



COME, OH COME,
EMMANUEL

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 2, 2018 | 9:15 & 11:15

You Are Welcome

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

Our Vision

We seek to become a community that mirrors the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus. We do that in five important ways: We praise God, invite all, connect lives, nurture faith, and serve neighbor.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

OR

Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

AND

Check-in and follow SPR on social media: [facebook.com/sprchicago](https://www.facebook.com/sprchicago) and [@sprchicago](https://twitter.com/sprchicago)



The image shows a 'Let's Get Connected' card. It has a sunburst logo at the top. Below the title are four input fields: 'Your Name(s)', 'Your Email (please print clearly)', 'Your Preferred Phone Number', and 'Your Mailing Address'. There are two checkboxes: 'Mobile' and 'Landline'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Done' button with a right-pointing arrow.

Children's Formation

Godly Play (3 years old - 4th grade) | 10:20a-11:05a

The basis for Godly Play is that children are spiritual and have an incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning together out of the biblical stories they hear.

Topic: Advent I-II, The Prophets (Pre-K to Grade 2), The story of Prophet Isaiah (Grade 3-4).

Place: Lower Level Godly Play Rooms

Pathfinders (5th graders) | 10:20a-11:05a

Topic: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Parents of John the Baptist

Place: Lower Level Pathfinder Room

Looking for a room? Find a map on the Welcome Table at the south entrance of the church.

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive Communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive Communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The Nursery is down the southwest stairs. And finally, changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the Nursery.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

How do I find my way around?

There's a map at the Welcome Table near the west entrance to the church. Also feel free to ask anyone to help you around.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. There is an elevator which gives access to the First floor, Lower level and Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service as they need.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Youth Formation

Youth Formation

Join us this morning for the first Sunday in Advent! We will discuss the theology of the season and what we have to look forward to as we wait for the birth of Christ during Christmastime. Donuts provided!

Youth Group: 4:30p-7:30p - ZooLights Outing

Join us THIS SUNDAY for an extended youth group at Lincoln Park Zoo's ZooLights. We will have a "God and Animals" Scavenger Hunt throughout the zoo. We'll leave the church just before 4:30 and return by 7:30p. Packed dinner provided.

Coming up...

Sunday, December 9 - Sacred Harp feat. Christian Clough

Sunday, December 16 - (Last Night of Youth Group for 2018!) White Elephant Gift Exchange Party

Stay tuned for info on the following small groups throughout the year:

- **High School Small Group |** (Open to all high school youth, grades 9-12; advanced sign-up required)
- **SPR Youth Girls Group |** (Open to all young woman-identified young people, grades 6-12; RSVP to events required.)
November/December | Paint and Pour Tea Party! THIS Tuesday, Dec 2, from 6:30-8:30p in the Youth Room
January | BOOK CLUB! We're reading Jane Austen's classic *Sense and Sensibility* together and then discussing femininity afterward. Want to join in? Read the book sometime between now and when the Christmas holidays are over. We'll meet in January to discuss! (Date TBD.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is to say all **bolded** text aloud.

Entrance Hymn

"An Advent Processional"

When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing the Refrain. The Choir sings the verses.

Bells

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som cap-tive

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Is-ra-el. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let ev'ry age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all. **Refrain**

Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit thou art still,
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, The promised fruit to man displayed. **Refrain**

The virgin womb that burden gained With virgin honor all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below. **Refrain**

Forth from his chamber goeth he, That royal home of purity,
A giant in two-fold substance one, Rejoicing now his course to run. **Refrain**

From God the Father he proceeds, To God the Father back he speeds:
His course he runs to death and hell, Returning on God's throne to dwell. **Refrain**

Equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate. **Refrain**

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright and darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilight never intervene. **Refrain**

All laud, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. **Refrain**

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Music: Donald Pearson
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+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

@ 9:15 only:

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

@ 11:15 only, All sing:

The musical score is written in G major and 8/8 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; — God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, — your faithfulness, O Lord, is great. You are all that I have; and therefore I will wait for you. You, O Lord, are good to those who wait for you, to all those who seek you. It is good to wait in patience for the salvation of the Lord. God's mercies never come to an end. The great. — Your faithfulness, O Lord, is great. —" The score includes a Coda section at the end. There are some performance markings like "last time to" and a double bar line with repeat dots.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #755 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases"
Words: *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, 1989, after Lamentations 3.22 ff.
Music: Carl Haywood, from *Tunes for Grace*
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The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,

and put on the armor of light,

now in the time of this mortal life

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;

that in the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge both the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir introduces the Refrain, which all then repeat. The Choir sings the psalm; all sing the Refrain where indicated.

Psalm 25

REFRAIN

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul.

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation. I have hoped in you all day long. **Refrain**

Good and upright is the LORD; he shows the way to sinners.

He guides the humble in right judgment; to the humble he teaches his way. **Refrain**

All the LORD's paths are mercy and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and commands.

The LORD's secret is for those who fear him; to them he reveals his covenant. **Refrain**

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A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and all sing as noted in the music.

Cantor/Choir then All Fine

Christ is com-ing: pre - pare the way. Christ is com-ing: pre - pare the way.

Cantor/Choir then All D.C.

Christ is com-ing. Christ is com-ing.

"Christ is coming: prepare the way"

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: Rev'd Julianne Buenting, *Interim Rector*.

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or Nursery. We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or Nursery.

Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

Please stand as able.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Emmanuel, God-with-us, from age to age you have kept your promise to come near to your people. Make us bold in this Advent season to welcome you here, that we too might be reflections of your creative power, your tireless justice, and your undaunted love. Come, oh come, Emmanuel,

Hear our prayer.

Creation's God, you dazzle us with a bright full moon on a dark winter's night; you surprise us with new discoveries in the depths of the universe and the intricacies of our own bodies and minds. Come near to us and restore our wonder, that we might rejoice in our creatureliness, and cherish our interdependence with all you have made.

Come, Oh come, Emmanuel,

Hear our prayer.

History's God, you bring down the powerful and lift up the lowly, and yet we are anxious about our human limitations, our inability to govern ourselves, and our fragile intentions to build a better world for all. Come near to us and restore our courage, that we might work for justice, wholeness, and peace—for the south side of Chicago, and for all people.

Come, Oh come, Emmanuel,

Hear our prayer.

God of the Prophets, you stir up dissatisfaction with things as they are, even as we are distracted by claims and causes that do not satisfy, and cannot bring life. Come near to us, trouble our self-centered certainties, and restore our desire for you, that we might watch eagerly for the signs of your appearing in our midst.

Come, Oh come, Emmanuel,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, including, **Dolly** Bolin, **Anna** Lang (godmother of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **Leatrice** Mowatt, **Jerry** DeMuth, **Dot** Baker, **Rosemary** Gooden, **Stacey** Gray (niece of Ron & Leslie Gatton), **Patsy** Steimer (friend of Carolyn Pereira), **Sean** Knight (son of Shirley Knight), **Sue** Fenn, **Katherine** Beetle Broadway (friends and family of Tongsgards), **Alberta** Addison, **Lee** Allen and **Rebecca** (friends of Jane Stuart), **Bronwen** O'Wril (sister of Persis Berlekamp), **Chris** Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Jennifer** Penn, **Kenneth** Larsen (father of David Larsen), and **George & Olive** Whitley.

Come, Oh come, Emmanuel,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, including, **Ella** Bergstresser (12/5, mother of Ruth Woll), **Karuna** Jesuthasan (12/5, mother of Ravin Jesuthasan), **Levi** Smith (12/7/2004, father of Levi Smith), **John** O'Dowd (12/7, grandfather of Maureen Jesuthasan), **Curtis** Burrell Jr. (12/8/2017, father of Joy Towns), and **Eddeane** Walker (12/8, Wendy Williams's mother).

Come, Oh come, Emmanuel,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, including, **Cynthia** Bagrowski (12/4), **Daniella** Pereira (12/4), **Vincent** Johnson (12/5), **Harold** Olivey (12/7), and **David** Farris (12/8). We also pray for all those celebrating their anniversaries, including, **Julianne** Buenting (ordination to priesthood anniversary Dec 5).

Come, Oh come, Emmanuel,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

God of eternity and creator of the universe, by your power and might have all things come to be; and yet you entered our world as a refugee child, that we might not live in fear but be known and named by Love. Come to us, abide with us, be born in our hearts and make this house your home, that we might be light and hope for all who seek your face.

Amen.

Prayers written by Cynthia Lindner

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All bow or kneel as able.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

All are seated for the Rite of Leave-taking.

Interim Rector: We have been blessed with the presence, prayers, and gifts of Monte, Meredith & Malakai Tugwete. God calls them to take their leave and engage in new ministries, that the witness they have so generously offered here may be spread elsewhere.

Monte address the congregation.

All stand.

Interim Rector: We give thanks for your time among us, for your gifts and for your accomplishments. Where there has been hurt, let it be forgiven. Where there has been growth and joy, let us be thankful.
Let us pray.

People: **Dear God,
be with those who leave and with those who stay;
and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you,
may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints.
All this we ask in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats.

Some announcements will be given, but there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the choir.

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King...
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

No more crying there, We are going to see the King...
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

No more dying there, We are going to see the King...
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

Words & Music: Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as able as the offering is brought to the Altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
the high - est,
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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And so, gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Father and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachael and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, + one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), Eucharistic Prayer C

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

All sing the refrain, before and after the solo verse.

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. —
— O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, — of the Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with the word 'Taste' and ends with a long horizontal line. The second staff begins with a long horizontal line and ends with the word 'the'. The third staff begins with the word 'good' and ends with a double bar line.

"Taste and see"

Words: James E. Moore, Jr., based on Psalm 34

Music: *Taste and See*, James E. Moore, Jr. (b. 1951)

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive Communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of Communion, cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, tell an usher.

The ushers will help each section up to the altar. But don't worry; all will be fed.

Healing Prayer

If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium (SE corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.

All sing.

May be sung as a four-part canon, at a distance of two measures

Pre - pare the way of the Lord, Pre - pare the way of the Lord,
and all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. — Pre -

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff has two measures, each starting with a measure rest and a first ending bracket. The second staff has four measures, each starting with a measure rest and a second ending bracket. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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All sing.

Bet - ter be read - - - y; Bet - ter be read - - - y; Bet - ter be
read - - - y; Bet - ter be read - y to try on your long white robe.

Repeat 1st time, and after last verse

after verses 1-3 and final repeat

Solo

1. Oh! rise up chil - dren, get your crown, And
2. What a glo - ri - ous morn - ing that will be, Our
3. O shout you Chris - tians, you're gain - ing ground, We'll
4. I soon shall reach that gold - en shore, And

FINE

Bet - ter be read - y to try on your long white robe.

D.S.

by your Sa - vior's side sit down. 1.2.3.4. Bet - ter be
friends and Je - sus we shall see.
shout old Sa - tan's king - dom down!
sing the songs we sang be - fore.

D.S.

Bet - ter be read - y to try on your long white robe.

"Better be ready" (#22 in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro spiritual, arr. R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

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Sending Forth

Let us pray.

Please stand as able.

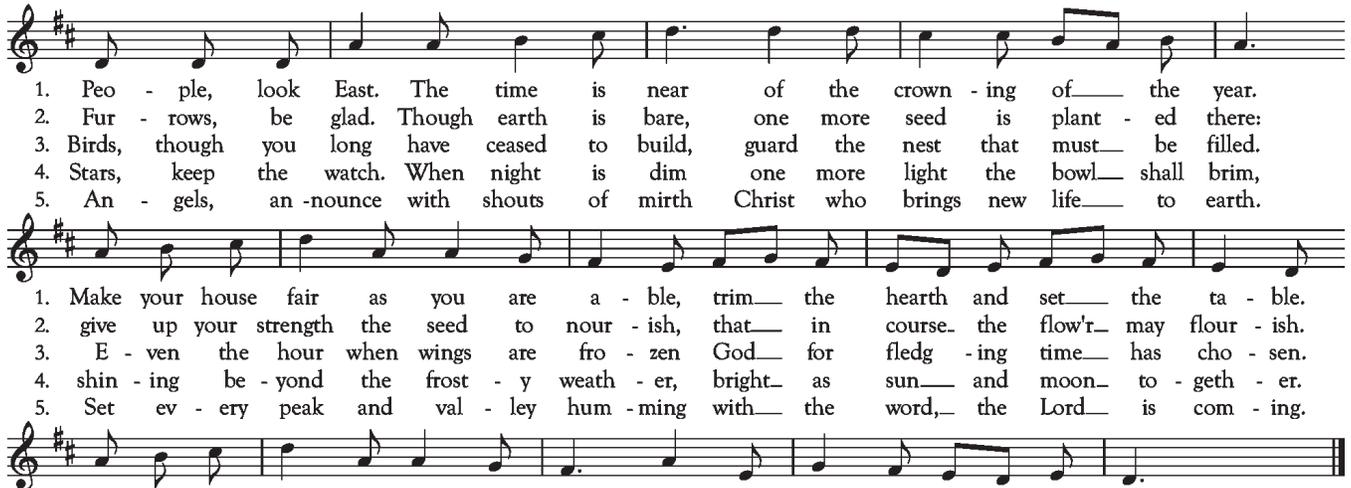
Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from your path and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son & Holy Spirit + be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

All Sing.



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the year.
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed there:
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.



1. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
2. give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
3. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
4. shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
5. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



1. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

"People, look east"

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Music: *Besaçon Carol*, 87. 98. 87

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANTI-RACISM TRAINING AT SPR ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

We've rescheduled! Facilitated by the Antiracism Commission of the Diocese of Chicago, in partnership with Chicago ROAR, this workshop will explore the idea that racism is a systemic, institutional problem of power and creates the rationale for a structural intervention to dismantle it. By participating you will learn strategic methods for engaging in productive conversations about race and dismantling systemic racism in your institution. The workshop will take place on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 8:30-4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Food and childcare will be provided. Youth are welcome to attend. Sign up online at sprchicago.org/arwg or in the Narthex. Contact antiracism@sprchicago.org for more information.



You are invited to a special musical event by the group "The Many" on Sunday, December 9 in the Sanctuary. *The Many's* indie-folk-gospel music celebrates Faith, Hope, Joy & Peace. We will gather starting at 3:30 pm with craft making in the Narthex. The music begins at 4 pm. Learn more about their music at www.themanyarehere.com.



NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 9 | Bake Sale
Everyone is invited to contribute homemade muffins, breads, cookies, snacks, pies, and cakes. If you don't bake, consider helping with pricing/wrapping or with staffing the table. All proceeds go to support Shoemith Elementary. Sign up online at sprchicago.org/bake-sale or in the Narthex. You can also email Twila Jones (tjones111922@gmail.com) or Kate Baldwin (akbaldwin@sbcglobal.net).

LETTER WRITING- NEW MINISTRY

SPR is beginning a new ministry around Letter Writing. We will meet once a month to write letters of resistance (i.e. to our elected and/or church officials) and letters of encouragement (i.e. to people who are incarcerated or detained in prisons and detention centers across the country). Each month will have a different justice theme. Sign up with Addie Domske (domske@sprchicago.org) to get on our scheduling list; you can come and go as you like, all are invited!

Upcoming meetings:

December 2 - Theme: *Immigration* | 12:15-1:15p in Byllesby Room

January 6 - Theme: *Mass Incarceration* | 12:15-1:15p in Byllesby Room

February 3 - Theme: *Women's Rights* | 12:15-1:15p in Byllesby Room

Please RSVP to Addie so we have enough supplies. Hope to see you there!



COMING UP

Adult Formation Today: **LEARNING CENTERING PRAYER** **10:20 am, St. Cecilia Room**

For Advent, Interim Rector Julianne Buenting will be presenting a three-part Adult formation series on "Centering Prayer." If you are interested in learning a new contemplative practice, this series is for you! This method of silent prayer has been taught by Contemplative Outreach and is based on early monastic contemplative prayer teachings. Julianne+ is a Centering Prayer presenter, commissioned by Contemplative Outreach. **We will meet in the St. Cecilia room from 10:25 am to 11:05 am on December 2nd, 9th and 16th.** This is a three-part series, but you are welcome to attend any session(s) as your schedule permits.

Caroling on Dec 13 at 5:30p

You are invited to join SPR caroling. Kids and parents head out into the neighborhood to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors. They'll come back to the church for pizza and cookies. For more information please contact Gretchen Eng at eng@sprchicago.org.

Join the Christmas Eve Choir

Perhaps you don't have time to commit to one of our choirs for the full season, but would like to sing sometimes. Christmas Eve is a great time! Rehearsals after Thanksgiving will focus on Christmas music. Attend Thursdays 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20. Contact Christian for specific times between 7 & 9 PM those evenings. Great, varied music; good fellowship. Contact Christian at clough@sprchicago.org for more information & to sign on.

SPR Fiber Arts Group | Dec 9 at 12:30 PM

Anyone interested in knitting and related needle arts is invited to be part of this monthly gathering to share projects and skills – and also to share each other's company. We will meet at 12:30pm in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Rebecca Luttrell at southsideknitter@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to help at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays. If you are only available one Wednesday a month, that's fine. Schedules are made monthly and you are able to pick which Wednesday(s) you are available. The Pantry hours are from 3:30 to 5:30, but, you can leave at 4:30 if need be, as Guest traffic begins to slow down. If you are interested, please email me by November 30th at shirleyk4@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

Children's Christmas Pageant Schedule

Thursday, December 13, 5:30pm: Evening Christmas Caroling & Pizza Party. Parents should feel free to chat about pageant roles with Gretchen during fellowship afterwards.

Sunday, December 16 after 9:15am service: Pageant Script Hand Out/Roles finalized (Byllesby Room)

Thursday, December 20th from 5:30-7pm: Pageant Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 23rd after 9:15am service: optional brush up rehearsal (only kids with lines, who would like help)

Monday, December 24th, 4pm: call time for the Christmas Eve Pageant and Family Service (which begins at 5pm)

Any questions, volunteering, requests should be directed to Gretchen Eng at eng@sprchicago.org. Please write her with your child/ren's age(s) and name(s) if you would like to participate!

"A potpourri of Spirit": Art Show in Chapel by Tamara LaVille

Visit the Chapel to see the art show titled "A potpourri of Spirit" by SPR parishioner Tamara LaVille. Tamara's art explores a variety of techniques to express color and form. She writes: "The Spirit informs everything, from sunrise, rendered with layers of encaustic wax, to sunset, rendered in mini-collage."

SPR Groups and Programs

Please consider joining one of these groups or programs. New participants are always welcome.

Thursday Bible Study- Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Byllesby Room. Contact John Crenson: jmcrenso@sbcglobal.net

Fiber Arts- Every Second Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Rebecca Luttrell: southsideknitter@gmail.com

Arts Committee- Every Second Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm in the Chapel. Contact: Jim Wright: jimphotoguy1@gmail.com

SPR Tap - Every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30p. Contact: Romonda McKinney Bumpus: romonda.mckinney@gmail.com

Open Kitchen - December 16 at 11:30p in the Kitchen. Contact: Fran Spaltro: pambasilea@gmail.com

PLEDGE 2019

Please pledge by next Sunday, December 9



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They can be found in the Narthex.
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Today's Ministers

Presider

Julianne Buenting, KJ Oh

Preacher

Julianne Buenting

Music Leader

Christian M. Clough

Acolytes

Helen Karafiol

Ari Karafiol

Edward Christensen

Gospel Subdeacon @ 11:15

Twila Jones

Lectors

9:15: TBD, John Adewoye

11:15: Vinita Wright, Claire Hartfield

Prayer Reader

9:15:

11:15: Cherith Nordling

Children's Chapel Leaders

Monte Tugwete, Gretchen Eng

Chalice Ministers

9:15: John Omoworare, Yanick Rosier, Barnabas Pusnur, Meryl Prochaska

11:15: David Farris, Robert Bator, Kelsey Shaw, Jim Wright

Healing Prayer Leaders

9:15: Michelle Dassinger, Fran Spaltro

11:15: Shannon Cate, Toni Daniels

Ushers

9:15: Greg Palmer, Sarah Lincoln

11:15: Rahsaan Morris, Joe Dunn

Vestry Greeter

9:15: Kate Baldwin

11:15: Hollis Walker

Altar Guild

9:15: Charlene Jones-Foster

11:15: Pamela Anderson

Linen Washer

Pat Swanson

Communion Bread Baker

Alicia Chipman

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Canticle 4 or 16

This week's Commemorations in **A Great Cloud of Witnesses** (2016, Church Publishing Group).

- December 2 Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910
- December 3 Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552
- December 4 John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
- December 5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
- December 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
- December 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
- December 8 Richard Baxter, Pastor and Writer, 1691

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Sally Wolcott

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