

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

DECEMBER 4, 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

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen (*Petite fantasia d'après Buxtehude*)

Gaël Lardon (1973-2018)

Entrance Hymn

All sing.



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Hymnal 1982 #65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

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Welcome

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Wildenberg Family (9:15)

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

Agina Family (11:15)

Susan Hartger, recorder (11:15 only)

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

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Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

Verse

Joy and glad-ness for all who seek the Lord

Music from Taizé - Volume 2: "Wait for the Lord"

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

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

St. Nicholas Choir (9:15 only)

Refrain

That Boychild of Mary was born in a stable,
A manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

What shall we call Him, child of the manger?
What name is given in Bethlehem? *Refrain*


His name is Jesus, God ever with us,
God given for us in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

Gift of the Father, to human mother,
Makes Him our brother in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

Psalm 72:1-7; 18-19

(Choir intones refrain, congregation joins. Choir sings verses, congregation sings refrain.)

Refrain



He shall have pi - ty on the low - ly and poor, and shall re - deem their lives from op - pres - sion.

Give the King your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
 That he may rule your people righteously
 and the poor with justice;
 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
 and the little hills bring righteousness. **Refrain**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
 from one generation to another. **Refrain**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
 like showers that water the earth.
 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **Refrain**

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
 who alone does wondrous deeds!
 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
 Amen. Amen. **Refrain**

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Music Tone I.1.

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";
 and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
 and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";
 and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Choristers (9:15) or Choir (11:15) sings vs. 1, congregation joins to repeat vs. 1 and sings remaining verses.

Stay a - wake (clap clap) be read - y. You
 Change your lives, he's_ com - ing. The

do not know the hour when the Lord is com - ing. Stay a -
 one who is the light of the world is com - ing. Change your

wake, be read - y. The Lord is comin - ing soon!
 lives, he's_ com - ing. The reign of God is near!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is com - ing soon!
 The reign of God is near!

My Heart Sings Out #62 "Stay awake, be ready"

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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 3:1-12

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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. Catherine Healy (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 **Cynthia** Bagrowski (12/4), **Daniella** Pereira (12/4), **Harper** Wildenberg (12/4), **Michael** Jividen (12/5), **Vincent** Johnson (12/5), **David** Farris (12/8), **Susan** Hartger (12/9), **Bill** Olmsted (12/9), and **August** Pereira (12/10) as they begin another year, and

on **Juan Landi & Jenny** Jeck (12/9) 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 **Michael** Collins, Jr., **Tameka** Parker (niece of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Patrick** Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), **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, **David** Farris, **Benjamin** Scott (son of Celia Scott), **Jennifer** Penn, **Hyacinth** Evans, **Rahsaan** Clark Morris, **Naomi** Haynes, **Tim** Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), **Dan** Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), 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 **Ella** Bergstresser (mother of Ruth Woll, 12/5/2005), **Karuna** Jesuthasan (mother of Ravin Jesuthasan, 12/5/1984), **Levi** Smith (father of Levi Smith, 12/7/2004), **John** O'Dowd (grandfather of Maureen Jesuthasan, 12/7), Rev. **Curtis** Burrell, Jr. (father of Joy Towns, 12/8/2017), **Eddeane** Walker (mother of Wendy Williams, 12/8), and **Phyllis** Michael Roberts (sister of Naomi Haynes, 12/10). 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: Michael Collins, Jr., Tameka Parker (niece of Cheryl Vanorsby), Patrick Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), 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, Marguerite Lloyd and her family, David Farris, Benjamin Scott (son of Celia Scott), Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra 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)*.
Collect at the Prayers: *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, Liturgies of the Eucharist: Thanksgiving for Creation & Redemption.

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 choir.

'Twas in the moon of winter-time when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunter heard the hymn:

Refrain

"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born. *In excelsis gloria.*"

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapp'd His beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high. *Refrain*

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. *Refrain*

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,
the Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy. *Refrain*

"Huron Carol"

Text: Written in the Iroquois (Wyandot) language by Father Jean de Brébeuf (1593-1649), English text by Jesse Edgar Middleton (1872 -1960).

Music: *Une Jeune Pucelle*, arr. Sarah Quartel (b. 1982).

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. 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.

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.

Oh thou that tell - est good ti-dings to Zi - on, Oh thou that tell - est good ti-dings to Je - ru-sa-lem:

Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be - hold your God.

A - rise, and shine, for the light of the world is come. Be - hold your God!

Lift Every Voice and Sing #2: "Behold your God"
 Words: Isaiah 40:9.
 Music: Kenneth W. Louis (1956-2021).

All sing

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they per - ish, like
 feed his flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

The Hymnal 1982 #75: "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

Words: James Lewis Milligan.

Music: *Ascension*, H. Hugh Bancroft, © 1938.

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 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Hymnal 1982 #76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1878); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Based on *Veni, Emmanuel*

by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953)



Advent & Christmas at SPR

Advent Lessons & Carols (St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Park Ridge): Sunday, December 4, 5:00 PM

The combined choirs of St. Mary's and SPR will host a traditional service of lessons and carols.

Advent Lessons & Carols (SPR): Sunday, December 11, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

The SPR choirs will offer a service of lessons and carols (with Eucharist) in Sunday worship.

Youth Group Christmas Party: Saturday, December 17, 6:00 PM

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to share dinner, a gift exchange, and a Christmas celebration.

Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 18, 9:15 AM

Our youngest members will re-tell the Christmas story at our 9:15 service.

(To join the pageant cast, email Megan Cather: cather@sprchicago.org.)

Christmas Caroling: Thursday, December 22, 5:30 PM

All ages are invited to carol around the neighborhood and return to church for fellowship afterward.

Christmas Eve Worship: Saturday, December 24, 5:00 & 9:00 PM

Join us for a family service at 5:00 PM, or a choral Eucharist at 9:00 PM (with instrumental music beginning at 8:30).

Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM

On Christmas Day, we will have one service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM, with celebratory Christmas music.

New Year's Day Worship: Sunday, January 1, 8:00 & 10:00 AM

On New Year's Day, we will have two services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.



Coming Up at SPR

Youth Group Food Pantry Shopping

Today, **Sunday, December 4, after the 9:15 AM service**, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited on a grocery shopping trip to restock the SPR food pantry. Parent drivers are welcome!

Advent Adult Formation Calendar

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

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 Megan Cather (cather@sprchicago.org) with your children's names, ages, and preference for speaking vs. non-speaking roles.

- Sunday, December 4, after the 9:15 AM service: Chat with Megan about pageant roles during formation
- Thursday, December 8: Roles assigned via email; scripts distributed electronically
- Sunday, December 11, after the 9:15 AM service: Rehearsal for actors with lines
- Thursday, December 15, 6:00 PM: Dress rehearsal for all parts
- Sunday, December 18, 8:15 AM: Call time for the pageant (service begins at 9:15 AM)

Youth Group Christmas Party

On **Saturday, December 17, at 6p**, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the downstairs youth room for a Christmas party. Details to come.

Love in a Dish

Please consider making a "Love in a Dish" meal for Val Cavin as she recovers from a shoulder surgery. Sign up at mealtrain.com/r487od. Thank you!

Lessons and Carols

Join the choirs of SPR and St. Mary's Episcopal Church today, **December 4 at 5:00 PM** in Park Ridge for a service of Advent Lessons & Carols.

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 info, please contact Megan Cather.

Crèche Exhibit

Pre-pandemic, we had a display of dozens of crèches from various countries in the Byllesby Room. Last year, we had a virtual exhibit. This year, with your help, we can once again have an exhibit of many scenes in the Byllesby Room from **December 11, 2022, to January 8, 2023**. The crèches you loan for the show don't have to be in great shape or complete- maybe a sheep has lost a leg or baby Jesus is missing. Interested? Contact Bob or Sheila Bator (rbator@aol.com or sbator@aol.com). Or call 773-930-7124. Your crèches can be dropped off in the church office by December 9.

Christmas Eve Pop-Up Choir

For our **5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service**, everyone is welcome to sing in the choir! We will meet at 3:45 PM 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!

About This Week's Music

The **anthem** is considered Canada's oldest carol. Using the familiar French folk song *Une Jeune Pucelle*, the Jesuit missionary Jean de Brébeuf, penned the text in the native language of the Huron/Wendat people in 1642. The song's original Huron title is "Jesous Ahatonhia." The English lyrics heard today were written in 1926 by Jesse Edgar Middleton, and utilize the imagery of the original text and Huron religious concepts to describe the birth of Jesus in a "lodge of broken bark" (rather than a stable), portrays the shepherds as hunters, and the magi and "chiefs from afar." The opening line includes the Algonquin word "Gitchi Manitou," meaning "Great Spirit." The **postlude** is by composer Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, who through a prolific career as composer, organist, and producer, is best known for her work arranging nearly a dozen spirituals for the 1990 *Great Performances* concert featuring Jessye Norman, Kathleen Battle, and the Metropolitan Opera Chorus.

Serving Today

December 4, 2022

Presider: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Kari Martin, Agnes Daniel (9:15);

Sem Sutter, Sandy Mulholland (11:15)

Intercessor: John Adewoye (9:15);

Mary Naftzger (11:15)

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan (9:15)

Ushers: Shawn Hannan, Connie Bonbrest (9:15);

Joe Dunn, Kevin Baldwin (11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Meryl Prochaska (9:15);

Mike Agina (11:15)

Altar Guild: Andrew Rostan (9:15);

Camille Long (11:15)

Livestream: Matthew Erlec

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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