

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

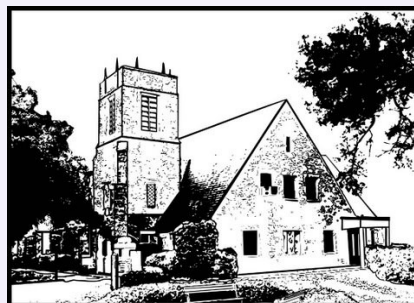


To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever
will come...

The Church opens the door and says in the
name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas
2023 VESTRY
Senior Warden –
Rebecca Rutledge
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Organist/Choir Director–
Don Ball, Jr.
Parish Administrator
Kelly Guillot



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

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Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.
Office hours Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00pm

Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:
Contact the Church office
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Holy Eucharist; Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.

Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal

Celebrant: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Preacher: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy

Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus The Hymnal **66**

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

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.

Trisagion (*Sung by all.*)

The Hymnal S 100

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.
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Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day

(*See Readings Insert*)

ALL: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Hymn *Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness of the Lord*

The Hymnal **438**

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

(*See Readings Insert*)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 25 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to Thessalonians (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn

Sequence Hymn (Vv. 1,2) *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* The Hymnal **58**

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

The Gospel: Luke 25:1-9 (See Readings Insert)

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn (Vv. 3,4) *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* The Hymnal **58**

The Sermon

Following the Sermon, all stand and say **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

Prayers of the People, Year C, Advent

LEADER: Brothers and sisters, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

O Wisdom: you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Sean, our presiding bishop, Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our bishops, Meg and Mark, our priests. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

PEOPLE: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

LEADER: O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel: you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

PEOPLE: Come and redeem us for our life together.

LEADER: O Root of Jesse, you stand as an example to humankind. Before you, rulers will shut their mouths and nations will bow in worship. We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world. Be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and good will.

PEOPLE: Come and save us and do not delay.

LEADER: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel: you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open. Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed. Lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

PEOPLE: Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.

LEADER: O King of the Nations and their Desire: you are the cornerstone that makes us one. We lift up all who are suffering and in need. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, and help us minister to them in your love. We especially commend to your loving care the following individuals and families:

Bernie, Betty Ball, Karen Ball, Hal Bean, Anne Breitenstein, Doris Byrd, Carolyn, Chris and Chrystal, Kayla Cheek, Robert Cheek, Jay Todd Cleaver, Juan Collazo, Zakeria Daniels, Diane, Dominique, Martin & Hannah (Breitenstein) Dugas, John & Teri Duos, Janet Foreman, Shawn Fitton, Tim Fading, Tom & Marsha Freeland, John & Gail Griffith, David Haley, Shaun Hallman, Sylvia Harold, Delmos Hooker, Heather, Loretta Hughes, Rosie Hurst, Jerry McInnis, Ester Jeans, Allen Jones, Jerry Jones, Jeremy, Barbara Klein, Kim, Peggy Lane, Leah, Madeline, Marty Matocha, Marie, Kenric Marshall, Frankie Melder, Bruce and Roxanne McGraw, Justin Morvant, Nora, Olivia, Paul, Debbie Reed, Billy Ridings, Eloy Serenil, Rosemary Schoolfield, Becky Scott, David Silk, Pete & Delores Sterling, Ken Slaughter, Beth Tiedt, Ellen Wiemers, Jock Winchester, Rev. Mark Wood

PEOPLE: Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

LEADER: O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: shine your light on those who have died and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

PEOPLE: Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

LEADER: O Emmanuel, God With Us, Expected One and Saviour: we give thanks for all the blessings of this life. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

PEOPLE: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

[Concluding Collect]

AMEN.

Confession of Sin

BCP, 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

Leader: 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

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Come Away to the Skies

The Hymnal 213

Doxology



Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all ye creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heaven-ly hosts. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

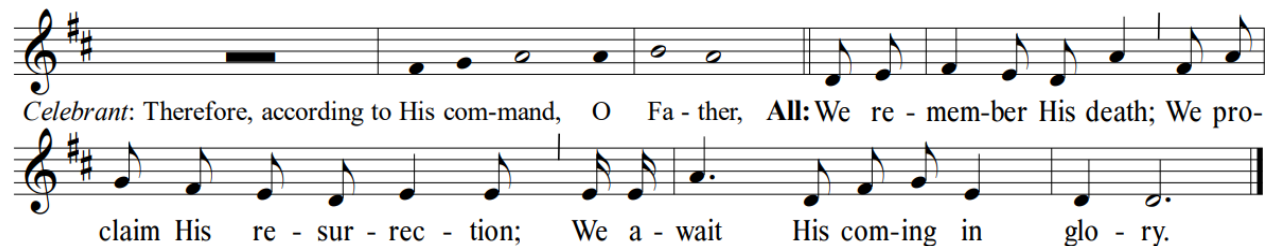
The people stand or kneel.

CELEBRANT: 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."

Memorial Acclamation, Prayer B



Celebrant: Therefore, according to His com-mand, O Fa - ther, **All:** We re - mem-ber His death; We pro-claim His re - sur - rec - tion; We a - wait His com-ing in glo - ry.

CELEBRANT: 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 [] and] 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 forever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 364

People and Celebrant

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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

The Hymnal S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, Christ, Our Passover

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.

If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.

If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing, come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **(Amen.)**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **(Amen.)**

Communion Music:

I Want to Be Ready

LEV 7

Prepare Ye the Way of the lord

LEV 11

My Lord, What a Morning

LEV 13

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

All: 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 Blessing

Sending Forth

Soon and Very Soon

LEV 14

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Dec. 1 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Advent Book Study with Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret Light
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg
 After the service, we will set up the Altar with greenery.
 Chrism Tree will be placed in the Guild room, please bring your ornament for the tree.

Save the Date
Wednesday, Dec. 4 Wednesday night Advent Book Study at 6:00pm with light supper.

Sunday, Dec. 8 2nd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Advent Book Study with Father Mark and Deacon Margaret Light
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Father Mark

Feast Days
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 26 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
Dec. 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Dec. 28 Holy Innocents

Happy Birthday

Houseman, Garrett 12/02
 Gilbeaux, Mr. Troy 12/06
 Jackson, Yolanda 12/06
 Michaelis, Tomy 12/08
 Darby, Craig 12/10
 Cleaver, Jay Todd 12/15
 Michaelis, Cedric 12/20
 Geis, Mrs. Pat 12/22
 Bean, Monica 12/23
 Breitenstein, Robert 12/28
 Hagen, Mr. Matt 12/29
 Hollier, Mr. Gavyn Edward 12/31

Happy Anniversary

Reeves, Eric & Annie 12/31
 Quebodeux, Bay & Keely 12/31

1st Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024	2nd Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-9 Annie Reeves Aidan Reeves	10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 Canticle 4 or 16 Ruth Hancock
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Arlene Howland Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy	EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Philippians 1:3-11 Allison Maglothin Sermon; Miles Hall, III Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Eric & Anne Reeves Altar Guild: Earl & Pat Geis Delores Sterling Peggy Delafosse	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Jay Todd Cleaver Ushers: David & Myra Michaelis Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Morris
Flower Guild: Krispen Walker	Flower Guild: Delores Sterling



The first Sunday of Advent is a time of hope and preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and Second Coming. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin ad + venire, which means "to come" or "to come toward". The first Sunday of Advent is marked by lighting the first candle on the Advent wreath, which symbolizes hope and is also known as the "Prophet's Candle."