



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 24, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit [www.StPaulsSanRafael.org](http://www.StPaulsSanRafael.org) or call our office at 415.456.4842.

At St. Paul's we are all called to follow Jesus together in worship, prayer and service.

### WORSHIP

*The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

Prelude	Prelude on Veni Emmanuel	John Schaffner
Opening Hymn	66 vs. 5 - 8	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-91 ( <i>Service music found in front of hymnal</i> )	Hymnal
First Reading	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	
Psalm	89:1-4, 19-26	BCP p. 782
Second Reading	Romans 16:25-27	
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38	
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form VI	BCP p. 392
Offertory Hymn	324	Hymnal
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-114	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-158	Hymnal
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Closing Hymn	616	Hymnal
Postlude	Medley of Advent Carols	Randolph Currie

## SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Seminarian:	Erin Wiens St. John
Acolytes:	Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Reader:	Andrew Shumaker
Ushers:	Hadley Dean, Camilla Dean
Altar Guild:	Diana Genetti, Alex Elliot
Tech Support:	Josh Becker, Dennis DeMille
Coffee Hour:	Kari Simpson

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **O Antiphons**

Every year we start our Advent preparations a little earlier than most churches. Starting in mid-November, each Sunday we sing an O Antiphon and put up a banner with an image from that Antiphon. You may know these Antiphons because we sing them in the hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Each of the seven Antiphons features a word or image from the Old Testament that points to Jesus.

### **Christmas Services**

As happens once every seven years, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. This means that, on Sunday, December 24th, we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent at 10am and Christmas Eve that same day at 5pm. Christmas morning service will be on Monday at 10am, followed by the annual Pot-Luck Feast, hosted by Christopher and Chloe.

### **Transcending Contempt**

This seminar, intended to help us become beacons of light and love in what is sure to be a tough election year, begins Saturday, January 6th in Duncan Hall. Refreshments will be served at 8:30am and the session begins at 9am. The sessions pair the writings of renowned thinkers such as Plato, Kierkegaard, Simone Weil and James Baldwin, with both discussion and invitations to weekly practices. There will be six sessions. The teachings will be available online after each Saturday.

### **Help us feed our hungry neighbors**

Join us in Duncan Hall at 4:00pm on 1/4 and 1/18 to make sack lunches! We take them to St. Vincent's, and they hand them out to the hungry. What better way to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

## PRAYER LIST

Barry B & Family	Dennis	John M	Roseanna M
Bede H	Inge B & Family	Linda S	Scarlett W
Colette M & Family	Joan A	Olivia C & Family	Ukraine Victims
Corrina & John	John D	Peter W & Family	Victims in Israel & Gaza

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