

The First Sunday Of Advent

November 29, 2009
10:30 a.m.



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340	The Great Thanksgiving		
	The Sanctus		S-114
	The Lord's Prayer		
	The Breaking of the Bread		Anthem S-153
	The Communion of the People		
		<i>Redeemer of the Nations, Come</i>	55
		<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	66
339	Post-Communion Prayer		
	Recessional	<i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding</i>	59
	Dismissal		
	Voluntary	<i>Wake! Awake, for Night Is Flying</i>	John Ferguson



Welcome Fr. Brad!

We are excited to welcome The Rev. Dr. Bradford Smith as the new Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church! **Today is the first Sunday for Fr. Brad and his wife, Deb.** Please introduce yourself and make them feel loved welcomed to their new church home!



In Memoriam

Sarah Houze Cellars Jenkins Byrne, December 1, 1989
 Maria Lynn Price Griffith, December 1, 2000
 Lila Lane Welsh Griffin, December 5, 1996

1st Sunday of Advent: Psalm 25

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To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God I put my / trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies / triumph over
me.

Let none who look to you be / put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disap / pointed in their schemes.

Show me your / ways, O LORD, *
and / teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and / teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted /
all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, *
for they are from / everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans / gressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of
your / goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the / LORD; *
therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in / doing right *
and teaches his way / to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

Advent Doxology

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Prayer List

Angie Baskins, Beth, Steve Birch, Kelli Bradley, Joyce Brown, Wilson Helms, Charlie Jenkins, Bill McWhorter, Eric Metzler, Gail Metzler, Olin, Carole Pyle, Rob Rigoli, Elizabeth Rushing, Debbie Smith, Ellen Trayer, Volunteers who are working on the "Steps of Faith" House (being built by community churches and Union Habitat for Humanity). **Armed Forces:** Casey Jones

Note: Persons added to the Prayer List remain on the list for one month, after which they are removed. If you wish to have them added for an additional month, please contact Kristin in the Parish Office. Thank you!



Celebrate the Season!

This coming Saturday, December 5th is "Christmas in Downtown Monroe" from 3:30-7:00pm. There will be food vendors, carriage and trolley rides, live music on the plaza, and local business open houses. Don't miss the arrival of Santa at 4:00pm, and the tree lighting at 6:00pm!

Tickets for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

Tickets are available for St. Paul's very first production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (16 and under), \$6 for seniors (62 and over), or there is a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) available for \$20. You can purchase tickets through Ven Burwell, James Kerr, or the church office; tickets will also be available at the box office 30 minutes prior to show times.





Poinsettia Order Form

If you would like to donate poinsettias to the church for Christmas, the cost is \$8. Please write out a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "poinsettias" written on the memo line, and send it in with this form for your dedication. The deadline for dedications is **Friday December 18th**. If you do not wish to mail in your check and dedication, you may leave them in the inbox on the office door. If you have any questions about ordering, please call Christine Flack at 704.289.1268.

Your dedications will be listed in the Christmas service bulletins.
Please **PRINT** clearly and legibly. Thank you!

Your Name(s): _____

I would like to donate poinsettias in honor of:

I would like to donate poinsettias in memory of:





It's Time!

Every family is being asked to consider increasing its pledge for the Every Member Canvass 2010. Please give this prayerful thought and consideration, as St. Paul's relies greatly on you for its day-to-day operations and ministries. Let's continue "using the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do!"

A Stewardship Prayer

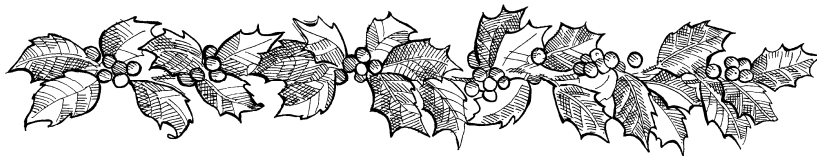
O God, you taught us by your Son Jesus Christ that all of our possessions come from You. Help us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our wealth; And to consecrate gladly to your service a due proportion for all that You have given us. Take us and make us your own; For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



*Come, Son and Savior, to embrace
Our gloomy world,
its weary race,
As groom to bride, as bride to groom:
The wedding chamber, Mary's womb.
At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
Come in your holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below,
From all assaults of our dread foe.*

8th Century Advent Evening Hymn

<http://www.churchyear.net/adventprayers.html>



The Staff

Rector
Parish Secretary
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The Rev. Dr. Bradford Smith
Kristin Barclay
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The Vestry

Henry Jenkins, Sr. Warden
Gary Noles, Jr. Warden
Lisa Hilbish, Clerk
Jan Lochary
Tara Steffen

Jim Becker
Ronnie Cutler
Kyle Dunn
Scott Rushing

Serving Today

Altar Guild
Chalice
Lector
Server
Crucifer
Torches
Ushers
Greeters
Coffee Hosts
Vestry Lock-up

Lilian Arkwright, Jo Singer
Bill Colt, Jerry Pyle
Chris Anderson, Sean Pueschel
Charlie Jenkins
Raven Hensley
Olivia Prevost, Zealy Helms
Phil Pender, Chris Flack
Bill and Melody Colt
Tommy and Tara Steffen
Chris Flack, Kyle Dunn

The Week Ahead

TODAY	11:30-ish Welcome Reception for Fr. Brad, after the service, Parish Hall 3:30-pm <i>The Best Christmas Pageant Ever</i> (TBCPE) rehearsal, Parish Hall
Mon Nov 30	6:30pm Dress Rehearsal, TBCPE, Parish Hall
Tues Dec 1	6:30pm ECW Kitchen Committee Meeting, Parish Hall 6:30pm Dress Rehearsal, TBCPE, Parish Hall
Wed Dec 2	5:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Opening Night for <i>The Best Christmas Pageant Ever</i> (TBCPE)
Thurs Dec 3	7:00pm Performance, TBCPE, Parish Hall
Fri Dec 4	7:00pm Performance, TBCPE, Parish Hall
Sat Dec 5	2:00pm Performance, TBCPE, Parish Hall
Sun Dec 6	2:00pm Performance, TBCPE, Parish Hall

A Blessed and Joyful Advent to you!