



*First Sunday After Christmas: December 27, 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*

There are many who are enkindled with dreamy devotion, and when they hear of the poverty of Christ, they are almost angry with the citizens of Bethlehem. They denounce their blindness and ingratitude, and think, if they had been there, they would have shown the Lord and his mother a more kindly service and would not have permitted them to be treated so miserably. But they do not look by their side to see how many of their fellow humans need their help, and which they ignore in their misery. Who is there upon earth that has no poor, miserable, sick, erring ones around him? Why does he not exercise his love to those? Why does he not do to them as Christ has done to him?

Martin Luther: Watch for the Light

## Lay Ministry

### **10:30 AM LECTOR**

12/27: DEBBIE SHAFFER

### **ACOLYTES**

12/27: DAVID KIRKLIN

### **ALTAR GUILD**

12/27: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,  
GAIL ROLSTON

### **VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY**

12/27: JOHN-PAUL BALLARD, STEVE RAMSEY

01/03: ELIZABETH PORTER, MIKE LAVIGNE

### **CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)**

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)**

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

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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:  
Jincey Jones, 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 20**  
Offering: \$4,035.00  
Attendance: 27

**Cover Art:** Federico Barocci, *The Nativity* (Madrid, Spain: Museo del Prado, 1597), oil on canvas. Height: 134 cm.; Width: 105 cm, detail.

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

## 10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**Prelude**  
Processional Hymn . . . . . *H #100*  
*Joy to the world! The Lord is come*  
*(Antioch)*  
Opening Sentence . . . . . BCP 355  
*Gloria in excelsis* . . . . . *H #S280*  
The Collect . . . . . BCP 233  
The Lessons  
First Reading . . . . . 2Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm . . . . . Psalm 147  
Epistle . . . . . Galatians 3:23-25-4:4-7  
Gospel Hymn . . . . . *H #324*  
*Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)*  
Gospel . . . . . John 1:1-8  
Sermon . . . . . The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk  
The Nicene Creed . . . . . BCP 326  
Prayers of the People (Form I) . . . . BCP 383  
The Confession. . . . . BCP 360  
The Peace. . . . . BCP 360  
Announcements  
**Holy Communion**  
Offertory . . . . . *H #443*  
*From God Christ's deity came forth*  
*(Salem Harbor)*  
Offertory Anthem . . . . . *A3 #221*  
*Doxology (Old 100th)*  
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer D) . . BCP 372  
Sanctus . . . . . BCP 373  
The Lord's Prayer . . . . . BCP 364  
*Agnus Dei* . . . . . BCP 407  
The Presentation . . . . . BCP 362  
Communion Hymns  
*You Are My All in All* . . . . . *A3 #194*  
*Our God Reigns* . . . . . *A3 #132*  
Post Communion Prayer . . . . . BCP 365  
The Blessing & Dismissal . . . . . BCP 366  
Recessional Hymn . . . . . *H #96*  
*Angels, we have heard on high (Gloria)*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*



## *The Flowers For The Festival Of The Holy Nativity Were Given By:*

- **St. Paul's Daughters of the King** - In loving memory of our departed Sister in Christ, Paula Backus
- **Marie Aughtry** - In memory of Bill
- **Claudine Brown** - With thanksgiving for the audio/video team who make it possible to worship from home.
- **Jennifer, Jacob, & Jeff Faunce** - In Thanksgiving for our friends and family
- **Ginger Garcia** - With thanksgiving for my St. Paul friends
- **Georgianna Harrison** - For our St Paul's family worshipping at home
- **Frank McKee** - In Memory of family members who have passed on, in Thanks for the health and happiness of family members and loved ones who are with us, and in Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.
- **Bill & Gail Rolston** - In honor of our future first grandson due in March 2021
- **Steve & Mary Ramsey** - In memory of Kay Ramsey
- **Bill & Judy Shaddox** - In honor of Father Gordon and Delores
- **Debbie Shaffer** - In gratitude for my children and grandchildren
- **Suzanne Taylor** - In joyful thanksgiving for the birth of my granddaughter, Amelia Rizvi Loudermilk



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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](mailto:secretary@stpaulstx.org). We plan to make the new directories available by the end of January 2021. Thanks for your help!