

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Benicia, CA

11:00 AM Worship for Sunday, December 15, 2024

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Third Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE HYMN: (A3 #131) Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

All stand.

Verse: Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you.
I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you,
I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy".

Holy, Holy, Holy;
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy,
I want to see you.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

Compiled and written by Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Let us pray in unison

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.

KYRIE: Mass of Advent

The following is sung, all standing

Chorus: Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The people sit.

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow

PSALM:

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Remain seated.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 4:4-7

Remain seated.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN: (Gather 332) Wait For the Lord

The following is sung, all standing; Repeat 3 times.

Refrain: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!



GOSPEL:

Luke 3:7-18

All stand

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

POST-GOSPEL HYMN: (Gather 332) Wait For the Lord

The following is sung, all standing; Repeat 3 times.

Refrain: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED

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All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God.

Silence may be kept. Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

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All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRANSITIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN: Revelation Song

The following is sung

Verse 1: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus: Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore you

Verse 2: Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You the only One for me **(Chorus)**

Verse 3: Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery **(Chorus)**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

SURSUM CORDA:

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The People remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: Mass Of Advent – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts

Celebrant and People

Chorus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.
Hosanna in the highest.

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The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord...

...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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

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The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INVITATION

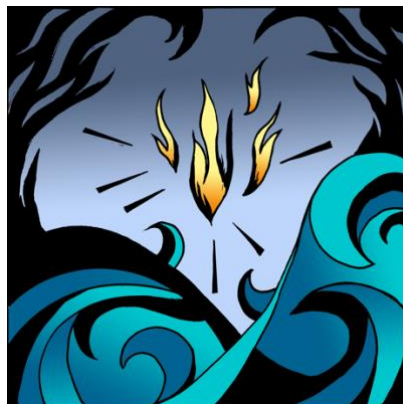
The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**



COMMUNION HYMN: (H 56) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The following is sung

Verse 1: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 6: O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight **(Chorus)**

Verse 7: O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace. **(Chorus)**

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COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 #22) Breathe

The following is sung

Verse: This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread:
Your very word spoken for me.

And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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

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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: (A3 #21) Blessed Be Your Name

The following is sung, all standing

Verse 1: Blessed be Your name
In the land of the plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in that desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre Chorus: Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 2: Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name name (**Pre Chorus & Chorus**)

Bridge: You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will chose to say
Blessed be Your name (**Chorus**)

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



Christmas Events

DEC 20

7 PM

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A quiet and reflective Christmas service for those seeking peace and comfort on the longest night.

DEC 22

8:45 & 11 AM

ADVENT IV: EUCHARIST & "COME AS YOU ARE" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The final Sunday of the preparatory season of Advent; Children's Christmas pageant at 11:00am Service.

DEC 24

4 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST

A festive and child-friendly celebration of Christ's birth.

DEC 24

10 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST

A traditional candlelit mass with carols and hymns.

DEC 25

10 AM

FEAST OF CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

A celebration of the joy of Christmas in the morning light.

DEC 29

10 AM

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

We continue the Christmas Season with a combined service.

JAN 5

8:45 & 11 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

We return to two services.

JAN 12

8:45 & 11 AM

FEAST OF EPIPHANY (TRANSFERRED)

We celebrate the arrival of the Magi.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Update

as of 12/11/2024

	2025	2024
# Pledges	52	70
Amount Pledged	\$274,1700	\$303,374



Thank You For Your Pledges!

We are grateful to everyone for your generous annual pledges, which play a vital role in supporting the mission and ministries of St. Paul's.

There's still time to turn in your 2025 pledge! Blank cards are available in the back of the church.

Let's Welcome Back the Healing Prayer Ministry!



Healing prayer is offered at each service during communion to individuals who wish to have personalized, one-on-one prayer with a healing prayer minister. A healing prayer minister listens carefully and empathetically and prays with individuals about their specific concerns. Healing prayer ministers serve once a month at their preferred service. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, please contact me by email at deacon@stpaulsbenicia.org. I will be happy to meet with you individually to discuss how to pray with others and to practice this important skill.

Longest Night (or "Blue Christmas")

Friday, December 20

7:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 120 West J. Street



Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities. All are welcome at this quiet gathering of prayer, music, and contemplation that makes room for all our sorrows in the midst of this busy season.

Community Meal Volunteer Online Signups

If you would like to volunteer at the Community Meal on Mondays or Wednesdays, check our weekly Friday e-mail for a sign-up sheet - or contact the Parish Office at admin@stpaulsbenicia.org. Need to sign up for e-mails? Please contact the Parish Office. Please note that we need only one volunteer each day.

Thank You!



Vallejo Choral Society
LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS



Conducted by: JULIA MORRIS, Artistic Director
 Featuring the VCS Symphonic and Chamber Choirs and Chamber Orchestra

SAT. DECEMBER 14th
7 PM

SUN. DECEMBER 15th
3 PM

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - **SPRINGBROOK MASONIC TEMPLE**

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TUBA CHRISTMAS
SAT. DEC 21st @ NOON
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church

GOLDEN GATE SYMPHONY
 Orchestra & Chorus

Handel's
SING IT YOURSELF MESSIAH!
 Sing with Maestro Urs Leonhardt Steiner!



HERBST THEATRE, SF
 Sunday, December 8th, 2:00 PM

CLOCK TOWER, BENICIA
 Sunday, December 15th, 2:00 PM

A San Francisco tradition for 30+ years!

TICKETS



GVRD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2024



FREE OF CHARGE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO THE **ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM** ARE APPRECIATED



Coffee Hosts Needed

It's time to sign up for the New Year! We still need Coffee Hosts in January- Please remember that beginning There is a sign-up sheet to the left of the coffee pots under the Cross Wall in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions about what's required, there is an awesome reference guide in the binder next to the sign-up sheet or feel free to reach out to our Coffee Hour coordinators Barry & Sally Cunningham at bcunningsb@gmail.com. Sign up with a friend and kick off your Sunday with caffeine and fellowship.



Morning Prayer Weekdays at 9 a.m. in Church and on Zoom

Join Zoom meeting (Link in Weekly Announcements online)

Meeting ID: 890 6264 3237

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The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.

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PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Jim Wolf
Carmen Montoya
James Carr
Tyler, (Gerri's Grandson)
Ambra, (Gerri's Daughter)
Mark Park
Judith Mooney

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL:

Vicki Lynn Wininger
Doyle Morris
Annie Muriel Marcus Wilkes

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

12/17 Kim Rodekohr
12/19 Diane Pinkham-Faustino
12/18 Gary & Jackie French

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR
ARMED FORCES**

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
SFC Mike Moverley, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army
Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army
Airman Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard
Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

E-mail: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org for updates or additions



Calendar



SUNDAY 12/15: Third Sunday of Advent

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion (Greening of the Church after Service)
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY 12/16	TUESDAY 12/17	WEDNESDAY 12/18
9 am +Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Community Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band 8 pm AA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 5 pm Kiwanis Christmas Party (P) 7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion 11 am Bible Study (P) 4:30 pm Community Meal (P) 7 pm + GVRD Symph Band
THURSDAY 12/19	FRIDAY 12/20	SATURDAY 12/21
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee w/ Rev. Annie 9 am +Morning Prayer 4 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P) 6:30 pm +Music Practice	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm +Blue Christmas Service 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 7 am Men's Meeting (R) 12 pm Tuba Christmas - St. Paul's Square

SUNDAY 12/22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Come as You Are" Christmas Pageant - 11 am Service

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Short Godly Play & Pageant Prep. (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Short Youth Bible Study & Pageant Prep. (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 3 Pm +GVRD Christmas Concert (Symphonic & Jazz Bands)
 8 pm AA (P)

KEY

+ = Church
 P = Parish Hall
 U = Undercroft
 R = Rectory
 K = Kitchen

SERVING THIS WEEK - December 15, 2024		
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Celebrant	Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	Rev. Annie Mertz	
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines	Rev. Beth Gaines
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch	Cameron De Palma
Lector	Debi Hall	Marjorie Lowry
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Jim Brown	Barbara Jewell
Ushers	Sandy & Art Schipper	Martha Wolf & Steve Rodekohr
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Liz Stallings	
Flower Guild	No Dedications this Week	
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson	
Verger	Bob Hall	

Parish Leadership		
Clergy	Staff	Vestry
<p>The Rev. Annie Mertz, <i>Rector</i> The Rev. Beth Gaines, <i>Deacon</i> The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, <i>Associate Priest</i> The Rev. Pamela Higgins, <i>Associate Priest</i> The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, <i>Associate Priest</i></p>	<p>Dr. Matthew Welch, <i>Traditional Music Director</i> Eric Foster, <i>Communications Director</i> Lisa Lannoy, <i>Parish Administrator</i> Tim Markley, <i>Archivist</i></p>	<p>Jeff Jarvis, <i>Senior Warden</i> Chris Prevolos, <i>Junior Warden</i> Donna Marshall, Ed Curtis, Laura Peabody-Park, Jill Morris, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Gerri MacGregor</p>



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benicia, California

MISSION

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION

We strive to be an active, diverse, and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES

Community	Inclusion	The Message of Jesus Christ	Spiritual Growth
We support our neighbors through service and compassion. We are a safe space and a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.	We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds, and histories are welcome to find and continue their spiritual journey.	We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.	At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.