



Second Sunday of Advent: December 6, 2020

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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Office Hours: The Church Office is closed with staff working remotely until further notice.

Service Times

SUNDAY

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WEDNESDAY

Noon . . . NOONDAY PRAYERS (VIA ZOOM)

Lay Ministry

10:30 AM LECTOR

12/06: DEBBIE SHAFFER

ACOLYTES

12/06: TBD

ALTAR GUILD

12/06: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,
GAIL ROLSTON

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

12/06: ELIZABETH PORTER, DANA MEDFORD

12/13: JOE BLEIER, DEBBIE SHAFFER

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

Morsel for Meditation

It is amusing to see souls who, while they are at prayer, fancy they are willing to be despised and publicly insulted for the love of God, yet afterwards do all they can to hide their small defects. If anyone unjustly accuses them of a fault, God deliver us from their outcries! Prayer does not consist of such fancies. No, our Lord expects works from us. Beg our Lord to grant you perfect love for your neighbor. If someone else is well spoken of, be more pleased than if it were yourself; this is easy enough, for if you were really humble, it would vex you to be praised.

Teresa of Ávila, *The Interior Castle*

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*

The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*

David Gish, *Music Director*

John Shasteen, *Organist*

Angela Dryer, *Parish Administrator*

Order of Worship

Pray for the Church, the Body of Christ

Please pray for those on our prayer list this week: Rita Woods, Ken Gunter, Dana Medford, Bill Rolston, Father Gordon, Dolores Miltenberger, Mike Lavigne, and Paula Reeves. We also pray for our Daughters of the King Ministry as they bring their strength and service together by praying for friends and for the people.

Contact our church office to add a name to our prayer list.

November 29

Offering: \$1,750.00

Attendance: 23

Cover Art: Giuliano Vangi, *John the Baptist* (Florence, Italy: City of Florence, 20th century), bronze. Photograph by Laura Funk, detail.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)

H= Hymnbook (red)

A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn **H #56**

O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Veni, veni, Emanuel)

Opening Sentence BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Summary of the Law BCP 351

Trisagion **H #S101**

The Collect BCP 159

The Lessons

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Epistle 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel Hymn **H #72**

Hark! the glad sound! (Richmond)

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk

Prayers of the People (Form I) BCP 383

The Confession. BCP 360

The Peace. BCP 360

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory **H #640**

Watchman, tell us of the night

(Aberystwyth)

Offertory Anthem **A3 #221**

Doxology (Old 100th)

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer D) BCP 372

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Agnus Dei **H #S157**

Communion Hymns

Seek Ye First **A3 #139**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **A3 #81**

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Recessional Hymn **H #74**

Blest be the King (Valet will ich dir geben)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Greetings to the saints at St. Paul's,

Happy Advent! This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, highlights the ministry of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the Messiah. We're continuing our in-person church at 10:30 (as well as live stream online and TV broadcast) to guide the faithful through a holy Advent, and into the joy of Christmas. This year our Christmas services will in-person for both services (7:00 pm and 11:00 pm). We'll broadcast the 7:00 pm service as a live stream.

It was great to see the people who turned out for our Thursday night Advent program. We'll have two more Thursday night sessions of "Jesus among other gods: the absolute claims of the Christian message" by Ravi Zacharias. It will follow the same format as previous years: dinner at 6:00 with the program and small group discussion from 6:30-7:30. This will be in-person only, with the standard COVID-19 protocols that we're accustomed to following.

I found out recently that as of January 1, 2020 all service-connected disabled Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), and individuals designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans under the VAs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) can present their Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) to gain entry to DoD and Coast Guard installations and some commissary stores; and at point of sale at commissaries, exchanges (AAFES, NEXCOM, MCX and CGX) and MWR retail activities to complete their transactions. Veteran Online Exchange Access: All honorably discharged veterans, including Reserves, are eligible to register online and shop at the online exchanges. For more information go to: <https://militarybenefits.info/expanded-exchange-privileges/>

Here's some other St. Paul's news for the week:

- Morning Prayer happens on Wednesdays at 10:30 via Zoom.
- Our Stewardship Committee has provided a QR code now appearing in our Sunday bulletin. The QR code will take you to the links on our church website for donating without having to handle money tactilely.
- Since we're doing so much online our Google, YouTube, Facebook reviews are important. Please take a few moments to give us a 5-star review!
- Our 10:30 Sunday service is available in-person, on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm1rRfXbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>), and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm. Previously recorded services may be accessed anytime on our Facebook and YouTube pages. The recorded sermons may be found on our website as MP3s.
- Remote Eucharist continues, and a few parishioners are helping distribute the Eucharist to parishioners' homes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let the Rector know by email (i.e. fathernickfunk@gmail.com) if you'd like to receive the Holy Sacrament remotely.
- The Parish office remains closed; however, we continue to check voicemails and emails regularly.
- St. Paul's Zoom Meeting access may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020. To call in, use one tap mobile: +13462487799,,9037772020# or to dial: +1 346 248 7799.



Hospitalized, Rehab, or recovering at home: Bill Rolston, Ken Gunter



The Church office needs your help! We are in the process of updating our directory. If you want anything such as phone number, email address, birthday, anniversary, etc. added or changed, please send the new info to Angela Dryer at secretary@stpaulstx.org. We plan to make the new directories available by the end of January 2021. Thanks for your help!