



4 Domingo de Adviento A (Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A)
Misioneros Del Sagrado Corazón en el Perú.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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://twitter.com/sprchicago)



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.

Godly Play 10:20a-11:05a | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play **today, December 22, at 10:20am**. We will continue the Advent story. Children are invited to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn more about volunteering with Godly Play, contact director of children's formation Cynthia Bagrowski (bagrowski@sprchicago.org).

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.

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.
We will resume on January 5, 2020.

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.

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

The Hymnal 1982 #616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, 76. 76. D, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Welcome

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Members of the congregation will be invited forward to light the Advent wreath.

Blessed are you, Holy God, just and true,
to you be praise and glory for ever!
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us your people to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Source: The Promise of His Glory: Services and Prayers for the Season from All Saints to Candlemas, Church House Publishing, 1993

@ both services. All sing three times.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Bass/Tenor) in a minor key. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs and dynamic markings.

*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.

**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.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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 80:1-7, 16-18

Refrain:



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Refrain

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Refrain

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Refrain

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Music: Plainsong Tone IV.4

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able. 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"

Words & Music: Edward V. Bonnemere (1921-1996), adapt. *Advent Jazz Vespers II*, © Amity Music Corporation, 1475 Gaylord Terrace, Teaneck, NJ 07666. All rights reserved.

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.

Matthew 1:18-25

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.

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.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

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

God who is ever with us, as we move through this Advent season, we pray that your Spirit would help us listen for all the ways in which the story of your birth echoes in our own time, and may your Son find a dwelling place prepared for him still.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We look to the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who with her assent gave birth to our salvation. Help us to also follow you where you lead us, and so make way for possibilities unimaginable.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant traveling mercies to all who will be on the road or in the air to see their loved ones. We pray also for fruitful conversations and peaceful gatherings during their time together.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember those for whom this season is marked by grief and despair, and we hope that even when the trappings of the holidays feel out of tune, they might find comfort in the presence of the God who brought light into the shadows.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort those who are ailing, whether in body, mind, or spirit, and sustain them with your Spirit. We pray especially for **Anna** Braucher, **Mary** Johnson (friend 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.

May our beloved dead find rest in Your presence as we cherish the memories of their time among us, remembering especially **Lee** Flora Tolbert (12/22/15, mother of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Mary** Lou Wiggins (12/23/2016, mother of Ellen Wiggins), **Dana** Stewart (12/26, former parishioner), **Jack** Schultz (12/28, grandfather of Maureen Jesuthasan), and **Alice** Karl (12/28, former parishioner).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this season of giving we give you thanks above all for the gift of life, remembering those celebrating birthdays, including **Christopher** Collins (12/22), **Ogechi** Michelle Agina (12/23), and **Yasmin** Morris (12/26); and those celebrating anniversaries, including **Bob & Sheila** Bator (12/26).

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.**

Prayers written by Jonathan Foiles.

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.

Vum Vive Vum from "Angel of Light," a cantata based on Shaker themes

Music: Shaker melody, 1844; arr. Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

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.**

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

"Lamb of God" (*Agnus Dei*)

Music: Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis (b. 1930). © 1990 Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis.

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. 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 (in the southeast 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.

Keyboard

Pre- pare ye the way ____ of the

Lord. _____ Pre- pare ye the way ____ of the Lord. ____ Lord.

1.-4. Final ending **Fine**

D.S.

1. Make straight in the des - ert _____ a high - way for our God.
2. Fill ev - 'ry val - ley, _____ bring all moun - tains low.
3. Go up to a moun tain _____ and shout with a loud voice.
4. Say to all peo - ple, _____ here ____ is your God.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #11 "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"

Words: Isaiah 40.3-4, 9

Music: James E. Moore, Jr. (b. 1951)

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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 whose name we mag - ni - fy, all your chil - dren 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 - tu - ring your cou - sin's will, you taught hope - ful wait - ing.
From op - pres - sion raise the poor; proud and migh - ty 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 ne - ver 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.
drea mer, 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 ca - rol, sing of hope for the Rose of Sha - ron.

Voices Found #64 "Mary, when the angel's voice"
Words: Carol Goodwin King, © 1997 Carol Goodwin King
Music: *Tempus adest floridum*, 76. 76. D, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; harm. unknown

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, mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Book of Occasional Services, Advent blessing, p. 9

All sing.

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Hymnal 1982 #57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley*, 87. 87. 12 7, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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. **Please pledge today, Sunday, December 22, as we celebrate Commitment Sunday.**

Children's Christmas Pageant Schedule

Today, 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!

Partnership with Community Renewal Society

The SPR Vestry and Anti-Racism Working Group are excited to announce our new partnership with the Community Renewal Society (CRS). CRS is a 136-year-old faith-based organization that works to address social justice issues at the intersection of race and poverty at local and state levels. CRS will work with our congregation to create a team of parishioners who are interested in doing action-oriented justice work, in order to complement, strengthen, and focus the energy of our current ministries.

Please look forward to a formation on **Sunday, January 12 at 10:20am** to learn more about CRS and what this partnership means for SPR. Please email antiracism@sprchicago.org if you have any questions.

Global Creche Exhibit

A special display of nativity scenes from a dozen countries will be exhibited in the Byllesby Room from Tuesday, December 24 through Monday, January 6. Please visit this exhibit to learn about the global traditions around Christmas.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Faith in Action Assembly

Please join the SPR Anti-Racism Working Group in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. We are organizing a group to attend the Community Renewal Society's Faith in Action Assembly, which will include worship and a panel discussion with youth from across the Chicagoland area. The event will take place on **Monday, January 20 from 8am to noon** at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 2151 W. Washington Boulevard. Childcare will be provided during the assembly for ages three and up. Please sign up in the narthex or by emailing antiracism@sprchicago.org, and indicate if you need a ride and/or childcare.

Memorial Service for Scott Lee

A memorial service for Scott Strickland Lee, late partner of SPR member Jane McCamant, will take place at St. Paul & the Redeemer on **Saturday, January 11, at 4:00pm**. Jane would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of the church to attend the service, whether you knew Scott or not. She hopes that this service can be an opportunity for all of us to remember our own beloved dead and hear again the Gospel message that death is not the final word.

A Note on the Offertory Anthem

Of the music sung at today's offertory, David Pike writes: "*Angel of Light* is a free interpretation of music from a distinct decade of Shaker history known as the 'Era of Manifestations' ... Rhapsodic and visionary, the music from this period is unlike any other music from the time ... It's really an American mysticism." [Composer] Siegfried says, "In my music, I've always been drawn to the rhythms and sounds of the human voice, to the purity of chant. Discovering Shaker music was, for me, a revelation." Read more online: David Pike, "Gentle Words, Kindly Spoken," in the July/August 2016 issue of *Choir and Organ*.

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).

Today's Ministers

Presider

Catherine Healy

Preacher

Roger Ferlo

Deacons

Jack Seymour

Music Leader

Christian Clough

Acolytes

9:15: Mahrhotal Rosier, Swahdreeznya Rosier

Subdeacon

11:15: Mel Parks

Lectors

9:15: J'Heannhehbelle Rosier, Fran Spaltro

11:15: Rahsaan Morris, Claire Hartfield

Prayer Reader

9:15: Jonathan Foiles

11:15: Mike Agina

Children's Chapel Leaders

Cynthia Bagrowski, Gretchen Eng

Chalice Ministers

9:15: Yanick Rosier, Meryl Prochaska, Peggy Johnson

11:15: Kelsey Shaw, Jim Wright

Healing Prayer Leaders

9:15: Joshua Daniel

11:15: Toni Daniels, Vinita Wright

Ushers

9:15: George Chlipala, Vincent Johnson

11:15: Jennifer Jeck, Mike Agina

Vestry Greeter

9:15: Micah Prochaska

11:15: Jared Beverly

Altar Guild

9:15:

11:15: Pamela Anderson

Linen Washer

Janet Underwood

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