



CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2025
5:00 PM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Helen, David, Sherrie, The families of Diana and Jon Sebalý, Nancy, Pat, Sharon, Ken, Candace, Lori, Debi, Nevitt, James, Avery, Pamela, Connie, Linda, Anne, Kim, and Ella.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Diocese of São Paulo - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Our special music tonight is sponsored by the Oelman family and the St. Paul's Music Memorial Fund. Many thanks for their support!

SERVING TODAY - 12/24/25 - 5:00AM		SERVING NEXT SUN. - 12/28/25
Altar Guild	Dana Cunningham Mary Ellen Foster	JOINT SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S LESSONS & CAROLS 10:30AM
Readers	Kathleen Walters Mary Ellen Foster	
Ushers	Micky Neben	

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Paul's and St. Mark's

Blue Christmas Prayers: Devotionals with scripture are available in the St. Paul's Chapel throughout the Season. Pray, light a Candle, and connect with our Lord. Know that Christ is Born anew in each of us.

Christmas Eve Worship Services: 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's / 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's

Lessons and Carols Joint Service: Sunday, Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's
NO WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S on December 28.

The Arrival of the Wisemen: Sunday, January 4

9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's

11:30 a.m. at St. Mark's

PRELUDE: FOUR CAROL FANTASIES

J. N. Beck

WHAT CHILD IS THIS
BRING A TORCH, JEANETTE, ISABELLA
APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL
GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN
COVENTRY CAROL

L. Lenel

NOËL FOR THE FLUTE STOPS

L. C. D'aquin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #83, vs 1-3, & 6

O Come, All Ye faithful

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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: HYMN #96, VERSES 1 & 2

Angels We Have Heard on High

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

A Reading from Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
 For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
 For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 96 (*SUNG BY CHOIR*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
 and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: TITUS 2:11-14

A Reading from Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Please stand if able.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

SILENT REFLECTION

Please stand if able.

THE 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 - From the book *"Hear Our Prayer"*

After each petition the people respond with *"Hear Our Prayer"*.

Please stand or kneel if able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: PEACE, PEACE

Rick & Sylvia Powell

Peace, peace, peace on earth and goodwill to all.

This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.

Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Please stand if able.

HYMN #43, vs. 4

The Eighth Tune

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany

(from Evangelical Lutheran Worship Augsburg Fortress 2006)

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, gracious God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. You comforted your

people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will make all things new. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Please stand or kneel if able.

SANCTUS, Hymnal #S128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise made to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and cup we remember your Word, Jesus Christ, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. **Amen.**

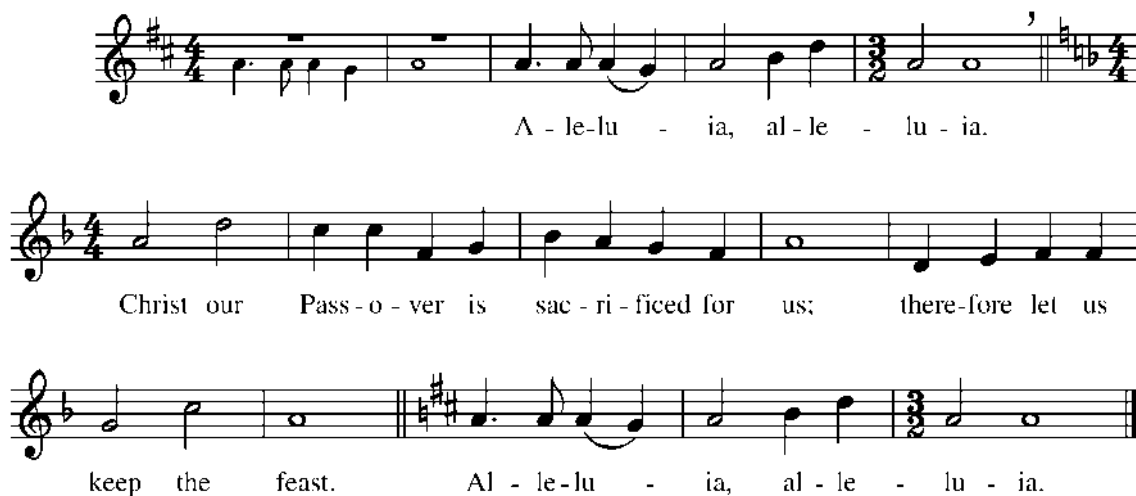
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM: #37 FROM ENRICHING OUR MUSIC 1



A - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC: HYMN #112
HYMN #79

In the Bleak Midwinter
O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Lights will be dimmed as the congregation's candles are lit)

POST COMMUNION HYMN #111

Silent Night

Please stand or kneel if able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #100

Joy to the World

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: IN DULCI JUBILO

J. S. Bach

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Flower Memorials Christmas 2025

**The flowers adorning the sanctuary this Christmas
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

Elizabeth & Robert Abbott	David McDevitt
Dr. Darrell S. Apt	Justine McDevitt
Richard F. Baer	Ruth & Ben N. Miller
Ethel & John L. Clarkson	Beth & Bob Miller
James Hugh Cunningham	Judy Mitchell
Phyllis & Tom Davis	Karen Moulton
Gertrude C. & Jesse R. Derby	Helen H. & Frederick W. Nichols
Jesse Dickson	Frederick W. Nichols, Jr.
James W. Falter	Robert M. O'Hara
Barbara & Roger Farley	Martha & Skip Ordeman
Kent Farley	Randolph Regner
James J. Foster	Dorothy D. Sammons
Adele & Richard Good	Diana & Jon Sebaly
Ailsa Dickson Jones	Thomas Saunders
Robyn, Vere and Richard Kemp	Dora L. Setzer
Carol & Dan Maybee	Marian & Fred Setzer, Sr.
BB and John McCollom	Susan Stute
	Virginia, Janice & Alfred Uhlman

**Flowers are also given in Grateful Thanksgiving for:
Jesus Christ**

**The Smith, Ashton and Fain families
Cheryl, Amy, Jill and families
Harry and Cecilia; ME and John**

*List reflects 2025 contributions to the Altar Guild Sanctuary Fund
received as of December 12, 2025.*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Guest Organist!

Barbara Acker-Mills moved to the Dayton area 3 years ago from Auburn AL where she taught in the psychology department at Tuskegee University and was organist at several local churches. She earned degrees in piano at Salem College (NC) and Binghamton University (NY) and also studied organ at both schools. Barbara is a performing member of the Dayton Music Club and is active in the Dayton chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She is the organist at St. Mark's Episcopal and also is a senior research psychologist at Parallax Advanced Research and works at WPAFB.

The Church Office will be closed until Monday, January 5. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 937-293-1154 and follow the prompt for pastoral care. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2025 Contribution and Reimbursement Deadline

Please remember that in order to claim a charitable contribution tax deduction for 2025, all contributions must be received in the parish office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2025. The IRS has strict guidelines regarding this matter and no exceptions can be made.

Also, if you need to be reimbursed for any authorized church-related expenses that occurred in 2025, please complete a check request form (available in the parish office), attach your receipt, and return it to the parish office no later than December 31, 2025.

Your promptness is greatly appreciated!

CRAZY CHRISTIANS BY MICHAEL CURRY - This book will help us better understand how Christ will be born anew in us. Books are available in the church office for \$10.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew rack in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

Class of 2026 - Linda Bumiller, Charlie Campbell, Steve Ireland

Class of 2027 - Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters

Class of 2028 - Chris Brandt, Jill Davis

Senior Warden (*term expires 2026*)- Paul Sampson

Junior Warden (*term expires 2026*)- Joe Cairo

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