

# St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

*The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant  
The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST  
7:00 P.M. SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2025

**Prelude**

Carol Yeargin, Organ

All stand to sing, if able.

**Processional**

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1-3, & 6)

Hymn 83

## Liturgy of the Word

**Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*The following is sung.*

**Gloria**

Angels We Have Heard on High (vv. 1 & 3)

Hymn 96

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech - o - ing their brave de-light. Glo - - -  
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - -  
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. 3. Come to Beth - le -  
hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee  
Christ, the Lord, the new - born King. Glo - - -  
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - -  
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*All are seated for the lessons.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

## A Reading from Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*All stand, if able.*

## Gradual

## Angels from the Realms of Glory (vv. 1 & 2)

## Hymn 93

## Gospel

## Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller  
People      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
                  *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People          *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please remain standing as the homilist prays, then invites the congregation to be seated.*

## Homily

The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth

*A period of silence is kept*

*All who are able stand*

## Nicene Creed

**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: 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.*

## Prayers of the People

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## Peace

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*

BCP 360

All are seated.

## Welcome & Announcements

We are delighted that you have joined us this Christmas Eve! If you are interested in learning more about St. Paul's or becoming a part of the parish community, please stop by the welcome counter in the lobby after the service this evening or any time you join us for worship! To give online to the Christmas Offering, please use the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory

Candlelight Carol  
St. Paul's Brass Ensemble

John Rutter  
arr. Russell McKinney

*Please stand if able while the offering is presented.*

**Offertory Response**      *All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

### Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

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 God thanks and praise.*

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Hymnal S130

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,      God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

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he a - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_      full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry.      Ho -

san - na in the high - est.      Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_      in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_      Ho -

san - na in the high - est.      Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### **Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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 to 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 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.**

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

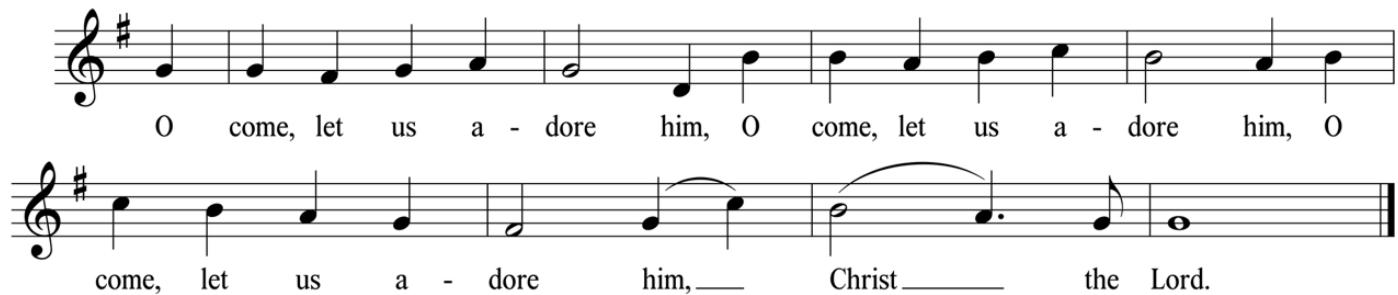
*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

BCP 364

from Hymn 83



### **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.*

*If you would like a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you. If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup. If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.*

## Communion Music

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
O Little Town of Bethlehem (vv. 1-3, & 5)

Hymn 89  
Hymn 78

*All stand or kneel, if able*

### Postcommunion Prayer

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

*The Celebrant and other ministers move to the altar rail.*

*All kneel, if able. The church is darkened.*

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*As the Celebrant reads the passage from John, acolytes bring the light of Christ into the congregation and all service candles are lit. Please keep lit candles upright, tipping the wick of unlit candles toward the flame of lit candles. Keep lit candles away from flammable materials.*

Celebrant

A reading from the Gospel of John.

John 1:1-5, 9,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

...to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*All remain kneeling*

Carol

Silent Night

Hymn 111

*Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright*

*round yon virgin mother and child.*

*Holy infant, so tender and mild,*

*Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,*

*glories stream from heaven afar,*

*heavenly hosts sing alleluia;*

*Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light*

*radiant beams from thy holy face,*

*with the dawn of redeeming grace,*

*Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

*Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

### **Christmas Blessing**

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that light upon you his children. *Amen.*

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with all joy and peace in believing. *Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, who made Mary the God-bearer, give you grace to carry within you the good news of Christ. *Amen.*

*Please extinguish all service candles and deposit in the bins  
near the center table in the narthex (lobby) as you depart. Thank you.*

*All stand, if able*

### **Recessional**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87

### **Dismissal**

Deacon                    Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
People                    *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

### **Postlude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

*St. Paul's Brass Ensemble*  
Emery Anderson & Melissa Raasch, trumpets  
Barbara Prillaman, horn  
Jason Sayers, trombone  
Russell McKinney, bass trombone  
All brass arrangements by Russell McKinney

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by Tim & Mary Buckley  
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by Deborah Seehorn  
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by Dick & Sheila Reilly  
Brandon Bullard by Shannon, Randall, & Abigail Robinson  
Eva by Jennifer Roger  
Hagaman and Roithmayr families  
by Mike & Sherry Roithmayr  
Our parents by Jackie & Ted Straub  
Melonie Wigley and my family and friends  
by Bryan Wigley



## WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**New to St. Paul's? Welcome!** Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Connecting Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus in January on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to find out more about us!

**Please wear your nametags when you're here at church!** If you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

**Accessibility:** St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

**Kids in Worship at St. Paul's:** Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 9 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS RESUME SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

**Children's Chapel:** Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

**Coffee Hour (Parish Hall):** Fellowship time after the 9 a.m. service, hosted by various ministries at St. Paul's.

**Adult Forum (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.):** Adult formation experiences with varying themes, often with guest presenters.

**Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Bldg):** Classes meet most weeks from 10:15-11 a.m.

**Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing):** Classes meet most weeks from 10:15-11 a.m.

**EYC (Episcopal Youth Community, 6th thru 12th grade):** Meets for fun and fellowship most Sundays from 5-7 p.m.

**Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade):** Meets twice monthly for fellowship and service projects; times vary. See below for our January 10 event.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent and Christmas Giving Envelopes:** You are invited to contribute extra funds this season in support of our parish during this time of transition. Expenses are significant as we care for our surroundings and prepare for bringing in a new rector. You will find giving envelopes in the pews; we also have a giving card with a QR code for online giving. Please indicate Advent/Christmas Offering in the memo. Your generosity is most appreciated.

**Special Offering for Our Music Ministries:** The music in our liturgies this season has added so much to our worship; if you were unable to attend the Advent Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 7, it is worth experiencing on our YouTube channel. To recognize and support all the talent and work of our parish musicians, please consider making a gift of gratitude during our Christmas Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 28. This offering will support special needs within our music program. You can support this fund at any time, with a check or online donations, by noting "music ministry" for your donation.

**Young Adults at St. Paul's:** A group of St. Paul's folks in the 20s/30s age range has recently been gathering for social events, and we hope to start a Bible study in the new year. If you're interested in learning more or joining our GroupMe, contact Erica Ridderman at [erica@stpaulscary.org](mailto:erica@stpaulscary.org).

**Volunteer with Us at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC:** Join us for a family-friendly volunteer day, sponsored by our Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade) at the Raleigh Food Bank, 1924 Capital Blvd, from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10. This special Kids' Day event is designed for children from 5-11 years old; older siblings are welcome to join the fun. Guardians must attend with their children. Please register online with the Food Bank by Dec. 31 to reserve your family's spot. For more information, please contact Jacob Nelson at [jacobnelson77@hotmail.com](mailto:jacobnelson77@hotmail.com).

**Deepening and Renewal – Formation and Confirmation in the New Year:** Plan to join us from Epiphany through Lent (Jan.-Mar.) as we focus our formation programs on deepening our grasp of what it means to be in the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement and committed to our baptismal vows. More information about programs, including confirmation and reception for adults and youth, can be found on the parish website. Bishop Sam Rodman will visit St. Paul's on April 19, 2026, to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation and enjoy time among us. Contact the church office if you have questions.

**Winter Online Book Study on “How We Learn to Be Brave,” by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde:** Start reading and plan to join us on Wednesdays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 11, from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom, for our winter book study. “How We Learn to Be Brave” is not only readable but prompts us to examine our own history and find unrecognized situations where we acted bravely and with surprising strength. Space is limited to 12 participants; to register, email Gerri Batchelor at [gerrikairos@gmail.com](mailto:gerrikairos@gmail.com).

**Prayer List: We pray for** Lori, Guy, Noah, Sally, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Carter, Mary, Sue, Nancy, Susan, Clarence, Ben, Patrick, Sarah, Dave, Chuck, Kay, Ron, Jack, Gary, Max, May, Bryan, Ariell, Josh, Becky, Allison, Jan, Bertha, Herman, Joyce, Carl, Martha, Farley, Jeff, Sandy, Clarence, Susan, Debbi, Ron, Carolyn, Rick, Elizabeth, Myrna, Laura, Ken, Christine, Steve, Craig, Lana, Claudia, Steve, Karen, Jack, Joyce, Wanda, Carter, Anne, Ethan, Sid, Mary Jo, and Rebecca.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to [announcements@stpaulscary.org](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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