



November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent
7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *Better Be Ready*- traditional Spiritual

Processional Hymn: *Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

H-59, vs 1, 3, and

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*Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding, "Christ is nigh," it seems to say:
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."*

*Lo! the Lamb so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven.*

*Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and to the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.*

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! As we light this candle for hope, we remember the promises of God with prayer.

Leader: Let us pray together:

Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BCP, p. 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria (*Spoken at 7:30 am and 6 pm, sung at 8:45 am and 11 am – S-277*)

S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 (7:30/8:45/6:00 spoken responsively, 11:00 sung by Adult Choir)

BCP, p. 614

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(At the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services, during the singing of the Gospel hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle and the children are invited to follow and to go to Children's chapel- they will rejoin their family at the Peace)

Gospel Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns **H-73, vs 1, 2, and 5**

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.*

*Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.*

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:
Hail! Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.*

The Holy Gospel:

Luke

21:25-36

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*—Ian Higginson

Presentation Hymn: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* H-408

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of Love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *(Spoken at 7:30am & 6 pm, *sung at 8:45 & 11:00 am: S-130)* BCP, p. 362

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (*Hosanna in the highest.)*

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover* BCP, p. 364

(Spoken at 7:30 am/6 pm)
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(Sung at 8:45/11am: Hymnal, S-154)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table as you are directed to by the usher. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew. If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down when you come forward to receive.

Music During Communion: *Steal Away*- traditional Spiritual

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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: *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending*

H-57, vs 1, 3, and 4

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.*

*Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars.*

*Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
Alleluia! Alleluia! alleluia! Thou shalt reign and thou alone.*

Dismissal:

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Rick Jackson, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Nic Parmer, *Youth Minister*

Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator* • Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Adam Dawkins, *Seminarian*

PARTICIPANTS:

	7:30 am	8:45 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
Usher:	Paul Hannah.	Chris O.	Pam Leet	Tom Stearns
Usher:			Rick Leet	
1 st Reader:		Katie Faulkner	Rick Leet	Steve Nifong
2 nd Reader: *		Matthew Muenzen	Chris Oberholtzer	
Prayers: *		Adam Dawkins	Matthew Muenzen	
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ulezelski			Marida Stearns
Altar Guild: *				
Musicians: *		Derek Pell, violin		Don Dicie, organ
		Kent Burnside, guitar		
Vestry Person of the Day:	Matthew Muenzen			

St Paul's Prayer List

BIRTHDAYS

Sunday: Frankie Davis **Monday:** Ayden Boylan, Renee Reinhardt Raya Whitlock **Wednesday:** Adam Hughes, Carolyn Seabrooks
Thursday: Avery Beck, Jeep Garner **Friday:** Sean Patterson, Paul Deepan, Marc Hauser **Saturday:** David Roth

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday: Mickey and Susan Trailov **Monday:** Andy Peterson and Bob Barrett **Tuesday:** Jon and Laura Kinnard

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Susannah Pierce, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Jack Honeycutt, Tom Jordan, Terry O'Donnell, Michelle Blackwelder, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Don Ratcliff, Robyn Painter, Jeni Burnside, Bill Muir, Jim Lauricella, Dorcas Mansell, Phyllis Gray, Fanny Haynes, Dean Bose, Kristin Chew, Eliot Williams, Bob Kinsley, Tom Becker, Louise Thurman, Jordan Aiello, Terry Cross, Bill Keith, Rita Warner, Joy Craig, Marcia Wilkinson, Michael, Martha, Fred, Kerstin, Meg and Fulton, Fred, Delores, Joanne, Joe, Jackie and Wayne, Claire, Marianne, Sean, Madelyn, Reed, Molly, Claudia, John, Nancy, Craig, Kirby, Anne Marie, Cathy, Ethan, Mimi, Don, Gray, Cindy, Todd, Sean, Kathy, Judy, Jon, Suzie, Tonka, Sandy, Autumn, Tamara, Molly, Babs, Meg, Veronia, Loy, Bill, Elizabeth, Richard, Mary, Hala and Robin, Kathryn, Linda and Tom, Madia, Shougofa, Raha, Patty, Ed, Maddie, Alister, Scott, Thomas, Suzy, Tom and Cathy, Chuck, Robin, Heather, Zoe, Jagdish, Paul, Alice Jane and Brother Henry.

MILITARY

Currently deployed: Danny, Larry, and Roy

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Alex, Tyler, Yumi, Collin, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, William, Jacob, and Nick



TODAY – November 28, 2021

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

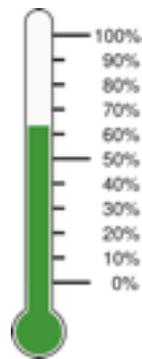
St. Paul's Christian Formation Today

- 10:00 AM **Christian Formation (Adult, Youth and Children)**
- 11:00 AM **Children's Chapel**
- 5:00-7:00 PM **NO Episcopal Youth Group**



Stewardship Campaign

We are getting closer to our goal, but still have a ways to go! We everyone that has filled out a pledge form. If you have not done <https://stpaulsfranklin.wufoo.com/forms/q16bg5mx156irck/>. parishioners and people in the community to speak about the programs has had on them and the people they serve. Last spoke at the morning services. FrankTown works with the highlights of his speech was: "These are real children who are food in their mouth." See his full speech and our new <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/stewardship>.



are at 67% of our goal. Thank you to that yet, pledge online here: The past few weeks we have invited impact St. Paul's ministries and outreach Sunday, Chris Barnhill from FrankTown impoverished children in Franklin. One of hungry, but because of your support, have Stewardship website page at

Gathering for Good

Join us for our final Gathering for Good of 2021! We will gather in Otey Hall to have a pasta dinner and to make Advent Wreaths! Dinner will be \$5 per person or \$20 maximum per family. Kits for making Advent Wreaths will be available for a suggested \$10 donation. If you'd like to donate greens for this St. Paul's tradition, you may drop them off in the 6th Avenue Courtyard beginning November 27th. Please leave them on the table under the covered walkway. PLEASE RSVP FOR KITS AND DINNER AT <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48abad2fa0f58-advent>.

Advent Sweets and Treats and Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 5th: Sweets and Treats at 5pm and Lessons and Carols at 6pm

Our Annual Sweets and Treats and Advent Lessons and Carols celebration will be Sunday, Dec. 5, beginning with a movie showing in Otey Hall (*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!*), cookies and hot chocolate at 5:00 pm, and then the choir's offering of our favorite service: Advent Lessons and Carols at 6:00 pm. The alternative Gift Fair will be set up in Otey that evening, as well. You can have a sweet family moment, hear beautiful music in a worshipful setting, and cross those names off your Christmas list in one heavenly evening. We hope to see you there.

Alternative Gift Fair – Sunday, December 5th

On Sunday, December 5, St. Paul's will be offering a wonderful alternative to gift giving. It's an opportunity to donate to a local charitable organization in honor of your family or friends. Representatives will be here from a variety of nonprofits, including:

- **Begin Anew** – www.beginanew.org
- **Episcopal Relief & Development** – www.episcopalrelief.org
- **Gigi's Playhouse** – www.gigisplayhouse.org
- **Healing Housing** – www.healinghousing.org
- **My Friend's House** – www.myfriendshousetn.org
- **NOOK (Needs of our Kids)** – www.needsofourkids.com

These mission-driven groups will welcome donations to help them continue their important work while providing you an opportunity to honor a family member or friend. You will leave with a pretty personalized gift card reflecting the donation. **The Fair will be held in Otey Hall in between and after all Sunday morning services, as well as from 4:00-6:00 p.m. just before our traditional "Lessons & Carols".** Please plan to attend and also invite family and friends!

Social Graces

Thursday, Dec 16th: 11:30- Catered lunch, 12pm: Seasonal Musical Entertainment

Lunch and musical entertainment! \$10 for lunch, you can pay the day of the event. Please note any dietary restrictions and RSVP by Monday, December 13th to Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527. Social Graces is a ministry planned for people 55 years old and older, but anyone, any age is welcome to our programs and events.

St. Luke's Toy Drive

Let's help our friends at St. Luke's Community House with their annual Toy Store. We will collect BRAND NEW toys for infants through 18 years of age at St. Paul's now through December 2nd. Our donations will help St. Luke's support 200 families (500 children) this year. The Toy Store model gives these families with limited means dignity, respect, choice, and most of all, the pride of being able to provide for their own children at Christmas time! St. Paul's will accept new, unwrapped toys through December 2nd. If you have questions, contact Libby: libby@stpaulsfranklin.com

English Tea To-Go by the Women of St. Paul's (WSP)

Box pick up will be Saturday, December 11th at St. Paul's.

The Hospitality of God: A Reading of the Gospel of Luke

The word hospitality invites us to think of guests, visitors, putting on meals, providing lodging, and making strangers feel at home in our homes and in our church. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, significant events and exchanges take place in the context of meals and the offering (or refusal) of hospitality. Hospitality provides a frame for Jesus' ministry throughout Luke, who sees Jesus' whole life as a visitation on God's part to Israel and to the world. This fall, we will look at Luke's Gospel as a whole, approaching it through the interpretive lens of hospitality. Please join seminarian Adam Dawkins and friends at St. Paul's as we read and study Luke's Gospel together on Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:30pm, beginning September 13. Join Zoom Meeting <https://sewance-edu.zoom.us/j/85451505859>
Meeting ID: 854 5150 5859

Historic Committee

Are you looking to get a head start on your holiday shopping? The Historic Committee is here for you! Our candles make perfect for hostess or teacher gifts. Our notecards and ornaments are great for out-of-town guests, and we have just re-printed our popular books for the history lover on your list! If you are interested in purchasing items, contact Libby Sullivan-libby@stpaulsfranklin.com to arrange a pick-up time. History Books-\$25; Large candle-\$20; Small Candle-\$10; Stained Glass Notecard Set: \$15 Ornament: \$5.

St. Paul's Food Pantry

The food pantry is still running low this week. If you are able, there are lots of people in need. We are out of rmac and cheese, cake/brownie mix, soup, diced tomatoes, toilet paper, syrup, juice, and really low in, canned dinners, pasta sauce, tuna pasta, and sugar-free items are always needed. Thank you to **everyone** who has donated! Please drop them off in front of the church front office door (there is a collection box).

WSP heart & Soul Retreat

February 25-27th at Camp McDowell

I Am Wonderfully Made-Ps 139 – After months and months in the cocoon of cancelled events and isolation from each other, we are emerging, changed, ready to embrace new opportunities and friendships and celebrate how each of us is wonderfully made. For more information, please see this month's Epistle or the weekly News From the Pews.

Contemplative Prayer – Lectio Divina

Mondays at 6:30 pm in Damascus

Lectio divina contemplative prayer will be held every Monday night at 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Damascus. We started this group in 2012 and are excited to have it continue post pandemic.

Women in Theological Studies (WITS)

Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00am (in-person)

The November calendar is full of good stuff for WITS.

November 25 – No WITS

We meet in person in Otey or Barnabas. IF you want to join us, but are not already receiving weekly emails, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527, ext. 102.

[Zoom Groups](#) Contact facilitator or office (Shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com)

Mondays

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Prayer ([Gerald Hancock](#))
- 6:00 PM K-Group ([Gerald Hancock](#))
- 6:30-8:30 PM The Hospitality of of God with Adam Dawkins, Seminarian

Tuesdays

- 10:20 AM Lectionary Class (ctcrumpton@hotmail.com)

Thursdays

- 4:00-5:30 PM Meditation and Reflection ([Gerald Hancock](#))

Fridays

- 3:30 PM Richard Rohr Class (Susan Nance)
- 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM WSP Happy Hour ([Sarah Karpie](#))

