



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Christmas Eve  
Festive Choral Eucharist at 11:00 p.m.  
December 24, 2015

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Caroling at 10:30      *See Insert*

#### GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Entrance Hymn 83    O Come, All Ye Faithful      *All stand, if able; sung by all.*

#### Salutation

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

#### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Gloria (S-280) - *Sung by all*

**Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray. *Followed by a brief pause.*

Collect for Christmas *Said by Celebrant*

The First Lesson      Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7      *Seated*

*After the reading, all reply*    **Thanks be to God.** *Followed by a brief pause.*

Hymn 105    God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The Second Lesson      Titus 2:11-14      *Seated*

*After the reading, all reply*    **Thanks be to God.** *Followed by a brief pause.*

Gradual Hymn 82    Of the Father's Love Begotten      *Standing if able.*

Gospel      Luke 2:1-14

*After the announcement, the People say: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

*After the Holy Gospel, all reply: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon *Seated.* The Rev. Christopher Martin

*A minute of silence, then standing, if able.*

Prayers of the People *The People respond by reading the words printed in bold type after each petition.*

*Leader* ...Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant concludes with a prayer.*

The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome and Announcements

### MAKE AND SHARE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem

For Unto Us A Child Is Born

Horst Hinze (2008)

Doxology *Standing, if able.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Sursum Corda (S-120)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **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.

*Here the Celebrant gives a Proper 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:

Sanctus (S-130) *Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel, if able. Then the Celebrant continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts . . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *Celebrant and people*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

At the Breaking of the Bread (*S-154*) *The leader introduces, the people join in singing.*

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

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.*

Communion Hymns 81 Lo, how a Rose e're Blooming  
101 Away in a Manger  
102 Once in Royal David's City

Prayer after Communion *Kneeling, if able*

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.**

Hymn 111 Silent Night *Kneeling, if able.*

GO INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Hymn 96 Angels We Have Heard on High

Dismissal

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

## Christopher's Message

After the baby is born the baby grows up. You, too are invited to grow up as a human being and as a Christian. Here are five ways you can take a next step in your spiritual life starting in January.

**PrayWorshipServe** is the rhythm of life at St. Paul's. We pray with scripture, we worship in the beauty of holiness and we serve the poor. It's our way of being good. Will you join us in 2016?

**Newcomer Classes** begin Sunday, January 3rd at 11:30 am and continue through February. Meet great people, learn our fascinating history and take a next step in your growth in love.

**A New Bible Study** begins on Thursday, January 7th at 6:15pm. The first few sessions will be 'Bible 101' where I review the very basic history and structure of the book. I also teach simple and time-tested ways to explore its bottomless and often delightful depths.

**Our New Children's Choir** is open for new children who love to sing. They are already a treasured part of our multi-generational worship. Practices are Fridays at 5pm and on some Sundays.

**Your Special Role on Sunday Mornings.** On Sunday mornings Christians do the liturgy, which is a fancy word for the work of the people. There are many different roles to play from singing to reading to hospitality to caring for our beautiful things. Come Saturday, January 23rd at 9am and discover your unique place.

By God's grace I'm hoping for a great 2016 at St. Paul's.

**The Christmas flowers and decorations  
are the gifts of members of the parish given in memory of loved ones.**

Frank Adamson  
Helen Adamson  
Rev. Herman Anker  
Lucile Anker  
Yvonne and Chris Dobson  
Dr. and Mrs. Quincey Fan  
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Hugh F. Hardin, Jr.  
Frederich Hastings  
Sarah Jane Hastings  
Thomas Hastings  
William Hastings

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Esther Molony  
Richard Moss  
Susie Quenzer  
Joan Westfall  
Timothy Westfall  
Russ and Ruth Westover  
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...and others