

The Second Sunday Of Advent

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Prelude	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now, My People</i>	Paul Manz
Processional	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	67

Liturgy and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Our help is in the name of the Lord;
People: Who made Heaven and Earth.
Celebrant: Show us the Light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved;
People: Come and save us, O Lord of Hosts

Lector: In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always waiting for deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.

Two purple candles are lit.

Lector: The second candle, the Candle of Preparation, reminds us that we are lost in sin and that Christ is the Light sent into the world to show us the way out of darkness, the way of the Lord we are called to prepare. Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah 40:3-5: "A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'"

Celebrant: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. As we prepare for the coming of your Son, pour forth

your blessings upon this wreath and upon us as we light its
candles; may their light reflect Your splendor; through Christ our
Lord, now and forever. Amen.

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The Word of God

323	Opening Acclamation	
	Kyrie	S-91
159	The Collect	Second Sunday of Advent
	The First Lesson	Malachi 3:1-4
	Psalm	Song of Zechariah, <i>please see bulletin pg.3</i>
	Epistle	Philippians 1:3-11
	Sequence	<i>On Jordan's Bank</i> 76 (v.1-3)
	Gospel	Luke 3:1-6
	Sequence	<i>On Jordan's Bank</i> 76 (v.4-5)
	Homily	
326	The Nicene Creed	
328	The Prayers of the People	
	The Peace	
	Announcements	

Holy Communion

	The Offering of God's Gifts: Bread, Wine, and Treasure	
	Offertory	<i>Maria Walks Amid the Thorn</i> David Cherwien
	Doxology	<i>please see bulletin pg.4</i>
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>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> 54
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	Recessional	<i>Blest Be the King</i> 74
	Dismissal	
	Voluntary	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> Paul Manz

2nd Sunday of Advent: Canticle 4

The Song of Zechariah, *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

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Advent Doxology

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In Memoriam

Wesley Floyd Gordon, December 7, 2003
Nathan William Potter, III, December 8, 2001
Ralph Alan Ector, December 11, 1996

Prayer List

Angie Baskins, Beth, Steve Birch, Kelli Bradley, Joyce Brown, Wilson Helms, Charlie Jenkins, Bill McWhorter, Eric Metzler, Gail Metzler, Henry Morris, Olin, 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:** Alec Burtner, Eric Burtner, Randy George, 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, or wish someone to be left on the list indefinitely, please contact Kristin in the Parish Office. Thank you!



Help Needed!

St. Paul's is in need of a new Coffee Host Chair. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Kristin in the parish office. Thank you!

Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time.

Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*





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:



For Your Musical Edification

Today the children will be singing *Maria Walks Amid the Thorn* for our Offertory. The lyrics to this medieval German carol are particularly beautiful. They are reprinted here so you can follow along as the children sing:



*Maria walks amid the thorn,
Kyrie eleison,
Maria walks amid the thorn,
Which seven years no leaf had borne,
Jesus and Maria.*

*What 'neath her heart doth Mary bear?
Kyrie eleison,
A little child doth Mary bear,
Beneath her heart he nestles there,
Jesus and Maria.*

*And as the two are passing near,
Kyrie eleison,
Lo, roses on the thorn appear,
Lo, roses on the thorn appear,
Jesus and Maria.*



Project Jamaica

St. Paul's will raise money to build a house (or two) for the destitute in Jamaica. We will be working through Food for the Poor. For more info, visit the Project Jamaica table in the parish hall during today's coffee hour, and each Sunday through Advent. Donations are welcome and would make a wonderful Christmas gift. There will be more fundraisers in the new year.

Building Houses... Building Hope

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.



The Staff

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Serving Today

Altar Guild

Christine Flack, Casey Bono, Mary Burwell, Susan Jones, Tara Steffen

Chalice

Scott Rushing, Nancy Noles

Lector

Jo Singer, Kevin Plue

Server

Patrick Meade

Crucifer

Anna Meade

Torches

Ian Dunn, Timothy Meade

Ushers

Freddie Gordon, Phil Pender

Greeters

Kyle and Nicole Dunn

Coffee Hosts

Ronnie, Jackie, and Lee Cutler

Vestry Lock-up

Lisa Hilbish, Jim Becker

The Week Ahead

TODAY

2:00pm Last production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Parish Hall

Mon Dec 7

4:00-7:00pm Loaves and Fishes Food Sort, Parish Hall

Tues Dec 8

5:30pm Holy Communion Service With Healing, Sanctuary

Wed Dec 9

5:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall

Sat Dec 12

9:00am-3:00pm ECW Meeting, Parish Hall

