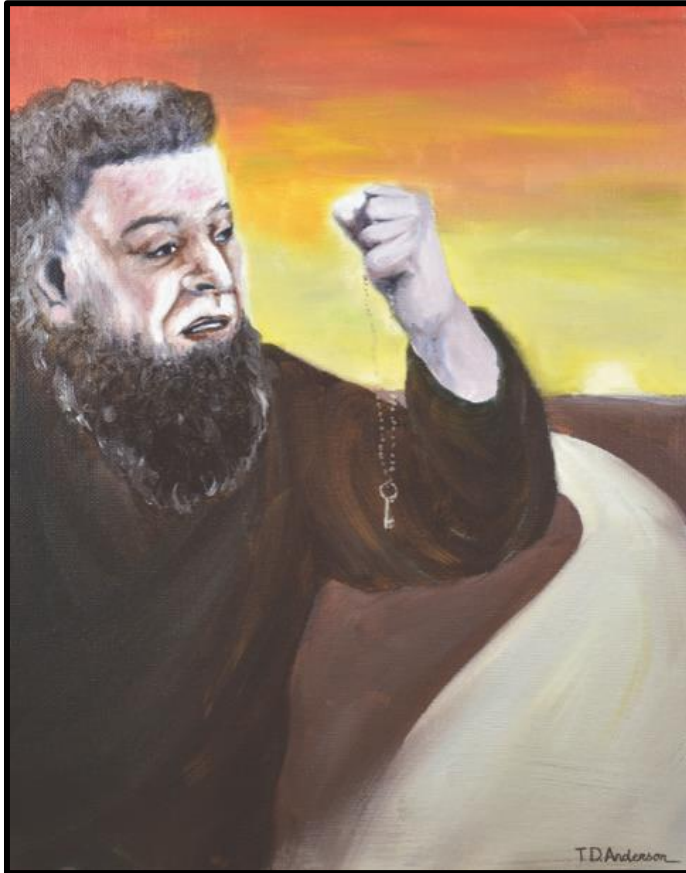

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Third Sunday of Advent

Close to Home: A Home for All

December 12, 2021

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.

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*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

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All things come of thee O Lord:
and of thine own have we given thee.

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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.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+ = Please stand

PRELUDE

My lord, What a Morning

Billingham

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

Reader Joy is seeing people you love after months apart.
People **Joy is hearing, "Come on over, it has been too long!"**
Reader Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child.
People **Joy is making it home when the journey is long.**
Reader Joy is your dog sliding to meet you at the door.
People **Joy is the energy of a new season.**
Reader Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.
People **So today we light the candle of joy, because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful.**
Reader Rest in that good news. Let it wash over you.
People **Family of faith, we are close to home. Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN

Come thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR PURITY

Celebrant A voice calls out in the wilderness.
People **It sings of a home for all.**
It speaks of justice and peace.
Celebrant We could choose to ignore it.
People **We could drown out that song.**
We could choose not to listen.
Celebrant Instead, we come into this space.
People **We let the world grow quiet.**
We listen.
Celebrant A voice calls out in the wilderness.
Do you hear it?
People **We hear it. In listening, we worship.**
Celebrant Let us draw near to God.
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

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are: '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.' The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some lines indented to align with the notes. The first system has three numbered lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has one line of lyrics. The fourth system has one line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

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, whose love is like the sun warming us from the inside, if you are our home, then your word is the street light guiding us there. So we want you to know: we are walking your way, and we are looking for a light. And our feet are dirty—we've lost our way a time or two. And our bags are heavy—we're carrying an array of grief and fear on our backs. But we're on our way. We're looking for your light. We're listening for your word. When you see us coming, when you feel our hearts move, we hope you'll run down the driveway and catch us. Leave the light on. We are on our way home. Gratefully we pray. **Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Zephaniah's ministry took place during the reign of Josiah (640-609 BCE) before the fall of Jerusalem and the exile to Babylon. Today's passage, like many other prophetic messages, concludes Zephaniah's message on a note of comfort and jubilant hope.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.
Reader *The Word of the Lord.*
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CANTICLE

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

This canticle combines two short hymns: Isaiah 12:1-2 and 12:3-6. They both present "the day of the Lord" as a new exodus, echoing the song of Moses in Exodus 15:1-2.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in God and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God;

Make God's deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that God is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 3:7-18*

In this section, John the Baptist preaches the good news of forgiveness and of the coming of a new relationship with God. John's baptism is a symbolic and prophetic act, the outward sign of a changed inner self. But he makes clear that repentance or changing one's life has many practical implications. The same is true for us.

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Surely, it is God who saves us; therefore, we joyfully pray to the Lord, “God our salvation: *thank you.*”

Intercessor

Though hindered by our sins and in need of your bountiful grace and mercy, you never leave us. You are ever in our midst. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. John’s Church, Georgetown; St. John’s Preschool, Georgetown; St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square; and St. John’s Church, Norwood. Renew your Church in love.

God our salvation: Thank you.

Make your deeds known among the people, O God. Save the lame; gather the outcast. May the exiles know home and all people know your peace.

God our salvation: Thank you.

May your springs of salvation renew the earth. Heal our planet and restore in us a sense of responsibility and gratitude.

God our salvation: Thank you.

Merciful God, in this month of great excess and consumerism, call the financial and business communities to act justly and generously. Grant that those without coats be clothed and those without food be fed. Inspire us to be the Good News.

God our salvation: Thank you.

O God, you have done great things. With thankful hearts we pray to you for those burdened by shame, grief or weakness. Be for them a stronghold and a sure defense. 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.**

God our salvation: Thank you.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant will add a concluding prayer.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Celebrant It takes courage to tell the truth.

John the Baptist knew it.

His job as a prophet certainly could not have been easy.

And you and I know it.

Our job as people of faith—to create a home for all—has never been easy.

In our prayer of confession, may we channel some of John the Baptist's courage to tell the truth about ourselves and our world. We do not do this to shame ourselves or guilt ourselves for being imperfect. We speak the truth out loud because we know that we cannot grow and change without first being honest.

So let us be brave. Let us be bold. Let us be truth-tellers as we confess together now to a God who couldn't love us any more than God already does. Let us pray. . .

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant **Expansive God,**

People **We know that the church is your house, and your house has room for everyone. Yet, too often, instead of setting the table for our neighbors, we block the door. Instead of welcoming all, we judge others by our own standards. Instead of sharing our second coat, we hide it in the attic, holding on to fear instead of letting go with love. Remind us that your home is a home for all, that truth requires hard work, that truth requires uncomfortable justice. Help us to be bold enough to see it and brave enough to live it. With hope 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, God sent prophets like John the Baptist to us because this work is not easy. Helping create a world where all might have a home, and all might be loved, and all might know peace, is an audacious goal. Fortunately for us, when we mess up—when we lose our way or forget our call—we are met with grace. God could not love us any more or any less than God already does. So rest in this good news.

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

Celtic Advent Carol

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.

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.

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.

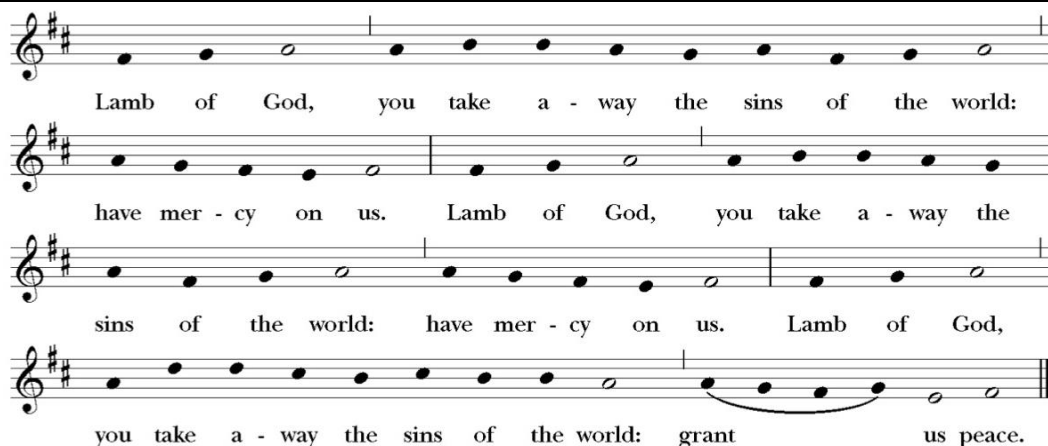
Then, when sorrow and sighing have been chased away from us, and we gather with all generations around your Table in heaven, everlasting joy will be our song, and gracious hope will be our refrain, as we sing to you through all eternity, God in Community, Holy and One. **AMEN.**

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.



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

Father, we thank thee

Hymnal 302

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

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

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude

Williamson

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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. John's Church, Georgetown; St. John's Preschool, Georgetown; St. John's Church, Lafayette Square; St. John's Church, Norwood

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 or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

Imagine that you are in the crowd listening to John the Baptizer. You hear people in the crowd asking him, "What should we do to prepare?" How might John instruct you, or your church, to prepare for the coming of God's reign?

Sometimes wealthy people worry that God or the church is requiring them to be poor. What is the difference between being poor and being fair? How do you feel about sharing?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, surely you are my salvation. I begin this day without fear, trusting you, for you are my strength. Help me to meditate all day on the thought that you are rejoicing in me! And keep me keenly aware, as I travel through this day, of ways that I may help others, especially those with special needs. Then bring me home to you at the close of the day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of today and for guarding my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. All that I did and all that I left undone, I now give over to your safekeeping, trusting in your peace that surpasses all understanding. Be my rest as I sleep tonight, and renew me in your love for another day. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

The 4:00 service is full. We have added an additional service at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for either the 6:00 or 8:00 p.m. service.

ADVENT PAUSE—DECEMBER 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—TODAY

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

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 THIS Saturday, December 18, 10am-12pm. For more information contact: Donna Dillon (phddmd1@verizon.net) and Fern Brown (fernbr1@comcast.net).

CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 p.m. Sacred Ground

Wednesday, December 15

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

Thursday, December 12

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Saturday, December 11

10:00 a.m. Eva Turner Christmas Breakfast
 5:00 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
 8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of

Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:15 a.m. Nativity Pageant & Holy
 Eucharist, Rite II
 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
	December 12, 8:00 a.m.	December 12, 10:15 a.m.
Acolyte		Femi Frierson
Prayers of the People	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Terrance Frierson
Reader	Fern Brown	Debbie Brown
Ushers	Freddie Jewell Vicky Mumford	Lynn & Sallie Lyons
Altar Guild	Ruth Gaumond, Darlene Guy	
Counters	Mike Fritz, Deanna Gerhart, Phil Hamilton	
	December 19, 8:00 a.m.	December 19, 10:15 a.m.
Acolyte		Emily Lopez
Prayers of the People	Fern Brown	Laurie Jaffe
Reader	Fred Ritter	Sewell Truitte
Ushers	Larry & Sandy Mills	Laurie Jaffe Joyce Scofield
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh, Joyce Scofield	

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