



Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 19, 2021

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8am - 2pm

Lay Ministry

8:00 AM LECTOR/LEM

12/19: SUZANNE TAYLOR

12/26: SUZANNE TAYLOR

10:30 AM LECTOR

12/19: JOHN STACHNIAK

12/26: DAVID STIPE

ACOLYTES

12/19: DAVID KIRKLIN

12/26: DAVID KIRKLIN

ALTAR GUILD

12/19: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,
GAIL ROLSTON

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

12/19: DEBBIE SHAFFER, FRANK MCKEE

12/26: DEBBIE SHAFFER, JEFF FAUNCE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

12/19: ELIZABETH PORTER

12/26: MARIE AUGHTRY

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

Distinguishing tolerances. "It is very easy to tolerate the opinions of others if we have no strong opinions of our own. But we should not acquiesce in this easy-going tolerance. We need to distinguish between the tolerant mind and the tolerant spirit. Tolerant in spirit a Christian should always be, loving, understanding, forgiving and forbearing others, making allowances for them, and giving them the benefit of the doubt, for true love 'bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things' (1 Cor. 13:7). But how can we be tolerant in mind of what God has plainly revealed to be either evil or erroneous?"

John R.W. Stott, *Christ in Conflict: Lessons from Jesus and His Controversies* (2013), 19.

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	Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7
Epistle	Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
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	H #54
<i>Savior of the nations, come!</i>	
<i>(Nun komm der Heiden Heiland)</i>	
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	Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7
Epistle	Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel Hymn	H #66
<i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>	
<i>(Stuttgart)</i>	
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
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	H #268
<i>Ye who claim the faith of Jesus (Julion)</i>	
Offertory Anthem	A3 #221
<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>We Fall Down</i>	A3 #185
<i>The King of Glory</i>	A3 #163
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn	H #438
<i>Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord</i>	
<i>(Woodlands)</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

- Sunday, December 19:** Greening of the Church following the 10:30am service
- Wednesday, December 22:** Christmas Caroling at the School at 10am; No 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
- Wednesday, December 29:** Morning Prayer at 10:30am; No Bible Study

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.
- **Acolytes Needed!** - We are need of people to join our team of Acolytes. If you are interested in taking a more active role in worship at St. Paul's, contact Debbie Shaffer in person or via email at Debbie.Shaffer@L3Harris.com.

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December 12

Offering: \$1,515.00 ~~ Attendance: 57

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