE STRENGTHENED FOR THE JOURNEY

### +THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above the Heavenly Host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues.*

In that first moment of all time, you crated creation out of chaos, ever-surprising God. Beauty blossomed abundantly in every corner of your gift, everlasting joy and goodness were the playmates you gave to us as we strolled through your garden.

But we became too nearsighted to see the grace awaiting us in your infinite heart. Hamstrung by arrogance, we walked the burning sands of sin, limping down that dusty road to death's prison.

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You sent Isaiah and Miriam, Hannah and Amos, to call us home, but our ears were stuffed with the world's empty promises. Then, you asked Jesus to walk the holy way, leaving glory to be born in a stable.

Therefore, with those who have been raised, and those who long for your coming, we join the choirs of angels who forever sing of your glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

Holy are you, Hopeful Heart, and all creation calls your child, our Savior, Jesus Christ, blessed. Listening to you weeping in the night for your lost children, he set aside eternity's riches to come: to fill the shallows of our souls with your grace; to snatch us away from those wild beasts called sin and despair; to restore us to the glory you intend for us.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.

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And so, as we prepare to celebrate his birth—as we journey once again the holy ways, seeking to hear and proclaim his life, death and resurrection—we whisper of that mystery we call faith:

*Celebrant* Christ has died,  
*People* **scattering sin from our hearts' imagination.**

*Celebrant* Christ is risen,  
*People* **as death was knocked off its throne.**

*Celebrant* Christ will come again,  
*People* **according to the promise made to our ancestors.**

*The Celebrant continues*

May the gift of your Spirit, Advent's hope and peace, be poured out on the simple gifts of the bread and the cup, and on those who come simply to find healing and hope. And when we have been fed by your surprising grace and filled with your peace, may we go forth to the world, where our weak hands will become calloused by compassion; where we will bend our feeble knees, reaching down to lift up the fallen; where we will become fountains of living water for those parched by the wilderness of their lives.

Then, when sorrow and sighing have been chased away from us, and we gather with all generations around your Table in heaven, everlasting joy will be our song, and gracious hope will be our refrain, as we sing to you through all eternity, God in Community, Holy and One. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:  
*People* **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken. This symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,  
 Celebrant Behold who you are.  
 People May we become what we receive.

## THE COMMUNION

*This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who bids you come. It is Christ who meets you here. You need not be an Episcopalian to feast here. In lieu of receiving communion, you may cross your arms on your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

*Hymnal 324*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

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## PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR AN ANNIVERSARY

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN

*The Church's one foundation*

Hymnal 525

## WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Rejoice the Lord is King" -*

Williamson



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## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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**Parishioners, Family, and Friends:** Natasha Benn, Gene Fornadley, Joe Guy, Tony Hackley, Stephanie Mohny, Richard Moore, Ann Seely, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Harold Edwards, Jim Fenton, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Margaret Leman, Tom May, Rosemary V., Tina D., Bryce M., Nancy J., Sarah, Chris C., Barbara T., Tim B., Allen W.

**Armed Forces:** Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

**First Responders:** Matt Backman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Luke Smith

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown; Episcopal Church Women; United Thank Offering; International Human Rights Day (December 10)

**Community and World:** For our country, especially the healthcare professionals, the unemployed, grocery store and transportation employees, firefighters, EMTs, police, teachers, and those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, and the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

*In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: [rjscofield@comcast.net](mailto:rjscofield@comcast.net) or Mother Maria: [mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org](mailto:mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org)*

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## THIS WEEK

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### Questions for Reflection

The prophet Malachi says that God is “like a refiner’s fire and like fuller’s soap” (Mal. 3:2). Reflect on events of the past year. How has God been working to refine and purify your life or your community of faith? Paul writes to the church at Philippi: “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” (Phil.1:3-5). Think about people in your life for whom you give thanks, who have been in your prayers, and who have brought good news and joy to you this year. Consider writing them a letter or card to express your gratitude.

### Household Prayer: Morning

Blessed are you, Lord God: by your tender mercy the dawn breaks upon us. Guide our feet this day in paths of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Blessed are you, Lord God: for you have smiled on us this day and redeemed us from our sin. Give light to all who wait in darkness until we rest with you in perfect peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### **FLOWERS**

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The advent greenery is given by Joyce Scofield  
in memory of Rod Scofield.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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#### **WRITING ADVENT—DECEMBER 8, 15, 7:30 p.m.**

Every Wednesday in Advent Mother Maria will lead a time of reflecting, writing, and doodling designed to help you pause from the hustle and bustle so that you can rest and breathe in the peace and hope of the season. We'll conclude by praying Compline at 8:00. See the website or midweek email for the Zoom link, or email the office.

#### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP—DECEMBER 12**

There will be an all-age cookie and gingerbread house on December 12 after the 10:15 service. We hope to see you there!

#### **EVA TURNER ELEMENTARY TOY, BOOK AND CLOTHING DRIVE**

Our annual Christmas collection will begin today through Wednesday, December 15. We are collecting clothing of all sizes, including sweaters, pants, mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats. Toys and clothes will be distributed to families at Eva Turner Elementary at their Breakfast & Christmas Market on December 18. Donations may be left in the Welcome Center.

#### **EVA TURNER BREAKFAST & CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Once again, St. Paul's is joining with other community organizations to host a Breakfast & Christmas Market at Eva Turner Elementary Saturday, December 18, 10am-12pm. For more information contact: Donna Dillon (phddmd1@verizon.net) and Fern Brown (fernbr1@comcast.net).

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## CALENDAR

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### Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of

#### Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:00 a.m. All-Church Service Project Sunday  
 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 8

7:30 p.m. Writing Advent Workshop (Zoom)  
 8:00 p.m. Compline (Zoom)  
 8:00 p.m. AA

### Saturday, December 11

8:00 p.m. AA

### Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of

#### Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 11:15 a.m. Gingerbread House Workshop  
 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 1:00 p.m. Visitation for Doug Brown  
 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Doug Brown

<b>MINISTERS IN WORSHIP</b>		
	<b>December 5, 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>December 5, 10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		Emily Lopez
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Wendy VanHoozier	Frank Pilato
<b>Reader</b>	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Paula Truitte
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil & Judy Hamilton	Laurie Jaffe Jim Hunter
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Fenton Judy Hamilton	
	<b>December 12, 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>December 12, 10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		Femi Frierson
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Terrance Frierson
<b>Reader</b>	Fern Brown	Debbie Brown
<b>Ushers</b>	Freddie Jewell Joyce Scofield	Lynn & Sallie Lyons
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ruth Gaumond Darlene Guy	
<b>Counters</b>	Mike Fritz Deanna Gerhart Phil Hamilton	

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