



Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 20, 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)

Morsel for Meditation

In order to penetrate a whole human life with the divine life it is not enough to kneel once a year before the crib and let ourselves be captivated by the charm of the holy night. To achieve this, we must be in daily contact with God, listening to the words he has spoken and which have been transmitted to us, and obeying them. We must above all, pray as the Savior himself has taught us so insistently. "Ask and it shall be given you." This is the certain promise of being heard. And if we pray every day with all our heart: "Lord, thy will be done," we may well trust that we shall not fail to do God's will even when we no longer have subjective certainty.

Edith Stein, *Writings of Edith Stein* (Newman Press, 1956), 28.

Lay Ministry

10:30 AM LECTOR

12/20: SUZANNE TAYLOR

ACOLYTES

12/20: TBD

ALTAR GUILD

12/20: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,
GAIL ROLSTON

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

12/20: DANA MEDFORD, FRANK MCKEE

12/27: JOHN-PAUL BALLARD, STEVE RAMSEY

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

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:
CJ Cathey, 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.**

December 13
Offering: \$7,650.00
Attendance: 26

Cover Art: Fra. Angelico, *Annunciation* (Florence,
Italy: Convent of San Marco, c. 1438-45), fresco,
detail.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)
H= Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude
Processional Hymn **H #438**
Tell out, my soul (Woodlands)
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 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Psalm Canticle 15
Epistle Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Hymn **H #265**
The angel Gabriel from heaven came
(Gabriel's Message)
Gospel Luke 1:26-38
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 #66**
Come, thou long expected Jesus
(Stuttgart)
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
We Fall Down A3 #185
The King of Glory A3 #163
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366
Recessional Hymn **H #56**
O come, O come, Emmanuel vs. 5-8
(Veni, veni, Emmanuel)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

December Vestry Highlights

At the December Vestry meeting, the Vestry:

- Discussed ways to engage the Parish during Advent & Christmas.
- Heard that the Episcopal Church will postpone its 80th General Convention until July 2022.
- Heard that our Advent Program (Ravi Zacharias, Jesus among other gods) is going well.
- Decided to cancel the Annual Vestry Christmas party.
- Heard that Christmas fruitcakes/fudge have been sent to St. Paul's staff.
- Heard that Vestry background checks continue.
- Agreed unanimously with the Sr. Warden that we appreciate the excellent work of the Tech Team.
- Heard the St. Joseph's Guild continues to be on virus hiatus, but the repair/maintenance work is still being completed.
- Heard details on an alternate bid (a metal roof) for the Parish Hall roof.
- Heard that the Vestry will provide Christmas hams (or turkeys) for the St. Paul's School staff/teachers.
- Heard that, all things considered, St. Paul's School is doing OK, and had no COVID-19 infections in November.
- Decided to have the annual Vestry retreat and February Vestry meeting on Saturday February 13th in Clardy Hall from 8:30 - noon.
- Decided that the Annual Parish meeting on January 31st will be held immediately after the Sunday service. The meeting will be in-person, and via Zoom, with voting available for both. Following the meeting, we'll have lunch provided by a single source rather than potluck.
- Heard that Stewardship is going slower than desired, but OK. The roof fund stands at \$40K.
- Approved the Bylaws revision to have a Special Vestry meeting following the Annual meeting to appoint additional members, if desired.
- Approved the Rector's housing allowance for 2021.
- Heard that November income was \$13,094.15, and expense was \$14,864.68, thus we had a loss of \$1,770.53.

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