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CHRIST THE KING

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER November 21, 2021 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM



A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) 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.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St.
Paul & the Redeemer. Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a Let's Get Connected form.

Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | 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, 9:30am-9:45am | 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 10:20am-11:05am | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play today at 10:20am to hear the story of Advent I-II (pre-K/K), The Prophets (Grade 1-2), or The Story of Prophet Isaiah (Grades 3-5). Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact Dafne del Risco-Nolla (nolla@sprchicago.org).

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

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.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, or scan this code to give via PayPal. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!

Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Join us today for youth formation (grade 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion. We've pondered questions like "Is God male?"; "Did God write the Bible?"; and "What is the real meaning of Christmas?"

Youth Group: God at the Movies, today, 4-7pm This week's film is Spike Lee's *Do The Right Thing* (1989), which explores racial tension in a Brooklyn neighborhood. We will follow the screening with a discussion about anti-racism, community, and how we are called as Christians to love our neighbor.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude & Improvisation on *Picardy*

Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; treatments by David Hurd, Copyright © 2004, Selah Publishing Co., Inc. Streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721; and Christian M. Clough.





The Hymnal 1982 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: *Picardy*, 87. 87. 87, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Welcome

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords:

Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,

the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,

his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,

the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,

ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,

like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,

gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting

covenant,

ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper

all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are

thrown away;

for they cannot be picked up with the

hand:

to touch them one uses an iron bar

or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on

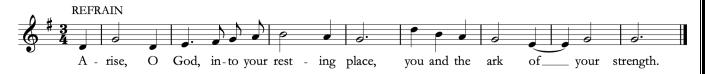
the spot.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132:1-13

The choir introduces the refrain, which all repeat together. The choir sings the psalm, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.



O God, remember David and all the hardships he endured;

How he swore an oath to God and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob: **Refrain**

"I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb up into my bed;

I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber;

Until I find a place for you, O God, a dwelling for you, O Mighty One of Jacob." **Refrain**

"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before God's footstool." **Refrain**

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your Anointed. **Refrain**

You have sworn an oath to David; in truth, you will not break it:

"A son, the fruit of your body, will I set upon your throne.

If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore." **Refrain**

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A reading from the Revelation to John.

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Chant at the Gospel Procession



"Allunde, allunde"

Words: Traditional

Music: East African Chant, arr. Geoff Weaver (b. 1943) and Michael O'Connor

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

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

John 18:33-37

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Dafne del Risco-Nolla and Gretchen Eng. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the Peace.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy (Rector)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

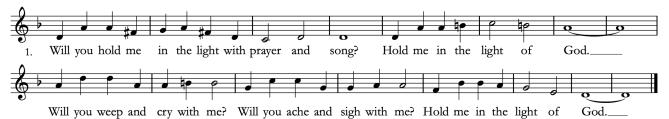
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All sing the first stanza as an invocation to prayer. At the conclusion of the prayers, all sing the final stanza.



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. We pray for peace and security for the people of Haiti, and for St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, our partner parish.

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.

We give you thanks for the birthdays of **Gayle** Diggs (11/21), **Lucy** Osborne (11/22), **Max** Rendón (11/22), **John** Omoworare (11/24), **Lindsey** Strieter (11/24), **Matthew** Narain (11/25), and **Romonda** McKinney (11/26); and the anniversary of **Tina & Jeff** Dugas (11/27). 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 **Hyacinth** Evans, **Bonnie** Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Julienne** Collins, **Sharon** Brown Lawson (friend of Loretta Daniels), **Al** Baker, **Ron** Gatton, **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Klara** Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), **David** Daniels, **Stacey** Morris, **Rock** Sehr, **Amelia** Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), **Kathy** Pachuta (sister-in-law of David Farris), and all those on our prayer list.

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 pray especially for **Glenda** Guerrero Mowatt (11/21/2017, mother of Cecilia, Victor, Cyril, Raoul, Enrico and Mario Mowatt), **Louis** Ball (11/23/1996, father of Charlene Jones-Foster), **Kenneth** Larsen (11/26/2018, father of David Larsen), **June** Schultz (11/27, grandmother of Maureen Jesuthasan), and **Cajsa** Elo (11/27, former parishioner). Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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



"Will you hold me in the light"

Words: Adam M. L. Tice (b. 1979). Music: *Assembly*, 11. 7. 7. 7, Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952)

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Prayer list: Hyacinth Evans, Bonnie Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), Julienne Collins, Sharon Brown Lawson Lawson (friend of Loretta Daniels), Al Baker, Ron Gatton, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Joseph Burgio, Josef Michael Carr, Jr., Stacey Morris, Hank Underwood, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Jenny Jeck, Shannon Cate and her family, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Kathy Pachuta (sister-in-law of David Farris), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, and Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All are invited to bow or kneel.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: William Ferris (1937-2000)

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.

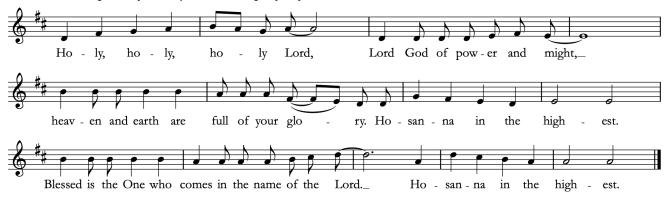
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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.

The celebrant adds a preface.

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:



Music: from *Liturgy of Joy*, James Capers (b. 1948)
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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.

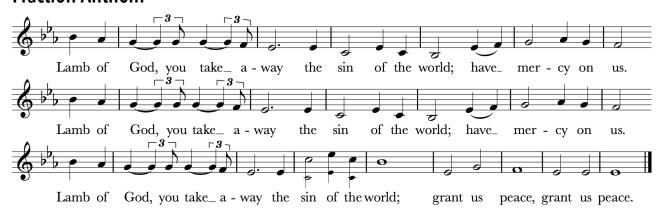
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem



"Lamb of God"

Music: from Liturgy of Joy, James Capers (b. 1948)

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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 communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns



Lift Every Voice and Sing II – #97 "Ride on, King Jesus"

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958) Arr. Copyright © 1990 Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. All Rights Reserved.



The Hymnal 1982 - #458 "My song is love unknown"

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Music: Love unknown, 66. 66. 44. 44, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

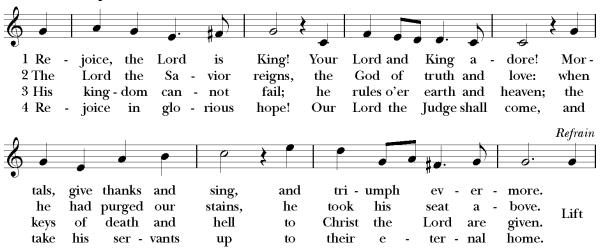
Let us pray.

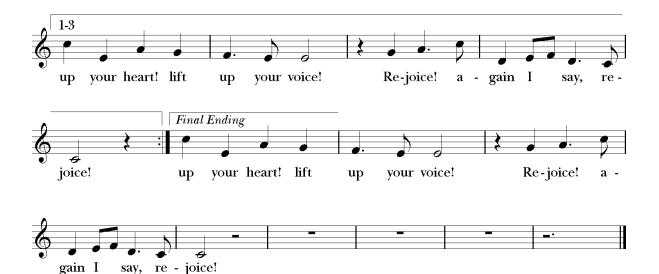
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness 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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.**

Dismissal Hymn





The Hymnal 1982 – #481 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Gopsal, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (1905-1992)

Meter: 66. 66 with Refrain

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

V. Acclamations (sur le texte des Acclamations Carolingiennes) from Suite Médiévale, Op. 56

Music: Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

This piece is particularly appropriate for today, the Feast of the Reign of Christ (also known as Christ the King), as it is based on the old plainsong hymn "Christus Vincit", the melody of which occurs in the pedal line of Langlais's setting. The opening acclamation, which reads "Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat! (Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ commands!)", is then followed by a series of responsorial petitions, proper to the occasion at which it was sung. It has traditionally been used in triumphal liturgies in the Roman Catholic Church and the Holy Roman Empire, such as at the inauguration of a pope or coronation of the Holy Roman Emperor (hence the subtitle "Carolingian Acclamations"). Its associations with empire and the worldly power of the Church may nowadays provoke more critical responses. Jean Langlais was a prolific modernist French composer and celebrated organist, best known for his organ and choral music. His high repute as an organist is particularly noteworthy because he was blind from the age of 2.

Coming Up at SPR

Adult Formation: Spirituality and the Arts

Please join us for our upcoming adult formation lecture in the parish hall on **today at 10:20am** on spirituality and the arts. Artist (and cornucopia creator) Levi Smith will discuss the cornucopia hanging in the sanctuary, including both the details of its creation and its theological significance.

20s/30s Group: Pub Trivia Night

All SPR members in their 20s and 30s are invited to a pub trivia night at the Fado Irish Pub in River North (100 W. Grand) on **Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 PM.** Fado is two blocks from the Grand station on the Red Line. To join a carpool or offer to drive others, contact Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

Volunteers Needed: MWA Holiday Food Boxes

The Midwest Workers' Association (MWA) will be packing holiday food boxes for 100-200 families on **Tuesday**, **November 23 and Wednesday**, **December 22 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the SPR parish hall**. Volunteers are invited to assist with packing boxes, making deliveries by car, or both. All ages are welcome; children under 18 must bring a parent or guardian. Questions? Contact Valery, MWA volunteer coordinator, at 773-285-0485.

Advent Respite Service

All are invited to attend a quiet Advent respite service of worship, held both in person and via Zoom, on the evening of **Friday, December 10** (time and details forthcoming). To volunteer as a lector or leader, contact Sara Bigger (sarafaganbigger@qmail.com).

SPR Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join SPR in Christmas caroling on **Thursday, December 16 at 5:30 PM!** Kids and parents will head out into the neighborhood to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors. We'll return to the church for fellowship afterward. This event is child-focused, but all ages (with or without kids in tow) are welcome. For more information, please contact Gretchen Eng.

Racial Justice & Truth-Telling Webinars

Join the Anti-Racism Working Group in attending online webinars with leaders who are dedicated to racial truth-telling and healing the wounds of racism, hosted by the national Episcopal Church's Racial Reconciliation and Justice Team on Tuesday, December 14 and Wednesday, January 12 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Please email ARWG member Ruth Woll (ruthewoll@gmail.com) if you plan to attend, and visit tinyurl.com/arwg-event to register.

Advent Bake Sale

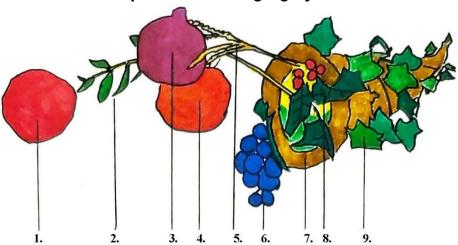
The SPR Advent bake sale will be on **Sunday, December 12, after the 9:15 & 11:15 services**. Everyone is invited to contribute homemade baked treats. If you don't bake, consider helping with pricing, wrapping, or staffing the table. All proceeds will go to support Shoesmith Elementary School. To volunteer, sign up in the narthex or contact Kate Baldwin (akbaldwin@sbcglobal.net).

Children's Christmas Pageant

Consider involving your child in our joyful return to live Christmas Pageant performance this year. There's a part for everyone, from toddlers who are not yet ready to memorize lines to older kids who can volunteer to help with the little ones. Please write to Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org) with your child/ren's age(s) and name(s) if they would like to participate!

- Sunday, December 12, after the 9:15 service: Chat about pageant roles and casting during formation hour and bake sale
- Thursday, December 16: Roles assigned via email; scripts distributed electronically. Check in with Gretchen during caroling fellowship!
- Sunday, December 19, after the 9:15 service: Optional brush-up rehearsal (only for kids with lines who would like help)
- Thursday, December 23, 6:00-7:15 PM: Dress rehearsal for all parts (kids without lines dismissed around 6:45 PM)
- Friday, December 24, 4:00 PM: Call time for the Christmas Eve pageant (service begins at 5:00 PM)

Cornucopia Church Hanging by Levi



- 1. **Apple:** Traditionally, if not biblically, the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden. A symbol of the "Fall of Man," and, when held by the infant Jesus, a symbol of his future mission as Redeemer.
- 2. **Olive Branch:** An ancient symbol of peace. In the Old Testament, brought back to the Ark by a dove, a symbol of God making peace with man after the Flood.
- 3. **Pomegranate:** An ancient symbol of fertility and prosperity, associated with the Virgin Mary or the infant Christ who hold the fruit, bursting with seeds, and understood as symbolic of Christ's suffering and resurrection.
- 4. **Orange:** Occasionally a substitute for an apple held by the Christ Child and similarly associated with the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.
- 5. **Sheaf of Wheat:** Traditionally symbolic of the Eucharistic bread of Communion.
- 6. **Bunch of Grapes:** Symbolic of the Eucharistic wine of Communion.
- 7. **Cornucopia:** (from Latin: *cornu copiae*) "horn of plenty," A horn-shaped basket associated with and symbolic of many virtues, personifications, gods and goddesses and seen as symbolic of Autumn (and the Harvest), of Abundance, Peace and Concord, and of Fortune and Hospitality. In the United States it has often been used as a symbol of the secular holiday of Thanksgiving.
- 8. **Holly:** Often associated with winter and understood as particularly hardy because of its evergreen leaves, it has been associated with Christmas since medieval times and more particularly with Christ, specifically with the crown of thorns and the blood it drew, but also, because of its hardiness, with Christ's resurrection.
- 9. **Ivy:** Associated with immortality because of its vitality and evergreen color, it forms a wonderful pair with Holly in the traditional Christmas hymn: "The Holly and the Ivy."

The Program: The cornucopia can be read from left to right (front to back) as symbolic of the biblical progress of man from eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, to God's promise, in the wake of the Flood never again to destroy the world (and more generally of man's need to work with his knowledge for Peace). This is followed by two symbols of the spiritual fertility of Mary and of Christ's redeeming sacrifice, and then by the symbols of the communion. The Holly and the Ivy are symbolic both of Christ's sacrifice, and of its enduring vitality and fruitfulness. The cornucopia pouring out its riches is a symbol of Christianity and of the world's extraordinary abundance. As we say (in the old liturgy) at the presentation of the offering: "All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

Levi Smith (Sources: James Hall, *Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols in Art* & Wikipedia)

Serving Today

November 21, 2021

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leader: Christian Clough

Children's Chapel Leaders: Dafne del Risco-Nolla,

Gretchen Eng

Acolyte: Matthew Erlec (9:15)

Lectors: Jason Cather, Kari Martin, Anna Mary Wallace

(9:15); Doug Hoffman, Andrew Rostan (11:15)

Ushers: Vincent Johnson (9:15); Val Cavin, Rahsaan Morris

(11:15)

Vestry Greeters: Meryl Prochaska (9:15), Tayo Adegoke

(11:15)

Altar Guild: Camille Long (11:15)
Linen Washer: Janet Underwood

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Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoesmith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.

