



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 8, 2024, Second Sunday of Advent

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit 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	Eklog	Richard Purvis
Opening Hymn	65	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
First Reading	Isaiah 40:1-11	
Psalm	85:1-2, 8-13	BCP p. 708
Second Reading	2 Peter 3:8-15a	
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8	
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come	Paul Manz
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-124	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	272, 267	Hymnal
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Closing Hymn	59	Hymnal
Postlude	Fanfare	Richard Purvis

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Mason.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant:	The Rev. Erin Wiens St. John
Preacher:	Cara Meredith
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Valerie Zander, Judith Rowcliffe
Readers:	Kate Sprague, Joe Simmons
Ushers:	Pat Curtis, Alice King
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Pamela Barnes
Tech Support:	Josh Becker, Dennis DeMille
Coffee Hour:	Kari Simpson

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be Still

Saturday, December 14th at 9am come to Duncan Hall for a preview of the next Transcending Contempt Group, which starts January 4th. We'll be learning to move from being anxious to being centered.

Singalong for Saints and Sinners

Invite your neighbors and friends to this annual tradition featuring our Chancel Choir, the San Francisco Boys Chorus and vote for your favorite secular songs to sing. 7pm on Monday, December 16th. Reception afterwards.

Christmas Services

Services are at 5pm on Christmas Eve and 10am on Christmas morning followed by a Potluck Feast.

Godly Play

Sunday School for children ages four to pre-teen is every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the Upper Room. Children begin in Church with their families, leave for Godly Play after the Collect and return to share Holy Communion.

All Are Welcome to:

• Participate in Bible Studies

We have two weekly Bible Studies. One is in person in Duncan Hall at 10am on Wednesdays, the other is on Zoom at 6pm on Thursdays. We read, mark, learn and inwardly digest scripture.

• Offer Music and Prayers for San Rafael Healthcare Center

Once a month, on the fourth Sunday of the month, join a crew who go down the block to the San Rafael Healthcare Center to lead a brief service right after our 10am worship. We visit the lonely.

• Write a Monthly Letter for Death Row Ministry

Write a letter a month to an inmate on California's Death Row. There are over 40 people in the ministry, and those on the outside meet every other month on Zoom to support each other. We visit the prisoners.

• Make Lunches for Vinnies

Join us twice a month at 4pm on a weekday afternoon when we make 100 bagged lunches for St. Vincent's to share with our hungry neighbors. We feed the hungry..

PRAYER LIST

Bennett	Kathleen G	Olivia C & Family	Ukraine Victims
Byron P	Kyra & Declan	Scarlett W	Vicky M & Family
Cynthia W	Lokita	Simon	Victims in Israel & Gaza
Joan A	Lynne S	Tonita	

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No login or Realm account needed



Christmas Flowers

This year our Christmas services will be rich and joyful! The beauty of our Church is always legendary! But only if you help.

To donate to our Christmas Greening in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one, please complete the form below. No specific dollar amount required. Your gift and dedication will be acknowledged in the Christmas services bulletins.

If paying by check, please complete the form below and mail with your check to arrive at St. Paul's no later than December 15.

Your Name _____ am enclosing \$_____ for Christmas Greening.

In memory () or thanksgiving () for name of loved one(s)_____.