

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Benicia, CA

## **11:00 AM Worship for Sunday, December 8, 2024**

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Second Sunday of Advent**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: (A3 #59) Here I Am, Lord**

*All stand.*

**Verse 1:** I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:** Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

**Verse 2:** I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

**Verse 3:** I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:**

Compiled and written by Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

## 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING:

Baruch 5:1-9

*The people sit.*

<sup>1</sup>Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. <sup>2</sup>Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; <sup>3</sup>for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. <sup>4</sup>For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." <sup>5</sup>Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the

Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. <sup>6</sup>For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. <sup>7</sup>For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. <sup>9</sup>For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow*

## **PSALM: Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah**

*Remain seated. To be read in unison.*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \***

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**

**that he would save us from our enemies, \***

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \***

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, \***

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \***

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God \***

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \***

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## SECOND READING:

## Philippians 1:3-11

*Remain seated.*

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

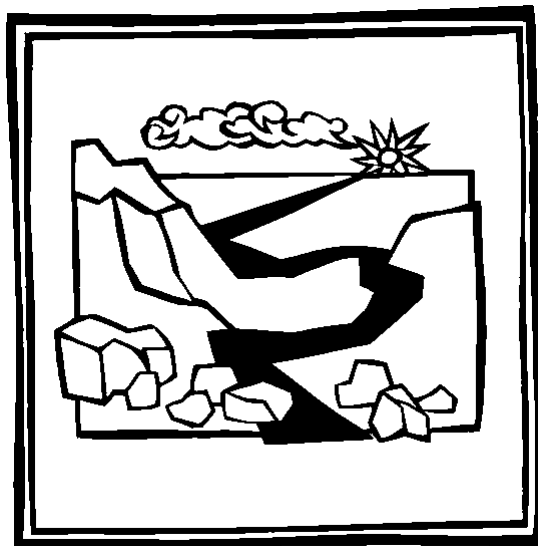
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## GOSPEL HYMN: (Gather 332) Wait For the Lord

*The following is sung, all standing*

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



## GOSPEL:

Luke 3:1-6

*All stand*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

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*

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: Even So Come

*The following is sung*

**Verse 1:** All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

**Verse 2:** Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

**Chorus 1:** Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

**Verse 3:** There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

**Bridge 1:** So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon

**Chorus 2:** Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

**Bridge 2:** God we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon **(REPEAT)**  
God we wait we wait for You  
Yes we wait You're coming soon  
God we wait You're coming soon oh



## 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*

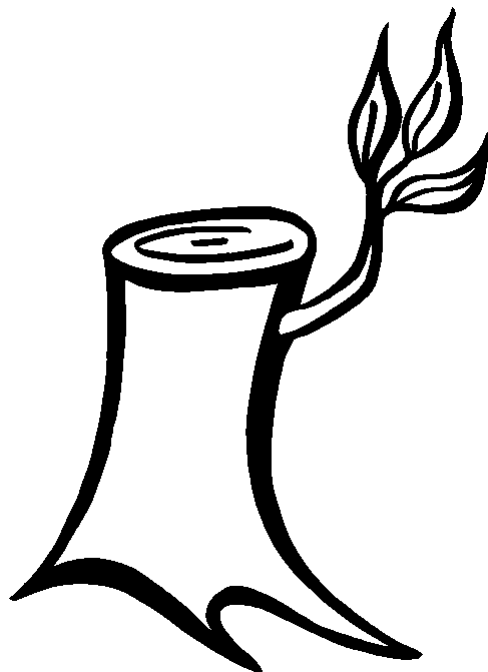
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### 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 4:** O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

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

**Verse 5:** O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

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

## COMMUNION HYMN: (Gather #644, Taizé) Within Our Darkest Night

*The following is sung*

**Refrain:** Within our darkest night,  
you kindle the fire that never dies away,  
never dies away.  
Within our darkest night,  
you kindle the fire that never dies away,  
never dies away.

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## 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: Take My Life

*The following is sung, all standing*

**Verse 1:** Holiness holiness  
Is what I long for  
Holiness is what I need  
Holiness holiness  
Is what You want from me

**Verse 2:** Faithfulness faithfulness  
Is what I long for  
Faithfulness is what I need  
Faithfulness faithfulness  
Is what You want from me

**Chorus:** So take my heart and form it  
Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it  
To Yours to Yours oh Lord

**Verse 3:** Righteousness righteousness  
Is what I long for  
Righteousness is what I need  
Righteousness righteousness  
Is what You want from me

## DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**The flowers at today's  
service are dedicated to  
honoring and celebrating  
the 90th Birthday of  
Mark Brown.  
From: Jeanne Brown &  
Family**



# 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**

**Thank You For Your Pledges!**

**Pledge Update**  
 as of 12/4/2024

	2025	2024
# Pledges	43	70
Amount Pledged	\$237,680	\$303,374



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](mailto: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.

**Coffee Hosts Needed**



**We still need volunteers to sign up to be Coffee Hour hosts in December.** 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](mailto:bcunningsb@gmail.com). Sign up with a friend and kick off your

Sunday with caffeine and fellowship.



# Vallejo Choral Society

## LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

Antonio Vivaldi  
*Magnificat in G minor*

Dale Trumbore  
*Magnificat*

Arvo Pärt

John Rutter

Ralph  
Vaughan Williams

Tomás Luis  
de Victoria



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!**

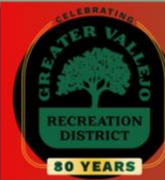


**HERBST THEATRE, SF**  
*Sunday, December 8th, 2:00 PM*

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

*A San Francisco  
tradition for 30+ years!*

**TICKETS**



## GVRD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2024**



**SYMPHONIC  
BAND** **3 PM**

**JAZZ  
BAND**

**4 PM**



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

## Longest Night (or "Blue Christmas")



Friday, December 20

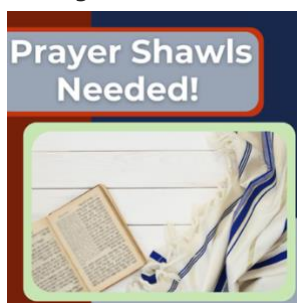
7:00 PM

**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.

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### Prayer Shawls Needed:



ATTENTION St. Paul's Knitters and Crocheters.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of shawls. The knitters and crocheters of St. Paul's have always been responsive and have created dozens of shawls, but our supply is low, and the need is always there. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

This Ministry requires no meeting or deadlines for finishing what you choose to knit or crochet. For patterns, instructions and more

information please feel free to contact me at [jeanneabrown@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneabrown@gmail.com).



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

Join Zoom meeting (Link in Weekly Announcements online)

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Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 890 6264 3237

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**The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.**

Please e-mail information to: [admin@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsbenicia.org)

Office phone: (707) 745-0307

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**PRAYERS**

**WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING**

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

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL:**

Vicki Lynn Winger

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

12/11 Mark Brown  
12/11 Jonah Morris  
12/13 Nancy Bauschinger  
12/10 Roy & Gerri MacGregor

**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](mailto:admin@stpaulsbenicia.org) for updates or additions



# Calendar



## SUNDAY 12/8: Second 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  
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)  
 3 pm Meditation Christmas Gathering (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY- 12/9	TUESDAY- 12/10	WEDNESDAY- 12/11
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 7 pm +GGSOC Practice	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- 12/12	FRIDAY- 12/13	SATURDAY- 12/14
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee w/ Rev. Annie 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 6 pm +Vallejo Choral Society Rehearsal 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 8 am Cursillo Meeting (P) 7 pm +Vallejo Choral Society Concert & Reception (P)

## 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  
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)

**KEY**

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

SERVING THIS WEEK - December 8, 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	Karen Lowe	Megan Preovolos
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Kim Rodekohr
LEM	Jim Brown	Kim Rodekohr
Ushers	Jeanne & Mark Brown	Jeff Jarvis & Steve Rodekohr
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper	
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay	
Office Angels	Jennifer Deal & Blaine Deal	
Verger	Gene Ekenstam	

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



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benicia, California

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## 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
<p>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.</p>	<p>We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds, and histories are welcome to find and continue their spiritual journey.</p>	<p>We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.</p>	<p>At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.</p>