



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016 | 9:15 & 11:15

You Are Welcome

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. Coloring pages, crayons, and books are also at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-3; 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. See the map on the Welcome Table for details.

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 also a lift to take you downstairs, through the southeast door. See the map on the Welcome Table for details. 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.

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**
-  **We Invite All**
-  **We Connect Lives**
-  **We Nurture Faith**
-  **We Serve Neighbor**

Let's Get Connected

We look forward to getting to know you and telling you about this community:

1) 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:



The card features a sun icon at the top, followed by the title "Let's Get Connected". Below the title are five input fields: "Your Name(s)", "Your Email (please print clearly)", "Your Preferred Phone Number", "Your Mailing Address", and a "Over" button with a right-pointing arrow.

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



Check-in and follow SPR: facebook.com/sprchicago



CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

Godly Play (3 years old - 5th grade)

Sundays, 10:20-11:05a. 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.

Contact: Monte Tugwete: mt@sp-r.org

Youth Formation (6th - 12th grade)

We gather Sundays, 10:20-11:05a to enjoy donuts and discussion about key issues to our faith. Formation will be led by our beloved intern, Kenji Kuramitsu, this morning.

Contact: Addie Domske: acd@sp-r.org

Youth Group (6th - 12th grade)

This community-building group meets weekly on Sundays 5-7p, and includes dinner, often made by parent volunteers. Grab an SPRYouth Newsletter at the Welcome Table or outside the youth room for that month's schedule. Youth group is over for 2016, but get these events on your calendar for early 2017:

-MIQRA Retreat: January 15-16 at St. James Cathedral.

-SPR Youth Ski Retreat: February 18-19 at Lake Geneva Ski Resort

Contact: Addie Domske: acd@sp-r.org

FEEDING MINISTRIES

The Food Pantry

A mix of healthy foods purchased by SPR from the Greater Chicago Food Depository and donated by parishioners is given free to anyone who lives between 35th and 63rd Streets and the Lake and Cottage Grove. Over 75 individuals are served each week.

Donations: Bring an item or fill a bag.

Needed this Week: canned corn, canned peas, canned green beans, cereal, soup, canned beans

Distribution: Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30p, Narthex

Contact: Shirley Knight: shirleyk4@yahoo.com

Open Kitchen

Cook a nutritious lunch for our hungry neighbors, serving 75-100 individuals each month. No skills necessary! Meets once per month. The next cooking date is today, Sun, Dec 18, 12:30p, in the kitchen.

Contact: Fran Spaltro: pambasilea@gmail.com

Haiti Lunch Program

Support a thrice-a-week lunch program, totaling over 17,000 lunches per year at St. Patrick's School in Haiti. Donate at our annual fundraiser and/or visit St. Patrick's with a team from SPR.

Contact: Gail Williams: gwilli8787@aol.com

The Food Garden

We grow fresh organic produce for the St. Martin de Porres Woman's Shelter in Woodlawn. Our growing season is over for the year, but we will be back in the garden in the Spring.

Contact: George Chlipala: chlge@yahoo.com

THE SPR CHOIRS

Rehearsals for Christmas Eve singers on 12/20. All rehearsals resume week of 1/9.

St. Nicholas Choir (K-2nd Grade)

Sings at the 9:15 service about every 3 weeks

Weekday Rehearsal: Thursday 6-6:30p in the Sanctuary

Next Singing Date: Sunday, Jan 29

Contact: Gretchen Eng: gre@sp-r.org

Choristers (3rd Grade and Up)

Sings weekly at the 9:15 service

Weekday Rehearsal: Thursday 6-7:45p in the St. Cecilia Room

Contact: Christian Clough: cmc@sp-r.org

9:15 Adult Choir

Weekday Rehearsal: Thursday 7-8:45p in the St. Cecilia Room

Contact: Christian Clough: cmc@sp-r.org

11:15 Adult Choir

Weekday rehearsals: 2 Tuesdays per month, 7-9:30p in the St. Cecilia Room

Next Rehearsal: Tuesday, Jan 10

Contact: Christian Clough: cmc@sp-r.org

CONNECTING LIVES

Adult Formation

On Sundays at 10:20 we host speakers and discussions about matters of faith and topics relevant to current events. This week we will celebrate the generosity of this community and a successful Capital Campaign. Join us for mimosas and cake.

Contact: Peter Lane: pcl@sp-r.org

Women's Group

All women are welcome to come for snacks and conversation. Usually meets the third Saturday of the month. Next meeting is Sat, Jan 21, 3-5p in the Byllesby Room.

Contact: Anne Harlan: harlanferlo@gmail.com

Fiber Arts Group

Everyone interested in knitting, crocheting, or other fiber arts is invited to be part of this group. Usually meets the second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday, Jan 8 at 12:30p, in the Byllesby Room.

Contact: Rosemary Gooden: rdgooden@earthlink.net

Arts Committee

Join other creative minds in planning art shows for our Chapel. Usually meets the second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday, Jan 8 at 12:30p, in the Chapel.

Contact: Jim Wright: jimphotoguy1@gmail.com

Yoga Classes

Mondays and Fridays, 9:00-10:00a, Chapel. Fees are \$15 per class or \$120 for 10 class pass. Sliding scale/pay what you can is also available.

Contact: Sharla Stewart: sharla.a.stewart@gmail.com



Celebrating ADVENT

This is the season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas. "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "a coming." This season is about waiting, watching, and preparing for the coming of Jesus – both his first coming at his birth in Bethlehem and his hoped-for second coming, when perfect peace and justice will be known by all. In the church today, there are some special Advent symbols:

The Advent Wreath

This is the wreath with four blue candles in it, in front of the pulpit. It helps us count the days until Christmas, as each Sunday we light one more candle. Like the dawn breaking in the east, the light of the Advent Wreath slowly gathers and strengthens as we approach Christ's birth.

Purple and Blue

These are the colors of this season, shown in the altar cloths, the Advent Wreath candles, and the clergy's vestments. Purple is a regal color, preparing us for the King who showed us true rulership by coming to us as one who is poor. Blue is the color of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who gave him his humanity and prophesied that by him God would fulfill the hopes of her people – and of all people – for a time when the weak will be exalted and the hungry will be filled. Together, these colors also display (like the gathering light of the Advent Wreath) the early-morning sky and reflect our hopeful expectation for a new and glorious day.

Evergreens

You don't find this at most churches, but we put up our evergreen trees for all of Advent. Evergreens have long been associated with this time of year because their lively green is not overcome by the deathly cold of winter days. For this reason, they are a symbol of the life we have in Jesus: even when the world seems to be dying all around us, we share with the world a life that overcomes death. Our evergreens stand dark during most of Advent, and yet their fragrance already fills us with an unseen beauty. And by the end of Advent, they will be bright with the light of Christmas.

Prophecy

During the Sundays of Advent, our readings are thick with dreams and prophecies. Like the evergreens standing watch with us in this space, these ancient scriptures fill us with a beautiful hope for something we cannot yet see.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

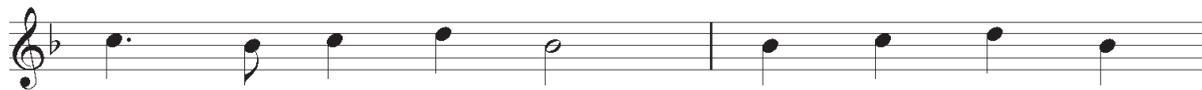
Prelude

Beethoven Trio III Opus 1 No. 3
Allegro con brio

When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing:



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)
Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, 77. 77, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God, for ever and ever.

All sing three times as the Advent Wreath is lighted:

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
**Purify our conscience, Almighty God,
by your daily visitation,
that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming,
may find in us a mansion prepared for himself;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

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 Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Mathew 1:18-25

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev'd Dan Puchalla, Associate Rector

Children's Chapel - 9:15 Only. *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.*

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the Church.

All stand as able.

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by 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.

**We 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

Creator God, in the beginning of all things you scooped us from the earth and spoke our world into being, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you move through all of it today. Breathe fresh life into our weary hearts, and shape our lives towards the healing of your creation, in every neighborhood and nation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Redeemer God, you are a Standing Rock and a Strong Fortress, under whose shadow all your poor can take refuge. Draw us into deeper faithfulness to you and to all crucified peoples in this land. We pray especially for victims of hatred, exclusion, and stripes of public violence in every form. Rupture our hearts of stone, that we might remember in our bodies all who live on bread of tears alone.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comforting God, be for us a warm and abiding heat amidst this harsh winter chill. Dwell at our hearths and in our hearts, and with our families and friends as we prepare for Christmas. Help us to see past frayed nerves, and busy minds, that we might truly pass your peace to one another this season.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Maker God, we know that you are present with all who are suffering in this day. Grant peace and presence to all who are injured in mind or body, especially **Thomas** Walker (father of Wendy Williams), **Kenneth** Larsen (father of David Larsen), **Olive & George** Whitley, and **Alexis** Okoroh, as well as their caretakers.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of our ancestors, you are faithful to every atom and speck of your holy creation. Give rest to our dead, and welcome each of your precious children into your presence. We pray especially for **Camilla** Spaltro (12/10), **Amy** Lee (12/12), **Phillip** Woll (12/20), and **Grace** Pollard (12/21).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Joyful God, fill our hearts with warm memories and new life this week. Be with all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially **Timmy** Burrows (12/18), **Clara** Christensen (12/19), **Chris** Garbrecht (12/20), **David** Stewart (12/20), **Caroline** Oldstone-Jackson (12/21), **Christopher** Collins (12/22), Ogechi **Michelle** Agina (12/23), and **Alasdair** Greenland (12/24).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with, "Lord, in your mercy."

Hasten, O God, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession, Absolution, and Peace

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 stand as able.

The peace of God 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.

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

9:15 - Sung by the Choristers

Magnificat in C minor

Words: Luke 1:46-55 (BCP 1662)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1883-1964)

11:15 - Sung by the choir

Magnificat in B-flat Major

Words: Luke 1:46-55 (BCP 1662)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as able when the clergy go 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.

It is right and a good and joyful thing...

All sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one who comes — in the name of the Lord. —

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God...
... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...
... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever.
AMEN.

Enriching our Worship 1, Eucharistic Prayer 3.

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:

introduction

Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
 world: grant us peace.

Music: Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis (b. 1930)
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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.

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

Healing Prayer - 11:15 Only. 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.

Solo:

Schäme dich, o Seele nicht,
 Deinen Heiland zu bekennen,
 Soll er dich die seine nennen
 Vor des Vaters Angesicht!
 Doch wer ihn auf dieser Erden
 Zu verleugnen sich nicht scheut,
 Soll von ihm verleugnet werden,
 Wenn er kommt zur Herrlichkeit.

*Do not be ashamed, o soul,
 to acknowledge your Savior,
 so shall He name His own
 before His Father's face!
 Yet whoever, on this earth,
 is not shy to deny Him,
 shall be denied by Him
 when he approaches glory.*

Bridget Skaggs, alto

Music: from Cantata 147 "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben", Cantata for the 4th Sunday of Advent, BWV 147, Johann Sebastian Bach

All sing:



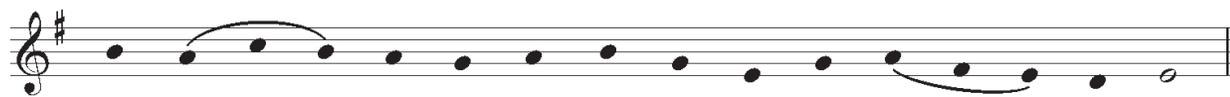
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, LM with Refrain, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

Let us pray.

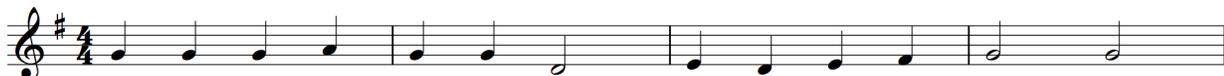
Please stand as able.

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

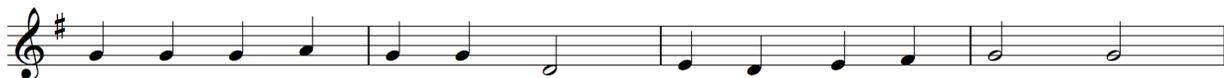
**Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

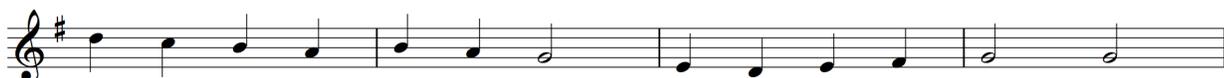
All sing:



1. Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,
2. Jo - seph, in your dark - est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,
3. Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pa - ting,
4. God who name we mag - ni - fy, all your child - ren mat - ter.



dread and joy in your heart mixed, pon dered there and sa - vored.
you cast not your love a - side, scorn and an - ger fear - ing,
nur - tur - ing your cous - in's will, you taught hope - ful wait - ing,
From op - pres - sion raise the poor; proud and might - y scat - ter.



May we learn to wel - come all that our life is bring - ing,
When a loved one brings us grief, rips our world a - sun - der,
So, as wo - men long have done, may we nev - er fal - ter
Seeds be - neath the win - ter snow live, 'tho all seems bar - ren.



e - ven when in pain we feel birth with - in us spring - ing.
dream - er, may we have your heart, o - pen to God's won - der.
to ex - tend a gen - tle touch, fears to cour - age al - ter.
Lift a car - ol, sing of hope for the Rose of Sha - ron.

Words: Carol Goodwin King
Music: *Tempus adest floridum*, 76.76. D, mel. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude
Beethoven Trio III Opus 1 No. 3
Finale-prestissimo

Update Your Calendar

TODAY **Celebrate Our Successful Fundraising for the Capital Campaign**
Join us after all three liturgies today to celebrate the incredible generosity of this community with mimosas and cake.

DEC 22 **Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal**
Everyone participating in the Christmas Pageant will rehearse in the Sanctuary, 6-7:30p. Smaller children without speaking parts will most likely be finished closer to 6:30p, no later than 7p.

DEC 24 **Christmas Eve Services**
• 5:00p - Family Service and Christmas Pageant (Pageant participants arrive in the Sanctuary by 4p).
• 9:00p - Festal Service with choir and hymns.

DEC 25 **Christmas Service**
• 10:00a - Christmas Morning Service with hymns.

JAN 1 **8a and 10a Services Only**
We will return to our regularly scheduled services on Sunday, Jan 8.

JAN 8 **Honoring the Food Pantry and Open Kitchen**
Bring a box of cereal for the Food Pantry and celebrate the work of two of our feeding ministries, the Food Pantry and Open Kitchen. We will have king cake after each service in honor of Epiphany.

Pastoral Drop-in Hours with Dan Puchalla

Going through a difficult time? Have questions about God or want to work on your prayer life? Just want to chat? Drop by the Byllesby Room to talk with Dan Puchalla, Associate Rector, any Wednesday between 4:00 and 7:00p. In light of the joys and struggles of the holiday season, pastoral drop-in hours will be extended on Wednesday, Dec 28 to 12:00 - 8:00p. As always, you're also invited to contact Peter (pcl@sp-r.org) or Dan (dap@sp-r.org) at any time for pastoral conversations.



Celebrate Our Successful Fundraising for the Capital Campaign

Join us after all three liturgies today to celebrate the incredible generosity of this community with mimosas and cake.

Thank You from Shoemith School

Congratulations on a successful fundraising bake sale for Shoemith Elementary School! Your generosity raised \$1,085.50 towards computers for the kindergarteen classrooms for students to work on literacy skills. A special thank you to Kate Baldwin and Twila Jones for their work organizing the event and to all of the volunteers who baked and staffed the sale tables. Below is a note from the kindergarteen teacher.

Dear St. Paul & the Redeemer,
Thank you for your kind and generous donations to our classroom. These items will not only contribute to our technology in our classroom, but also to our kindergartener's love for reading. I know they will gravitate towards these laptops and reach their goals. I can't thank you enough for the awesome gift. I can't wait to share some photos!
With gratitude,
Mrs. Hobson

Christmas Pageant Important Dates

Dress Rehearsal - Thurs, Dec 22 6-7:30p. Smaller children without speaking parts will probably be finished closer to 6:30p, no later than 7p.

Christmas Eve Pageant - All participants come to the Sanctuary at 4p to prepare for the 5p Family Service

Healing Prayer at 11:15

Healing Prayer will continue to be offered during the Eucharist in the 11:15 service. Healing prayer is not for physical needs only but also for any aspect of your life that needs healing. After you have been served at the communion table, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium, where a prayer team member prays a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer briefly before you return to your seat.

Upcoming Choir Schedule Changes

There will be no choirs on Christmas Day or New Years' Day and pick up choirs will sing on Sun, Jan 8. Regular rehearsals will begin again on Tues, Jan 10 and Thurs, Jan 12. Questions? Contact Christian (cmc@sp-r.org).

Today's Ministers

Presiders

Peter Lane, Dan Puchalla

Preacher

Dan Puchalla

Deacon

Jack Seymour

Music Leader

Christian Clough

Guest Musicians

Clara Christensen, *piano*

Kerstin Welbery, *violin*

Peter Lane, *cello*

Acolytes (9:15)

Andrew Rostan, Michael Stewart, Peter Stewart

Subdeacons (11:15)

Twila Jones, Kenji Kuramitsu

Advent Wreath Lighters

9:15 | Osborne Family

11:15 | Conor Mather-Licht and Deidre Honig

Lectors

9:15 | Gabriel Lear

11:15 | Rosemary Gooden

Children's Chapel Leaders (9:15)

Monte Tugwete, Gretchen Eng

Prayer Reader

9:15 | Kenji Kuramitsu

11:15 | Leatrice Mowatt

Chalice Ministers

9:15 | Michelle Dassinger, Fiona Greenland, Sharla Stewart, Gail Williams

11:15 | William Jackson, Tamara LaVille, Conor Mather-Licht, Jim Wright

Healing Prayer Leaders (11:15)

Toni Daniels, Vinita Wright

Ushers

9:15 | Will Greenland, Sarah Lincoln

11:15 | Charlie Berry, David Larsen

Vestry Greeter

9:15 | Maureen Jesuthasan

11:15 | Jane McCamant

Altar Guild

9:15 | Kate Benson

11:15 | Camille Long

Linen Washer

Janet Underwood

Communion Bread Baker

Carolyn Pereira

Money Counter

Lydia Gajdel, Brenda Kilpatrick

Hospitality

9:15 | Osborne Family

Vestry

Wardens

Harold Olivey

Romonda McKinney

Bumpus

Treasurer

Doug Hoffman

Clerk

Twila Jones

Vestry Class of 2017

Mel Parks

Sally Wolcott

Vinita Wright

Vestry Class of 2018

Adetayo Adegoke

Allison Clark

Will Greenland

Vestry Class of 2019

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