



*Matthew 24:36-44
Cerezo Barredo's weekly gospel illustration.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM

You Are Welcome

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What Kind of Church Is This?

St. Paul & the Redeemer is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice. SPR honors both faith and doubt, bringing together our highest hopes and our deepest fears.

SPR Anti-Racism Vision Statement

To mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus and be true to our baptismal covenant, we strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

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://www.instagram.com/sprchicago)



Let's Get Connected

Your Name(s) _____

Your Email (please print clearly) _____

Your Preferred Phone Number
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Mobile Landline

Your Mailing Address _____

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Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00a-12:30p | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, 9:30a-9:45a | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from **preschool to second grade** are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

No Godly Play today, due to Thanksgiving weekend.

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.

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?

Feel free to ask anyone to guide you! You can also pick up a building map at the Welcome Table, near the west entrance to the church.

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 needed.

How about hearing assistance?

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

Youth Formation

No Youth Formation or Youth Group today due, to Thanksgiving weekend.

High School Small Group | This small group is open to all high school youth, grades 9-12. Sign-up required. We will meet at Liz's apartment. Please email Liz at koerner@sprchicago.org for details.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

When the bell rings, please stand as able and 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!

The Hymnal 1982 #56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

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); acc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

All sing.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of chords in the Treble clef, with a simple bass line in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score concludes with a double bar line.

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #102 The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion
Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)*

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 Isaiah.

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

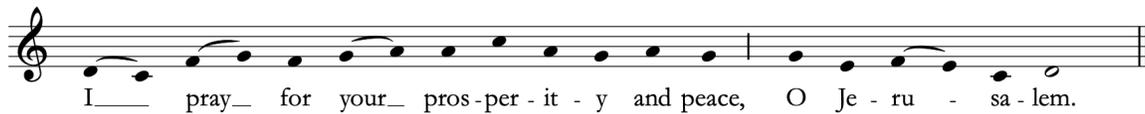
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Thanks be to God.

The choir introduces the refrain, which all repeat together. The choir sings the verses. The people join in singing the refrain where indicated.

Psalm 122



I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **Refrain**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David. **Refrain**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers. **Refrain**

For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good." **Refrain**

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A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Thanks be to God.

The choir introduces each line of the chant, which the people then repeat.

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.

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

All 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for **Anna** Braucher, **Michael** Clough (father of Christian Clough), **Mary** Johnson, **Sara** Pitcher (friends of Mary Naftzger), **Willie** C. Spraggins (aunt of Jo Ann Roberts), **Sally** Wolcott and her family, **Eli** Taylor (brother-in-law of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Rock** Sehr, **William** Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), **Cheryl** Vanorsby, A. **Henry** Randall, Jr. (grandfather of Evan Randall), **Sophie** Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), **Naomi** Haynes, **George** Whitley, **Sean** Knight (son of

Shirley Knight), **Tim** Sehr, **William** Starnes (father of Pam Anderson), **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **Leatrice** Mowatt, **Katherine** Beetle Broadway (family of Tonsgards), **Bronwen** O'Wril (sister of Persis Berlekamp), **Chris** Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), and **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember **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), and **John** O'Dowd (12/7, grandfather of Maureen Jesuthasan).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We joyfully thank you for those celebrating birthdays, including **John** Downey (12/3), **Cynthia** Bagrowski (12/4), **Daniella** Pereira (12/4), and **Vincent** Johnson (12/5).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Prayers of the People, Form IV.
Requests for prayers can be sent to Barnabas Pusnur at pusnur@sprchicago.org.*

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.

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.

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity: Let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity. Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain, and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain. Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes, peace be in thee, I'll say. And for the house of God our Lord, I'll seek thy good alway.

Words: *The Scottish Psalter* (1650)

Music: Melody from *Playford's Psalms* (1671), setting Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), ed. Andrew Crookall

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Music: from *Eucharist of the Soul*, Lena McLin (b. 1928)

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Eucharistic Prayer B

All sing in canon, ad lib.

1
Pre - pare the way of the Lord, 2
Pre - pare the way of the Lord,
3
and all peo - ple will see 4
the sal - va - tion of our God. — Pre -

"Prepare the way of the Lord" (Taizé)

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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All sing.

O Mar-y, O Mar-y, ring dem bells. O Mar-y, O Mar-y, ring dem bells,
O Mar-tha, O Mar-tha,

I hear arch - an - gels a rock-in' Je - ru - sa - lem, I hear arch - an - gels a ring-in' dem bells. **FINE**

1. Church get-tin' high-er! Rock-in' Je - ru - sa - lem! Church get-tin' high-er! ring-in' dem bells.
2. New Je - ru - sa - lem!_ New Je - ru - sa - lem!_ **D.C.**

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #17 "Rockin' Jerusalem (O Mary, O Martha)"

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer

Sending Forth

Please stand.

Let us pray.

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 before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Book of Occasional Services, Advent blessing, p. 9

All sing.

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -



ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

The Hymnal 1982 #61 "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us"
 Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
 Music: *Wachet auf, Irr.*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme", *BWV 645*, from the Schübler Chorales, tr. from tenor aria in Cantata 140

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

COMING UP

Imagining Our Future: 2020 Stewardship Campaign

Every household at SPR is encouraged to make a financial pledge to the church for 2020. Help imagine our future and ensure the long-term health of the parish! Pick up a pledge card in the narthex (foyer), or pledge online at sprchicago.org/giving.

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 on **Thursdays 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19**. Contact Christian for specific times between 7 & 9 PM those evenings. Great, varied music; good fellowship. Contact Christian (clough@sprchicago.org) for more information and to sign up.

Advent Bake Sale

The SPR Advent bake sale will be on **Sunday, December 15**. Everyone is invited to contribute homemade baked treats. If you don't bake, consider helping with pricing, wrapping, or staffing the table. All proceeds will go to support the arts at Shoemith Elementary School. Sign up in the narthex or at sprchicago.org/bake-sale.

Bird Photo Purchase

The current art show in the chapel will end on **December 15** so that people who buy the artwork can have it before Christmas. The bird photos can be bought for \$50 each, with proceeds going to the SPR Food Pantry. If you would like to buy one of the remaining photos, please see Tom Irving or Jim Wright, and pick it up from the chapel on December 15. For more information, contact Jim Wright (jimphotoguy1@gmail.com).

Children's Christmas Pageant Schedule

Thursday, December 12, 5:30pm: Chat about pageant roles during fellowship after Christmas caroling

Sunday, December 15, after 9:15am service/Godly Play: Pageant script hand-out/roles finalized (Byllesby Room)

Thursday, December 19, from 5:30-7pm: Pageant dress rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 22, after 9:15am service: Optional brush-up rehearsal (only kids with lines, who would like help)

Tuesday, December 24, 4pm: Call time for the Christmas Eve pageant

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

Coming Up: Adult Formation

Join us for Adult Formation on Sundays at 10:20am in the parish hall.

December 1: No Formation (Thanksgiving Weekend)

December 8: Godly Play for All

This will be an intergenerational formation with Director of Children's Formation Cynthia Bagrowski. Advent wreath supplies will be available.

Kids' Cookie Exchange Party

Parents with small kids, come join us for a cookie exchange on **Saturday, December 7 at 2-4pm**, at the Hoover-Daniel house. Bring a batch of cookies to share. Contact: Megg Hoover (margarethoover@hotmail.com).

Youth Christmas

On **Sunday, December 15, from 5 to 7pm** youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for White Elephant Gift Exchange Party.

December Ordinations

Jaime Briceño and Brenda Kilpatrick will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons and Shawn Evelyn will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on **Saturday, December 14, at 11:00am** at St. James Cathedral (65 E. Huron). All are invited to attend.

SPR Caroling

You are invited to join SPR caroling on **Thursday, December 12 at 5:30pm**. 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 (eng@sprchicago.org).

Longest Night Service with music group 'The Many'

The holidays are not always joyful. On **Friday, December 20 at 7pm** in the sanctuary, join us for a Christmas service featuring music by indie-folk-gospel band The Many. This service will provide space for grief, lament and hope.

SPR Groups and Programs

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

Bible Study: Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Kerstin Wellbery (kara.kerstin@gmail.com).

Open Kitchen: The Sunday before the third Monday of each month, 12:30pm in the Kitchen. Contact: Fran Spaltro (pambasilea@gmail.com).

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

Arts Committee: Every second Sunday of the month, 12:30pm in the Chapel. Contact: Jim Wright (jimphotoguy1@gmail.com).

20s & 30s Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Julia McMillan (mcmillan013@gmail.com).

50s & Better Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Sheila Bator (sbator@aol.com).

SPR Choirs: All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade): Thursday Rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org).

SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above): Thursday rehearsal 6-7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Teen & Adult Choirs: Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

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KJ Oh

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Shawn Evelyn

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Acolytes

9:15: Matthew Erlec, Ari Karafiol

Lectors

9:15: J'Heannhehbelle Rosier, _____

11:15:

Prayer Reader

9:15: John Adewoye

11:15: Claire Hartfield

Children's Chapel Leaders

Cynthia Bagrowski, Gretchen Eng

Chalice Ministers

9:15: Yanick Rosier, Gail Williams, Esther Foiles

11:15: Caroline Oldstone-Jackson, Tamara Laville, Tayo Adegoke

Healing Prayer Leaders

9:15: Joshua Daniel, Padmaragam Vundi

11:15: Toni Daniels

Ushers

9:15: Mahrhotal Rosier, Swahdreeznya Rosier

11:15: Val Cavin, Chinyere Agina

Vestry Greeter

9:15: Romonda McKinney Bumpus

11:15: Hollis Walker

Altar Guild

9:15:

11:15: Pamela Anderson

Linen Washer

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