



*Christmas Eve: December 24, 2021*

# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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## Lay Ministry

### LECTOR/LEM

12/24: JOHN STACHNIAK (7PM)  
12/24: DAVID CLEGG - THURIFER (7PM)  
12/24: DEBBIE SHAFFER (11PM)  
12/24: JEFF FAUNCE - THURIFER (11PM)  
12/26: SUZANNE TAYLOR (8AM)  
12/26: DAVID STIPE (10:30AM)

### ACOLYTES

12/24: DAVID KIRKLIN (7PM, 11PM)  
12/26: DAVID KIRKLIN

### ALTAR GUILD

12/24: GAIL ROLSTON, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,  
LAURA FUNK  
12/26: GAIL ROLSTON, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,  
LAURA FUNK

### VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

12/24: FRANK MCKEE, MARIE AUGHTRY (7PM)  
DEBBIE SHAFFER, MARIE AUGHTRY (11PM)  
12/26: DEBBIE SHAFFER, JEFF FAUNCE

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

12/26: MARIE AUGHTRY

### TECH TEAM

DAVID CLEGG  
JACOB FAUNCE  
JEFF FAUNCE  
JENNIFER FAUNCE  
QUENTIN IREY

## Service Times

### SUNDAY

8:30 AM . . . . . HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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

10:30 AM . . . . . HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### WEDNESDAY

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

## Morsel for Meditation

Lord, high and holy,  
meek and lowly,  
Thou has brought me to  
the valley of vision,  
where I live in the  
depths but see thee in the  
heights;  
hemmed in by moun-  
tains of sin I behold  
Thy glory.

that to give is to receive,  
that the valley is the  
place of vision.

Lord, in the daytime  
stars can be seen from  
deepest wells,  
deepest wells,  
and the deeper the  
wells the brighter  
Thy stars shine;

Let me learn by paradox  
that the way down is  
the way up,  
that to be low is to be  
high,  
that the broken heart is  
the healed heart,  
that the contrite spirit is  
the rejoicing spirit,  
that the repenting soul  
is the victorious soul,  
that to have nothing is  
to possess all,  
that to bear the cross is  
to wear the crown,

Let me find Thy light in  
my darkness,  
Thy life in my death,  
Thy joy in my sorrow,  
Thy grace in my sin,  
Thy riches in my poverty  
Thy glory in my valley.

Arthur Bennett, ed., *Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions* (Banner of Truth Trust, 2003), a Puritan prayer.

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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

## 7pm and 11pm — HOLY EUCHARIST

### Prelude

Processional Hymn . . . . . *H #83*

*O come, all ye faithful*  
*(Adeste fideles)*

Opening Sentence . . . . . BCP 323

Collect for Purity . . . . . BCP 323

*Gloria in excelsis* . . . . . *H #S280*

Collect. . . . . BCP 161

### The Lessons

First Reading . . . . . Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12

Psalms . . . . . Psalm 97

Epistle . . . . . Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Hymn . . . . . *H #96*

*Angels, we have heard on high (Gloria)*

Gospel . . . . . Luke 2:1-20

Nicene Creed . . . . . BCP 326

Sermon . . . . . The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk

Prayers of the People . . . . . BCP 328

The Confession. . . . . BCP 331

The Peace. . . . . BCP 332

### Announcements

### **Holy Communion**

Offertory . . . . . *H #439*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul*  
*(Wondrous Love)*

Offertory Anthem . . . . . *A3 #221*

*Doxology (Old 100th)*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1 . . . BCP 333

The Lord's Prayer . . . . . BCP 336

*Agnus Dei* . . . . . BCP 407

Prayer of Humble Access . . . . . BCP 337

The Presentation . . . . . BCP 338

### Communion Hymns

*Silent Night (Stille Nacht)* . . . . . *H #111*

Post Communion Prayer . . . . . BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal . . . . . BCP 366

Recessional Hymn . . . . . *H #109*

*The first Nowell the angel did say*  
*(The First Nowell)*

## 10:30pm — CAROL SINGING

*It came upon the midnight clear.* . . . . *H #89*

*What child is this who laid to rest* . . . . *H #115*

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming (Vs 1,2).* . . *H #81*

*O little town of Bethlehem* . . . . . *H #78*

*God rest you merry, gentlemen* . . . . . *H #105*

*Hark! The herald angels sing.* . . . . . *H #87*

*Away in a manger* . . . . . *H #101*

*On this day earth shall ring* . . . . . *H #92*

*Angels, from the realms of glory.* . . . . *H #93*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice.* . . . . . *H #107*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel* . . . . . *H #56*

*Gabriel's Message* . . . . . *H #265*

*Come thou long-expected Jesus.* . . . . *H #66*

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

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

## *Pray for the Church, the Body of Christ*

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

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

- **Linda and Charles Conely** - In memory of Amy Ehret, Paul Conely, and Rose Tichner; In memory of our parents
- **Dixie Hunt** - Given to the Greater Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our St. Paul's family
- **Jo Dodson** - In thanksgiving and memory of Fred
- **Eileen Jenkins** - In memory of my husband, Tommy
- **Jack Kimball** - In memory of my loving wife, Wanda
- **Susan McKee, Frank McKee & Mary Teasley** - In memory of our grandparents, parents, and family members who have passed into God's hands
- **Mary & Steve Ramsey** - Given to the Greater Glory of God
- **Debbie Shaffer** - In thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren
- **Poppa Stax** - Celebration and thanksgiving to the Stachniak and Mead Kids!
- **Your Professor** - With blessings and love for Karen!
- **Wendy Vojir** - In memory of my Daddy, Tommy Jenkins
- **Rita and Bill Woods** - In memory of our son, Will
- **Joe & Julie Bleier** - In thanksgiving for Rachel and Jon
- **Bill & Judy Shaddox** - In memory of Kaye Cole and Dolores Miltenberger

