

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM



You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer.



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Children & Youth at SPR

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm

Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the service for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, Sundays, 9:30am-9:45am

During the sermon at the 10:00am service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year.

Youth Group, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am

Join us for youth group (grades 6-12). We gather every Sunday for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts, games, and discussion, and meet once or twice a month for field trips and special events.

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the **+** indicates that.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community.



You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, give online at sprchicago.org/give-online or scan this code. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!

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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland ("Savior of the nations, come") BWV 659

By J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

transcribed for piano by Ferruccio Busoni (1866-1924)

Entrance Hymn

All sing.

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

The Hymnal 1982 - #61 "Sleepers, wake"

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Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

Lighting of the Advent Candle

(All sing refrain 2x, leader sings verse, refrain sung 4x)

Susan Hartjer, recorder (11:15 only)

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

5
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

Verse

Pre - pare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.

Music from *Taizē* - Volume 2: "Wait for the Lord"

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier, text after James 5, Psalm 26. Verse: Isaiah 40

Psalm 122

(Choir intones antiphon, congregation joins. Choir sings verses, congregation joins in antiphons)

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts!

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem. **Antiphon**

Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the LORD,

the assembly of Israel,

to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David. **Antiphon**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers. **Antiphon**

For my brethren and companions' sake,

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek to do you good." **Antiphon**

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Choir introduces a line, congregation joins on repeat.

Cantor/Choir then All Fine

Christ is com-ing: pre - pare the way. Christ is com-ing: pre - pare the way.

Cantor/Choir then All D.C.

Christ is com-ing. Christ is com-ing.

Lift Every Voice and Sing - #6 "Christ is coming: prepare the way"

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Gospel Reading

At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Matthew 24:36-44

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel *(9:15 only)*

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel led by children's ministry staff Megan Cather and Lindsey Strieter. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: *The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur (Associate Rector)*

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as able.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
+ the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

O God, from whom all good things come, give us grace to live in you; give us respect for each other and for all your creation; fill our lives with a sense of wonder.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember in prayer all those who live in areas of violence or conflict. We pray for an end to gun violence, for security for the people of Ukraine, and for wisdom for all the nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives by their generosity and care, and for St. Patrick's Church & School in Haiti, our partner parish. We ask your blessing on your servants **Peter** Allen (11/28), **Ashely** Jones (11/28), **Alex** Heyman (11/29), **Emily** O'Heir (11/29), **Fran** Spaltro (11/30), and **Nick** Bellomy (12/1) as they begin another year, and on **Tina & Jeff** Dugas (11/27) as they celebrate their anniversary. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We ask you to guide and strengthen all who are fearful, sick, or in pain, and those who care for them. We remember especially **Jake** Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), **Mel** Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), **Bernie** Rogalski (cousin of Bob Bator), **Sabrina** Mueller (friend of Mary & Bob Naftzger), **Brenden** Jones (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), **Martin** Allen (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), **Val** Cavin, **John** Ruch (uncle of Amanda Ruch), **Bob** Bator, **Julienne** Collins, **Bonnie** Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Laura** Mills (godmother of Cheryl Vanorsby), **David** Farris, **Benjamin** Scott (son of Celia Scott), **Jennifer** Penn, **Hyacinth** Evans, **Rahsaan** Clark Morris, **Tim** Sehr, **William** Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who are precious in your sight and pray for your saints who have departed this life. We remember **Muhammed** Saadallah (11/20/2022, member of Syrian refugee family visited by SPR), **June** Schultz (grandmother of Maureen Jesuthasan, 11/27) and **Cajsa** Elo (parishioner, 11/27). Help us to turn our hearts ever toward you in daily life.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer List: Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Bernie Rogalski (cousin of Bob Bator), Sabrina Mueller (friend of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), Martin Allen (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), Val Cavin, John Ruch (uncle of Amanda Ruch), Bob Bator, Julienne Collins, Bonnie Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), Laura Mills (godmother of Cheryl Vanorsby), Marguerite Lloyd and her family, David Farris, Colin Elder (great-nephew of Kim Hart), Benjamin Scott (son of Celia Scott), Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Sarojini Vundi (mother of Padma Vundi), Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbara Goering), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Stacey Morris, David Daniels, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Prayers of the People: Adapted from David Adam, *Glimpses of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year (Year C)*.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by Dennis Kalup, staff singer

Behind the clouds that darken human life,
Forever shines the Light of God;
And whensoever those clouds may go,
Dispelling the shadows in which we so
blindly grope,
Then is it, indeed,
Hope.

With ears attuned to heaven's prophecies,
Our hearts await a Prince of Peace,
And whensoever that Prince appear,
And we in darkness, and we in fear
find releasee
Then is it, indeed,
Peace.

Awake! Awake! Lift up your hearts downcast,
For sorrow shall transform at last,
And whensoever that Rose unfurl'd,
Invites Hosannas for all the world
to employ,
Then is it, indeed,
Joy.

O come, O come, come closer still tonight,
The pains of life remain, but Light...!
And whensoever that Light breaks through,
And we, in radiance, reflect a new
world above,
Then is it, indeed,
Love.

"Behind the Clouds"

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Music: Abbie Burt Betinis (b. 1980)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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.

A proper preface is sung or said.

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:

Leader sings. *All sing.*
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Leader sings.
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - ry.

All sing.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader sings.
 Bless - ed are those who come in the name of the Lord.

All sing.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text Source: Revised Order of Mass 2010

Music: Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx, French Franciscan chant, 15th c.; Kyrie based on *Kyrie cum jubilo*, Mass IX

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever.
Amen.


The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread


Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Leader sings.




1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - ty Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: } you
3. Key of Da - vid and Day - spring from on high: }

1. 2. All sing.



take a-way the sins_ of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

3. All sing.



world, grant us_ peace_ grant us_ peace.

Text Source: Revised Order of Mass 2010

Music: Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx. French Franciscan chant, 15th c.; Kyrie based on *Kyrie cum jubilo*, Mass IX

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

All sing

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and
2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but
3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly
4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with
ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus
I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in
rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus
faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus

Christ the ap - ple tree.

Wonder, Love, and Praise - #749: "The tree of life my soul hath seen"
Words: Anonymous, from a collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784.
Music: *Apple Tree*, Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

All sing

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,

of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
 one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
 thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;

guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found
 one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
 our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
 one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;
 we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;

rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by thee.
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

The Hymal 1982 - #617: "Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round"
 Words: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.

Sending Forth

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

**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.**

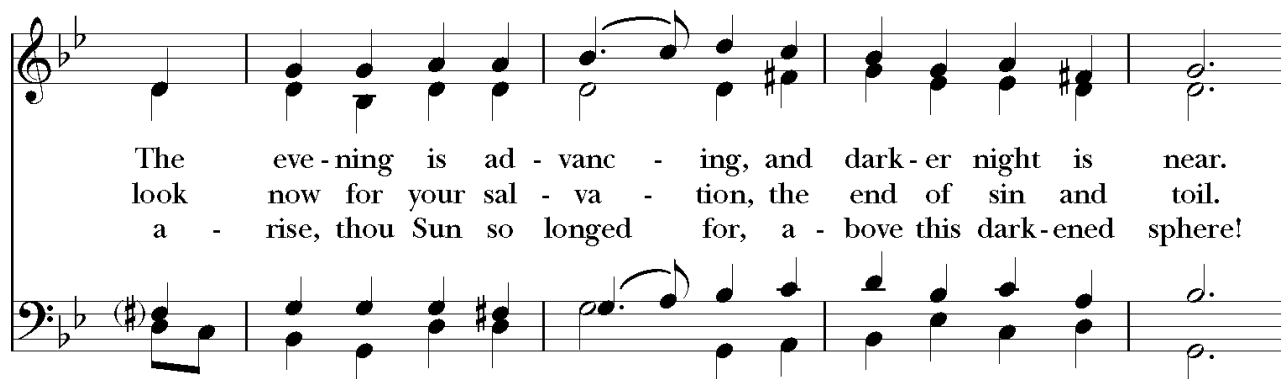
Blessing

Live without fear: Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, be with you always. **Amen.**

All sing



1 Re - jice! re - jice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Hymnal 1982 - #68 "Rejoice, rejoice, believers"

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Finale. Toccata on the Gregorian Hymn *Creator alme siderum*

from *Advent: First Religious Suite for Organ*

by Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)



Welcome to Advent.

What Is Advent?

Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. At a time when secular culture pushes us to rush, spend, and consume, Advent is the church's invitation to slow down and simplify. One may take up a new practice during Advent, like daily prayer, Scripture reflection, or a service project, in order to find new grounding in the life of God. Or one may make an intentional choice to give something up—perhaps giving up guilt over the inevitable failure to make Christmas “perfect,” a certain holiday tradition that has become more burdensome than joyful, or an old grudge that has ceased to be protective and is now causing more pain than the original offense. If you would like guidance about how you might observe this Advent, talk to our rector, Catherine Healy (healy@sprchicago.org).

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath has four candles, one for each week in Advent: weeks one, two, and four are purple, to remind us of the solemnity of the season, and week three is pink, to remind us that Advent is also a time of joy. Each Sunday of Advent, we will begin our worship by lighting the Advent wreath. You are also invited to light your own Advent wreath for a daily or weekly devotional at home. For a set of Advent wreath supplies you can take home, please contact our director of children's formation, Lindsey Strieter (lstriete@gmail.com).

Advent Music

When looking through a hymnal, you might ask yourself “why is there a separate ‘Advent’ and ‘Christmas’ section? (and why are seemingly all these Advent hymns in minor keys?)” Advent music gives voice to the yearning, longing, and waiting in hope of the season. The predominantly minor keys convey that sense of a promise yet unfulfilled. During a time when we are inundated with Jingle Bells and up-beat songs about snowmen and reindeers, the music of Advent is a tangible way to be present in *this* season of anticipation. Each season has its own vibration, and there is value in marking the sights and sounds of each: it makes “Joy to the World” that much more meaningful on Christmas Eve, when we embark on the different and unique season of Christmas.



Coming Up at SPR

Roots & Wings: Stewardship 2023

Thank you so much to all who have pledged their financial support of SPR for 2023! We are grateful for your support.

November Adult Formation Calendar

- 12/4 – Roger Ferlo: “Advent Adventures In Looking–The Visual Commentary on Scripture”
- 12/11 – Mark Bilyeu on Lessons and Carols

Youth Group Food Pantry Shopping

Today, **Sunday, November 27, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join in a grocery shopping trip to restock the SPR food pantry. Parent drivers are welcome!

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

All children and youth are invited to join the SPR Christmas Pageant, to be held this year on **Sunday, December 18, at the 9:15 AM service.** *(This is a change from prior years; on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM, we will have a family service, with a children's sermon instead of a pageant.)* To sign your children up as cast members or volunteer as an adult helper, contact pageant director Megan Cather with your children's names, ages, and preference for speaking vs. non-speaking roles. More info is found in the e-news.

Youth Group Christmas Party

On Friday, **December 17, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM**, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the downstairs youth room for a Christmas party. Details to come.

Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join SPR in Christmas caroling on Thursday, December 22 at 5:30 PM! Kids and parents will head out into the neighborhood to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors. We'll return to the church for fellowship afterward. This event is child-

focused, but all ages (with or without kids in tow) are welcome. For more information, please contact Megan Cather.

About This Week's Music

The **prelude** comes from the 1714 cantata by J.S. Bach written for the first Sunday in Advent. Nearly 200 years later, the pianist-composer Ferruccio Busoni transcribed many of Bach's keyboard works for the modern piano, including today's prelude. The **anthem** is by Abbie Betinis the great-grand-daughter of Bates G. Burt, who began writing an annual Christmas Carol and sending it out as his Christmas card in 1922. The tradition passed to his son (Abbie's great-uncle Alfred Burt), whose carols included the popular “Caroling, Caroling,” and “Some Children See Him.” Since 2001, she has continued the family tradition. Today's anthem is the 2008 result of that legacy. While Pietro A. Yon, the composer of today's **postlude**, might be best known for his Christmas anthem “Gesù Bambino,” he was primarily an organist, serving at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, and appointed 'Titular Organist' of the Vatican by Pope Benedict XV.

Christmas Eve Pick-Up Choir

For our **5p Christmas Eve Service**, everyone is welcome to sing in the choir! We will meet at 3:45p to learn an anthem and some service music, with no additional rehearsals needed. Intended for families, out-of-towners, and anyone else wanting to don a robe and be a choir member for Christmas!

Lessons and Carols

SPR is launching a partnership with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Park Ridge for an annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 4 at 5pm**, and make a plan to join in our new tradition.

Serving Today

November 27, 2022

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Curtis Edmonds, Jason Cather (9:15);

Baiju Markose, Claire Hartfield (11:15)

Intercessor: Joshua Daniel (9:15);

Tom Irving (11:15)

Usher: George Chlipala, Alicia Chipman (9:15);

Stefi Baiju, Baiju Markose (11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Jonathan Foiles (9:15);

Livestream: Jared Beverly

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

Megan Cather, *Children's Music Assistant*

Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*

Savannah Hegyi, Dennis Kalup, Ian Murrell,

& Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

O. Michael Agina

Traci Beck

Jonathan Foiles

Meryl Prochaska

Rebecca Luttrell

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Bellomy

Vicky Legge

Jason Evans

Celia Paris

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.



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