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Third Sunday of Advent: December 12, 2021

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8am - 2pm

Lay Ministry

8:00 AM LECTOR/LEM

12/12: SUZANNE TAYLOR

12/19: SUZANNE TAYLOR

10:30 AM LECTOR

12/12: DEBBIE SHAFFER

12/19: JOHN STACHNIAK

ACOLYTES

12/12: BOB BIRD

12/19: DAVID KIRKLIN

ALTAR GUILD

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

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

12/12: DAVID KIRKLIN, ELIZABETH PORTER

12/19: MARIE AUGHTRY, FRANK MCKEE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

12/12: DANA MEDFORD

12/19: ELIZABETH PORTER

TECH TEAM

DAVID CLEGG

JACOB FAUNCE

JEFF FAUNCE

JENNIFER FAUNCE

GEORGIANNA HARRISON

QUENTIN IREY

Service Times

SUNDAY

8:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

10:15AM to 12:00PM . . . NURSERY OPEN

10:30AM. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WEDNESDAY

10:30 AM . . MORNING PRAYER (VIA ZOOM)

Morsel for Meditation

One aspect of this world that I have been able to identify as harmful to Christian is the assumption that anything worthwhile can be acquired at once. We assume that if something can be done at all, it can be done quickly and efficiently. Our attention spans have been conditioned by thirty-second commercials. Our sense of reality has been flattened by thirty-page abridgments. In our culture anything, even news about God, can be sold if it is packaged freshly, but when it loses its novelty, it goes on the garbage heap. There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness. The persons whom lead in worship, among whom I counsel, visit, pray, preach, and teach, want shortcuts. They want me to help them fill out the form that will get them instant credit (in eternity). They are impatient for results. They have adopted the lifestyle of a tourist and want only the high points. But a pastor is not a tour guide. I have no interest in telling apocryphal religious stories at or around dubiously identified sacred sites. The Christian live cannot mature under such conditions and such ways.

Eugene H. Peterson, Dale Larsen, Sandy Larsen. *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction Bible Study* (Intervarsity Press, 2021), 8.

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

8:00 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Introduction to Worship

Opening Sentence	BCP 323
Collect	BCP 182
The Lessons	
First Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm	Canticle 9
Epistle	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:7-18
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	BCP 328
The Confession	BCP 331
The Peace	BCP 332
Announcements	

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II) . . .	BCP 348
Sanctus	BCP 341
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	BCP 337
The Presentation	BCP 338
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 338
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP 339

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

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

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn	<i>H #53</i>
<i>Once he came in blessing</i> <i>(Gottes Sohn ist kommen)</i>	
Opening Sentence	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Summary of the Law	BCP 351
Trisagion	<i>H #S101</i>
The Collect	BCP 159
The Lessons	
First Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm	Canticle 9
Epistle	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel Hymn	<i>H #594</i>
<i>God of grace and God of glory</i> <i>(Cwm Rhondda)</i>	
Gospel	Luke 3:7-18
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form I)	BCP 383
The Confession	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements	

Holy Communion

Offertory	<i>H #693</i>
<i>Just as I am (Woodworth)</i>	
Offertory Anthem	<i>A3 #221</i>
<i>Doxology (Old 100th)</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer D) . . .	BCP 372
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	BCP 337
The Presentation	BCP 364
Communion Hymns	
<i>More Precious Than Silver</i>	<i>A3 #115</i>
<i>You Are My All in All</i>	<i>A3 #194</i>
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn	<i>H #377</i>
<i>All people that on earth do dwell</i> <i>(Old 100th)</i>	

Pray for the Church, the Body of Christ

Please pray for those on our prayer list this week: Father Gordon, and Mike Lavigne. 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.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 15:** Morning Prayer at 10:30am; No Bible Study;
St. Paul's School Christmas Pageant at 6:30pm
- Thursday, December 16:** Advent Program #3 - dinner from 6-6:30pm with DVD and discussion
from 6:30-7:30pm in Clardy Hall, dinner provided
- Saturday, December 18:** St. Joseph's Guild meets at 8am; DOK meets at 9am
- Sunday, December 19:** Greening of the Church following the 10:30am service
- Wednesday, December 22:** Morning Prayer at 10:30am; No Bible Study;
Lessons and Carols at 7pm
- Thursday, December 23:** Advent Program #4 - dinner from 6-6:30pm with DVD and discussion
from 6:30-7:30pm in Clardy Hall, dinner provided
- Friday, December 24:** Christmas Eve service at 7pm; Carol Singing at 10:30pm; Midnight Mass
at 11pm

Announcements

- **Poinsettia Dedications** - We invite anyone wishing to submit a dedication to include:
 - In "Memory, Celebration, Thanksgiving, etc."
 - To whom it is dedicated and who made the dedication
 - You can email: stpeventsepiscopal@gmail.com, or text/call 903-268-0534 (Georgianna).
 - If you wish to make a donation in any amount (optional) at: <http://stpaulstx.org/giving/>, or place in offering plate and designate poinsettia on envelope or memo line of check.
- **SPES Christmas Pageant Volunteer Opportunities** - The Children of St. Paul's Episcopal School are busy preparing for the annual Christmas pageant which will take place on Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30pm. Our school could use our help, and if you are able to assist in any way, please email Debbie Shaffer, President of the St. Paul's School Board, at Debbie.Shaffer@L3Harris.com and let her know! The school needs our help and support in the following ways:
 - material/fabric for costumes and sewing of costumes
 - shiny white/gold, light blue, creams, browns
 - Ropes for belts - shiny gold, blue, purple for wise men
 - Felt
 - painting backdrops and building a manger
 - hot chocolate, marshmallows, cookies, cups with lids for party following the pageant

December 5

Offering: \$3,305.00 ~~ Attendance: 40