



Advent Vespers Week 1

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us this evening, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

Thank you for your faithfulness in making offerings in person, through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the “Donate” now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul’s and our ministry partners.

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Face masks are required.

Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact.

Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. Please don’t place it back into a basket.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

While in the Nave:

You may sit together as a family. Worshippers should sit in designated pews only. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open at St. Paul’s. Please thank Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim for their dedication and service.

Food Pantry—November

Items needed: Stuffing, Canned beans, canned vegetables, canned meats, apple sauce, mashed potato mix, rice, pasta side dishes and peanut jelly. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.



Flowers This Week

This week’s flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of my son, Neil S. Shue by Norma Shue; and in memory of William Bortner by Joan & Steve Langeheine

In our prayers we remember...

Deborah Fulton, Reid Weinbrom, Darrell Kopp, Becky Diggs, Bill Troutman, Shawn Sunday, Mike Johnston, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, David List, Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey.

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Welcome to St. Paul's Church. We are delighted that you have joined us in worship during this season of Advent. If you are visiting, please provide an email and/or contact information at the sign-in table.

About the liturgy this evening: Vespers (Evening Prayer) is prayed by the faith community at the evening hour, often associated with the setting of the sun. There is a basic formula to the service. The Cantor and or congregation sing one or more Psalms, songs from the Hebrew Scriptures, during which our minds meditate on words and ideas that come to us. Christian faith always looks backwards into its roots and forward to God's action. This is represented by two readings and the responses to them. The first reading is from the Old Testament the books recording God's dealing with his ancient people the Jews. Theirs is the tradition into which Jesus was born. In response we sing *Magnificat*, the song of Jesus' mother, Mary, which affirms God's work in history. The second reading is from the New Testament and is a story or passage of teaching from Jesus or the first Christians. We respond with *Nunc Dimittis*, a song that recognizes that in Jesus' coming God keeps his promise to the whole world. In the Creed we affirm that Christian faith is founded on this story and we offer further prayers.

PRELUDE

Stand

OPENING DIALOGUE AND HYMN OF LIGHT

Stanzas 1-3 *Sung by the Cantor*

Cantor 2

Assembly 2

Be-hold, our light has come, death is no more,

though the sun fades from our sight. God has sent sus - tain - ing light.

more,

Be-hold, our light has come, shine on us.

Be-hold, our light has come, shine on us.

1 O Trinity, O blessed light, O Unity of sovereign might;
As now the fiery sun departs, shed holy light within our hearts.

2 To you our morning song of praise, to you our evening prayer we
raise; To you in awe we bend the knee from age to age, eternally.

3 All glory be to God above,
and to the Son, the prince of love,
and to the Spirit, One in Three!
We praise you, blessed Trinity.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

We praise and thank you, O God, through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom you have enlightened us by revealing the light that never fades.

Night is falling and day's allotted span draws to a close.

The daylight which you created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us, and yet, of your free gift, now the evening lights do not fail us.

We praise you and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; through him be glory, honor, and power to you in the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Amen.

Sit

EVENING PSALM Psalm 139 *Sung by the cantor*

Lord you have searched me and known me; you know when I sit, when I rise.
You know my thoughts, you know my heart, you know the ways of my life.
You know the sound of my voice, you know the words of my tongue;
You hold me close, you guide my ways, you know the ways of my life.
Where can I go to leave your spirit? Where can I fall that you aren't near:
If I say, The darkness will hide me, your bright light sets me free.
Lord you have searched me and known me; you know when I sit, when I rise.
You know my thoughts, you know my heart, you know the ways of my life.
You know the ways of my life. You know the ways of my life.

A period of silence follows the Psalm. Then the minister continues with the prayer.

PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, when you descended among the dead, you brought them the light of day; when you ascended into heaven, you brought it new radiance. Remain with us and lead us along the paths of life until we come to rest with your saints in the holy dwelling place, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen

SECOND PSALM **Psalm 80: 1-7**

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
³ Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
⁴ O LORD | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?
⁵ You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
⁶ You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

A period of silence follows the Psalm. Then the minister continues with the prayer.

PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, you so tend the vine you planted that now it extends its branches even to the farthest shore. Keep us in your Son as branches on the vine, that, rooted firmly in your love, we may testify before the whole world to your great power working everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Isaiah 64:1-9**

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence —
²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil —
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT *My Soul Proclaims Sung by the cantor*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit sings for joy in God my Savior.
You look with favor upon your servant, blessed is my name.
You have done great things for me, holy is your name.
You send your mercy to those who fear you through every age.
You have shown strength of your arm, you have scorned the thoughts of the proud,
You cast down the mighty you have lifted the lowly, holy is your name.
You have filled the hungry with good things, you have left the rich with empty hands,
You have come to the help of your people, holy is your name.
You have kept your promise of mercy, the promise that you made to our forebears;
To Abraham and Sarah and their children forever, holy is your name. Holy is your name.

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Stand

NUC DIMITTIS *Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace (All sing)*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

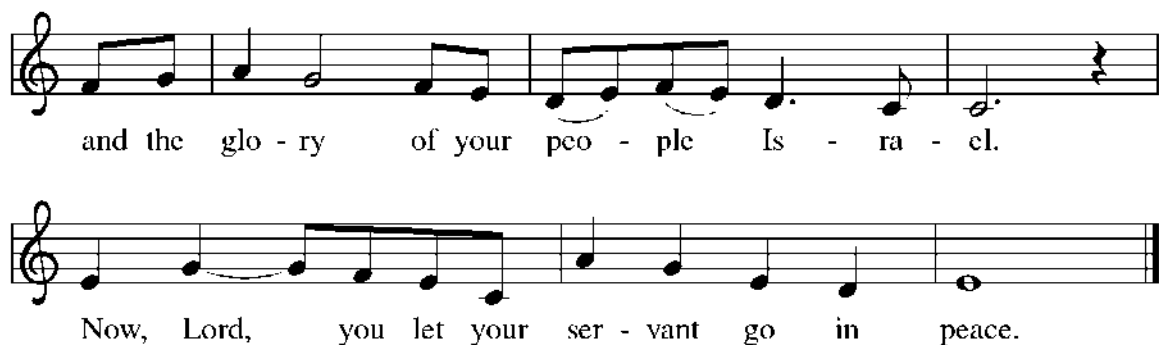


filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

HOMILY

LITANY

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth, James, and Edward our bishops, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves to one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

O God, from whom comes all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandment; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
Amen.

HYMN *The King Shall Come (LBW 33) Stanzas 1, 2, 5*



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the cast - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

POSTLUDE

Christmas Worship Schedule at St. Paul's

Please note the adjusted schedule for the entire Christmas season

Sunday, December 20, 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Communion with Blessing of the Creche
10:30 AM Holy Communion with The Ringing in of Christmas
5:00 PM Vespers with Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Thursday, December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Outside Christmas Carol Service with Brass Quintet
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Vespers
11:00 PM Christmas Eve Compline

Friday, December 25, 2020 Christmas Day

10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, December 27, 2020 The First Sunday of Christmas

8:00 AM Holy Communion, spoken
10:30 AM Lessons and Carols
5:00 PM Lessons and Carols

Sunday, January 3, 2021 Epiphany

8:00 AM Holy Communion
10:30 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM Epiphany Vespers

Christmas Service Reservation Sign-up—We are utilizing a sign up for our Christmas services to help us monitor in person attendance for our liturgies. With the guidance of CDC and our own St. Paul's COVID-19 task force we want to maintain the 20% for worshippers gathering in doors. Through an advance sign-up we can plan accordingly. **At the time of this printing there remain: 10 seats at 7PM, 41 seats at 11PM, 49 seats at 10:30AM Christmas Day.**

The 4:00 PM outside Christmas Eve Service does not require a reservation. Please note that you will need to bring a lawn chair (if desired). **A face mask is required.**



Advent and Christmas Devotional ideas, activities and resources for all ages can be found on the church website. Look on the front page or under the tab LEARN. stpaulsyork.org

2021 Calendar Sale—Make sure you get your copies of the 2021 calendar! They feature the watercolor paintings of Pastor Reep. The images highlight the beautiful cottages from the grounds of the Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua NY (painted during summer 2019) and fruits and flowers still life arrangements (painted during 2020). We ask for a minimum donation of \$20. All proceeds go to the Capital Campaign. The original paintings will be auctioned at our October 16th 2021 event. Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort.



December 1

Family Gingerbread Nativity – Everything needed to construct a gingerbread nativity scene will be provided. All you have to do is preregister and pick up your supplies at church on November 15, 22, or 29. Follow along on ZOOM by contacting Miss Kelly for sign in information. Have an enjoyable time with your family making a sweet delicious scene based on God's sweet love for us.

Advent Zoom Bible Study: The women in Jesus lineage according to the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 1. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. November 18, 25th, December 2, December 9, and December 16. Pastor Reep spoke in his sermon on October 11th, about the book of Matthew beginning with the long list of names that starts with Abraham and ends with Jesus. In that list there are five women named. Join us as we learn about these women and what their lives could mean for us today. To register and receive Zoom information, call the church office, 717 or Patty Snyder 717-578-2253.