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THE GOOD NEWS

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

Spirituality and Advent The Rev. Anne Jensen

*Advent tell us Christ is near,
Christmas tells us Christ is here.
In Epiphany we trace
All the glories of His grace.*



A hymn I learned as a small child has stuck with me all these years, and it's still a good guide. Advent embraces our total experience of faith. We listen to the prophets of old, their calls to repent and turn to God, as well as their vision of one who is yet to come. Advent has dimensions of past, present and future. The promise of God being with us will take a new and human form. In the present we long for the coming of this savior and redemption of this messed-up world. The future dimension is our preparing not only to welcome baby Jesus into our hearts yet again, but also to reflect on our readiness to see Jesus, and have him see us, when he comes again.

Advent started last Sunday and maybe you weren't quite ready for it. That's all right, start as you can. Maybe you are already moving in that direction as you realize the days are much shorter and the darkness comes much earlier; the temperature drops as soon as the sun sinks behind the trees, and you long for a candle and a warm fire. Like other mammals we feel the changes in our sensibilities. Advent is a season of hope, hope that our longings, and fears and anxieties will find a place of rest.

Advent is a sacred time of waiting and preparation that asks us to go deep, to explore the roots of those things that trouble us so that we can address the issue and either make changes or lay them before God for our healing.

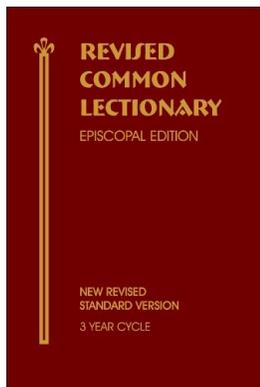
Advent is a season of good intentions and many distractions. Just as the church asks us to slow down and wait patiently, the world speeds up and starts Christmas. "Buy your presents, wrap them up, send cards, start baking. Prepare the guest room." Here in California one challenge is the sun shines so often that we don't feel the longing for the light. Yet night will come. Maybe because we're still living with COVID, we will have fewer distractions and more opportunities to simplify our lives. Like many other seasons in life, a routine is helpful; quiet time is helpful. Prayer is helpful.

If this season is spiritually or emotionally difficult for you and you wish to talk with one of the clergy at St. Paul's, please send an email to the person you want to talk with, or send it to the office and it will be forwarded to the person you wish to talk to.

May this time of Advent be a blessing to you.

Rector's Message

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

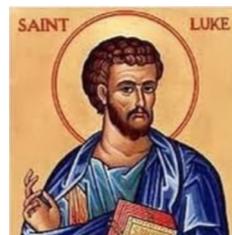


On November 28, we entered the third cycle of the church's Sunday Eucharistic lectionary, also known as Year C. If you are unaware, the Sunday readings are arranged in a three year cycle, where the Gospel selection comes from one of the synoptics (Matthew, Mark, Luke), with selections from John sprinkled throughout the three cycles. In Year C, the focus is on the Gospel according to Luke. This Gospel also gets special honorable mention on a few important holy seasons of the Church. Every year during the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we share the Lukan narrations of the callings of Elizabeth and Zechariah and of Mary's and Joseph's visitations by heavenly beings telling them of their call to be part of Israel's story of redemption.



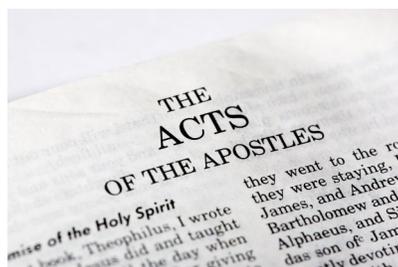
In the opening lines the gospeler sets out his intentions:

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. Luke 1:1-5



It is highly held that the anonymous writer of this Gospel was not an eyewitness to the life of Jesus yet goes to great lengths to provide as full a story as possible for that particular time in history. This Gospel gives us a great deal of background about the people who will be essential to setting the stage for Jesus, even before his birth. In this Gospel, we don't simply hear about John the baptizer appearing in the wilderness and baptizing people in the Jordan River, we hear about his parents' ordeal as childless seniors. Also, while the Gospel of Matthew tells us that Joseph was visited by an angel in a dream, it makes no mention of Mary's heavenly visit. On the other hand, Luke gives us a detailed account of Mary's conversation with the angel Gabriel. Our liturgies are blessed with two firsthand expressions of faith in God and God's revelation. In the first chapter, we find both the Song of Mary (the Magnificat), which she declares during her visit to Elizabeth, and also a song Zechariah gives us upon the birth and naming of his son John.

The final part of this writing is another example of how Luke seeks to include more witnesses to the story. The resurrected Jesus doesn't appear in Jerusalem and to his disciples there. He appears to a couple of his followers as they are on their way the village of Emmaus. This is one of the pericopes we get to study in Year C's Easter season.



This gospeler doesn't only give a prelude and postlude to Jesus' life, he also gifted us with the extended witness to the work of the disciples in the sequel book of Acts of the Apostles.

I invite you to enjoy this wonderful example of a well-researched, carefully written, deeply spiritual, and Christ centered document of our faith.

It's Advent! Prepare for the Coming!

Anne Jensen

Advent started this past Sunday! It's not too late to begin an Advent spiritual practice. During Advent the national church is offering two experiences that can be done either by a group or by an individual. We at St. Paul's are in a hybrid mode at the moment. Over the years I have found doing a group during Advent is difficult because so much else is happening. For instance, Thanksgiving weekend often swallows the first Sunday of Advent. Other events crowd December and by Advent 4 we're on call for the Greening of the Church. Here is the information about the two programs offered by the national church.

ADVENT OFFERINGS

Advent Podcast: Prophetic Voices

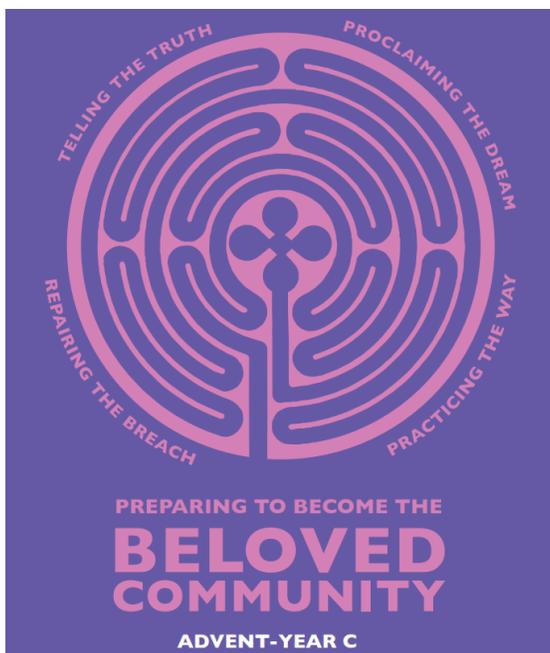
Join us and our invited guests as we share prophetic voices and explore the readings for each week of Advent and Christmas Day through the lens of social justice. You'll hear ancient texts interpreted in new ways, find fodder for preaching and teaching, and make present day connections to the Bible's prophetic voices. Subscribe to [*Prophetic Voices: Preaching and Teaching Beloved Community*](#) on your favorite podcasting app.

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*Preaching and Teaching
Beloved Community.*

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Preparing to Become the Beloved Community - Advent Year C

Congregations and individuals can use this 5-session curriculum to reflect on the Advent readings and our shared hope to heal the human family of God. Download and share [*Preparing to Become the Beloved Community*](#) and make room for the coming of Christ

The Joys of Christmas!

Paula Hawthorn

Cleaning and Greening, December 18th and 19th

There is so much to celebrate this Christmas!

Since we can now worship in person, we will be able to gather to decorate the church! This is always such fun, the “Greening of the Church” when we hang wreaths and garlands and put the decorations at the ends of the pews. Altar Guild Chair Maria Paull and member Pamela Kruse-Buckingham will be designing the decorations, and they are certain to be gorgeous! And, we need help from the congregation, especially tall people (those garlands...). So please plan on staying after church on **Sunday December 19 for the Greening of the Church.**



But before greening comes cleaning, we need the church to sparkle for Christmas. So, **Saturday, December 18, 9AM, is the Cleaning of the Church.** This is a fun event where we get together and do the deep cleaning of things that are sometimes missed. We will be getting the candle wax off the marble, we'll be cleaning the pews with oil soap, we'll be talking and gossiping and if you don't want us to gossip about you, come! This is an Altar Guild activity, but the Altar Guild is very, very short of members, so we need your help! Please contact Maria Paull maria.paull14@gmail.com if you can help.

A Giving Tree, December 5th – 19th

The best news ever! We have received word from the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Center for the Vulnerable Child that this year we can go back to giving actual presents to the families that we are matched with! Last year, because of Covid restrictions, they asked that we just purchase gift cards for the families which of course were very much appreciated, but for some of us the fun of this program is going to a store and buying... baby booties! Kids' books! Fun things! For those of you unfamiliar with this program (the CVC Family to Family program), the CVC matches us with several families who need help. To protect the privacy of their clients, we don't ever know the details, but the families are usually recently homeless, facing the illness of a child, and needing a little joy at Christmas. This year we will be putting the gift tags representing the requested gifts on the “giving tree” on **Saturday December 4**, so on Sunday the 5th and the following Sunday the 12th parishioners will be taking the tags from the tree and buying and wrapping the presents. The gifts will need to be brought to the church by **Sunday December 19** so they can be delivered to the CVC by the date that they want them, Wednesday December 22nd. Help is always cheerfully requested for this wonderful project, so please contact Paula Hawthorn paula.hawthorn@gmail.com if you would like to help.



New Faces at St. Paul's

Carolyn Knapp

Paul Impey, Seminarian

Who is that masked man carrying the cross down the aisle on Sundays? It's usually Paul Impey, the seminarian at St. Paul's.

Besides being new to St. Paul's, he's also relatively new to the Episcopal Church, but a thread of worship has run through his life. Religion, he says, was "mocked" in his parents' household. His mother's Roman Catholic upbringing turned her against that church, and his astrophysicist father was an atheist. Yet the family spent every other summer at the Vatican observatory (among mostly Jesuit staff), where Paul's father and his friend, George Coyne, taught astronomy to secular grad students.



In a separate project, his father taught "Science for Monks and Nuns" to a Tibetan exile community. As a new student at the University of Arizona, Paul was intrigued by a person carrying a sign that said "Talk to a Priest: 25 cents." The quarter he gave to that Episcopal chaplain began a conversation that lasted for his undergraduate career, where he minored in religious studies and had a job working with adolescents suffering from behavioral issues.



His awakening, though, came shortly after graduation during a New Mexico desert camping trip. After he lay gazing at the stars and clouds, a voice "out of the whirlwind" spoke to him, and he knew he "needed to devote his life to God and his fellow beings." He spent two years in Finland pursuing an M.A. degree in education and globalization, returned to Arizona, joined the Episcopal Church, and was baptized in

2015. He worked again with troubled youth, but found the secular setting frustrating, and began to think that an ecclesiastical framework would promote better healing.

An application to CDSF followed, and a scholarship that included housing resulted in his moving to Berkeley and a "terrible, isolating" year of online classes during the 2020-2021 academic year. This, his second year, is much better, he says. He chose to be at St. Paul's because Mauricio's grounding in the Episcopalian tradition was a good balance to the informality and liturgically experimental nature of the Tucson church that sent him. He loves the "angsty, contrarian" energy of adolescents and has been helping out with chapel at St. Paul's School. In addition, Paula Hawthorn led him into his current project researching local high school students' perception of law enforcement.

Please welcome the fascinating man behind the mask to the St. Paul's community.

Stewardship

Sharon Pilmer, Stewardship Chair

Our fall stewardship activity concluded on November 14 with the ingathering of pledges, followed by a lunch in the courtyard. The weather cooperated and provided us a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, which I think we all needed. Thanks to all who submitted their pledge cards, and for joining us in celebration.

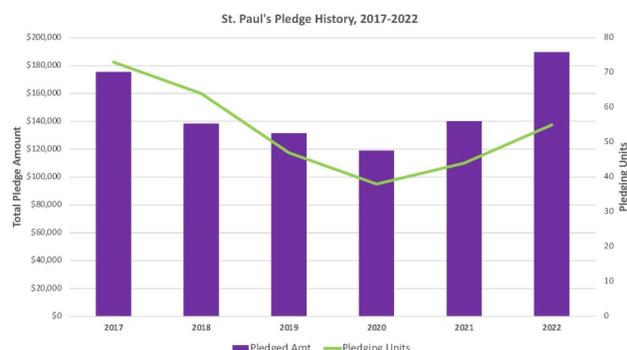


Parishioners offered their pledges



Parishioners enjoyed fabulous boxes together to celebrate a successful stewardship time

I am pleased to report that to date we have received 55 pledges for a total of about \$189,625 (pending confirmation from our bookkeeper). We are already ahead of where we were from 2018-2021 in both the number and amount pledged.



Our target condition, set by our treasurer and after discussion with the rector, is 53 pledges for a total of \$182,374. With your help we will exceed this target.

Pledge cards are available on our website and in the narthex. St. Paul's is able to accept many different types of payment: cash, check, credit card, IRA distributions if you are over 70 years of age, stocks/securities, distributions from your donor advised fund if you have one, etc. Many employers in the area offer matching gifts to charities. Having your employer match your gift is a painless way to double the

impact of your pledge dollars. Please check with your human resources department for further information about matching gifts. Here is a link to donate on-line:

<https://stpaulsoakland.breezechms.com/give/online>

Regardless of how you decide to pay your pledge, we would be grateful, for budgeting purposes, to learn of your intentions for 2022 before the end of the year. Your pledge dollars are the major source of income for the parish and are essential for mission and ministry.

From the Senior Warden Sharon Pilmer

There is a saying, “time flies when you are having fun”. The past year has certainly flown by. I am not sure that “fun” is the first word that comes to my mind when I reflect on 2021; I think “challenging” might be the best adjective to describe it. The pandemic presented us with so many challenges and opportunities, and although there is no “end” in sight, I think we have weathered the storm. We have sustained essential ministries and reopened safely. We are gradually moving toward returning to many of our normal practices, although some may become our new normal. Look for the return of our volunteer choir Advent I, as well as prayer books and hymnals returning to the pews. We are working to get coffee hour up and running again in a safe way.



As we look forward to the new year, the issues that are top of mind for me are:

Programming for children and youth, especially now that vaccines are widely available for all children over the age of 5. We have included salary support for a youth minister but have not identified this individual yet. How will we as a community support this need?



Re-launch of the **St. Paul's Legacy Society**. Members of this society are those parishioners who have remembered St. Paul's in their wills or estate plans. We have relied on our investments, made possible by those who remembered us after their deaths, to close the gap between revenue and expense for years. We can think of these gifts as our pledge even after we pass.

We all have hopes and dreams for St. Paul's. With God's help, and yours, they are possible. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any comments or questions at seniorwarden@stpaulsoakland.org. I love St. Paul's and it has been my pleasure to serve as your senior warden this past year!

Treasurer's Update Ann Goggins Gregory

We exceeded pledge revenue by nearly \$7K in October, which played a role in improving year-to-date (YTD) financial performance. We remain below budget on expenses, mostly due to the open Children & Youth Ministries position, even though we have had increased maintenance and safety costs. I've included a summary of financials below, with some additional notes on revenue and expense trends.

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	Year-to-date actuals as of October 31, 2021		Year-to-date budget through October 31, 2021	
Revenue	\$	222,537	\$	254,297
Expense	\$	380,525	\$	403,018
Net Income	\$	(157,988)	\$	(148,721)

REVENUE DYNAMICS:

Pledges are on track for the year; the last few months have seen a strong increase in pledge revenue which has improved our overall financial picture.

Plate revenue remains off budget for the year (\$33K actual vs. \$46K budgeted) but was on budget for October.

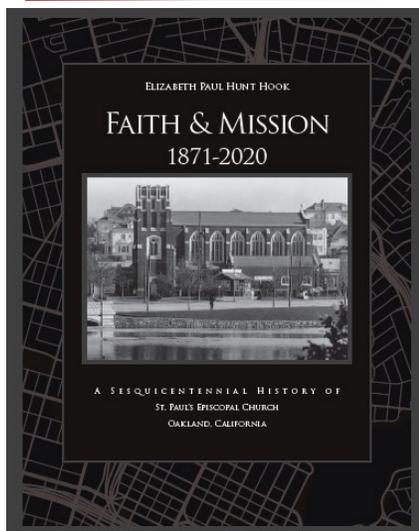
EXPENSE DYNAMICS:

Personnel is under budget by \$30K or 12%. These savings continue to be driven by the open Children & Youth Ministries position.

Maintenance and repair is over budget by \$15K for the year. This is due to overall maintenance, elevator contracts and repairs, and safety repairs in preparation for reopening.

On the investment side, we have seen strong gains year to date, despite some episodic market turbulence. Our balance is at \$2.5M.

As always, I'm available for your questions or comments at goggins.gregory@gmail.com.



The history of St. Paul's is on the way!

Liz Hook's

Faith and Mission 1871-2020. A Sesquicentennial History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland, California

is in the final stages of production. The Vestry has generously agreed to underwrite production costs. We should have the book in our hands by the time of the Annual Meeting in January 2022. Watch for an announcement on availability!

Any member of the Parish may attend Vestry meetings, which are at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted; the full minutes of the meeting are available to parish members upon request by contacting the parish administrator or a member of the Vestry

THE 2021 VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
Wilson, Rector
Sharon Pilmer, Senior
Warden
Will Cowart Jr., Junior
Warden
Erica Terry-Derryck,
Clerk
Ann Goggins Gregory,
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS Class of 2021

Erica Terry-Derryck
Sergio Prieto
Lisa Strait
Class of 2022
Will Cowart
Ann Gregory
Sharon Pilmer
Class of 2023
Flarnie Adams
Brian Stanke
Maura Lane

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

2020
Delegates
Melanie Blake
Tom McGarrell
Jeanette Dinwiddie-
Moore
Alternates
-vacancy-

Vestry Highlights

Meeting of November 24, 2021

Robert Knapp, newsletter correspondent

Robert Knapp and Vicki Larson presented a request for Vestry support in the publication of the history of St. Paul's, *Faith and Mission 1871-2020: A Sesquicentennial History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Oakland, California*, by Elizabeth Hook. Unanimous Vestry approval followed. For more on the history, see the story elsewhere in this newsletter.



On the financial side, Treasurer Ann Goggin's reported that October was a "strong catch-up month." While budget savings from the open position for a youth director helped the balance sheet, the overall condition of the balance sheet is good as pledge payments have rebounded and investments continue to perform well. See the full treasurer's report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Senior Warden Sharon Pilmer reported that the stewardship campaign had gone very well. With 53 pledges in and some pledges still to come, over \$182,000 has been raised in support of St. Paul's. The Vestry expressed its great pleasure and its great gratitude to Sharon for her leadership and to all the members of the Stewardship Committee for conducting a very successful campaign. See Sharon's full report on the stewardship campaign elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sharon also presented and discussed the concept of a St. Paul's Legacy Society. It is a way to provide creative avenues for supporting the church through long-range bequests and gifts and for providing recognition for persons who do this. Doug Jensen and George Strait will take the lead in this endeavor. Sharon and the Diocesan Office of Planned Giving will make a fuller presentation about reviving a Legacy Society at St. Paul's at the time of the Vestry Retreat next February.

On the building and grounds front, leaks that appeared in the recent torrential rains have been fixed. As with all leak abatement, time will tell if measures prove successful. The Vestry approved increasing the capacity of the church from the present 150 persons to the fire marshal-approved maximum of 300. This means that groups seeking to use the church as a venue can accommodate a larger audience. The increase will not affect service attendance at St. Paul's as currently 50 - 65 persons are on hand for each of our various services.

Sharon Pilmer led a discussion of compensation for the section leaders in our choir and about the search for a new tenor to replace Josh Black. Further discussion of compensation will follow as the Vestry prepares a suggested church budget for 2022.

Father Mauricio reported that as yet no vestryperson has been named as a social justice liaison. With regard to the search for a youth director, the position remains open, and conversations continue. Father is working with Sergio Prieto to plan for children's participation during the Christmas season. And regarding Christmas, St. Paul's will have two Christmas Eve services, a family one at 5:00 and a midnight mass at 11:00. There probably will not be the traditional concert at 10:30. The 2022 Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 16th. It will be in person in the Parish Hall with a Zoom option.

The Windows of St. Paul's

Robert Knapp

Windows from "Old St. Paul's"

Santa Fe

Little is known about this window except that it came from Old St. Paul's when the new church was constructed in 1912. It was probably created between 1886 and 1890. It is set as the middle of three lancets. The other two lancets to its right and left are filled with plain obscure amber glass. This middle lancet contains a beautiful, young, female saint holding a staff topped with a cross and a book emblazoned with *Holy Bible*. She wears a crown on her head with what is probably a jewel in the middle. Lilies, a symbol of the Virgin, with many Tudor roses are entwined above; below is a rectangular design whose only purpose is decorative. The creator of this window is unknown.

The text on the glass at the feet of the figure reads:

HAVE FAITH IN GOD Mark XI:22

The person portrayed is almost certainly St. Faith = Santa Fe. She is often shown holding a Cross, although not holding both Bible and Cross. The quotation from Mark argues for this identification, however. At the bottom is a dedication:

The glory of God and in Memory of Josephine Eastland died Jny 29th, 1886.

Josephine Eastland was the wife of Thomas B. Eastland, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, who came west to California during the



Josephine Eastland

Gold Rush, then returned to Tennessee to retrieve his family from the turmoil of the Civil War. He migrated permanently with them to San Francisco; however, he soon died (1864), leaving his sons a considerable fortune. The family had strong Confederate sympathies. Van Leer Eastland served in the Confederate Army from Tennessee as did Thomas B. Eastland, Jr. However, I find no evidence that they were slave holders.

One son, Joseph G., became founder and president of the Oakland Gas, Light and Heat Company of which his brother, Van Leer, was the manager; merging with other companies, this entity became Pacific Gas and Electric.

Two other brothers, Andrew J. and Alfred T., were prominent in business and society in the city and beyond. The family resided in San Francisco and Oakland, but in about 1874 Josephine Eastman moved to across the Bay, probably to live with Van Leer in downtown Oakland. There, her health in decline, she spent her remaining years as a member of St. Paul's. At her funeral, "the church was crowded with the deceased lady's friends and relatives, and the services over her remains were solemnly affecting."





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out of darkness...
light!

December 18 – January 6

Approaching this holiday season, after a weird and challenging year, we seek the light — of health and happiness, peace and generosity — in the Christmas story and in our lives. Works by Byrd, Poulenc, Hogan, Nixon, Alice Parker, Hyun Chul Lee, Abbie Betinis, Cazabón, and others.

We are finally singing together! Our traditional holiday concert will be videotaped at San Francisco's beautiful St. Mark's Lutheran Church for **presentation online**.

Accessible on our website December 18 – January 6

Enjoy anytime! From anywhere! Or make it a gift!

Pay what you wish!

More information and tickets at <https://www.sfca.org/2021-22/>

Christmas Gifts: Unwrapping Christmas Carols Old and New

A Holiday Lecture by St. Paul's Parishioner John Prescott

Sunday, December 5, 2021

2:00 - 4:00pm

In this lecture, we will explore the rich, fascinating, poignant, and delightful history of Christmas carols over the past 1000 years. We will learn about the festival of Christmas as it changed and developed as both a religious and cultural phenomenon. We will explore the surprising origins of familiar carols. We will learn how familiar words were set to less familiar music. We will mine the riches of Christmas music from England, France, Germany, and Latin America. We will also take a fun excursion into the world of humorous treatments of music of the season. No formal musical training is necessary. Come, make yourself a holiday beverage, and join in the celebration.



Sign up: If you wish to participate, email John at: johnrichardprescott@gmail.com.

Suggested Donation: \$25

Make donations by PayPal or Venmo at: johnrichardprescott@gmail.com. If paying by check, please email me

at: johnrichardprescott@gmail.com and I will send you my mailing address.

Here's a BIG shout-out

to St. Paul's member **Kate Eby**, our outstanding copy-editor for *The Good News*, who returns the proof-read text with accuracy, speed and great cheer! Thank you, Kate!



National Church News Episcopalians fighting climate change



Donald Dardar, left, and Russell Dardar look toward the eroding shoreline of Bayou Pointe-au-Chien in southern Louisiana on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021. The brothers have lived along the bayou all their lives as shrimpers and fishermen. They now also work to preserve the coastal land from further erosion by re-filling canals and developing living shorelines. Photo: Jessie Wardarski/AP

Episcopalians, other faith groups increasingly join fight against climate change

[Episcopal News Service] Episcopalians gathered virtually on Nov. 6 for a “Liturgy for Planetary Crisis” worship service as [Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s delegation continues its work at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference](#).

The liturgy, featuring leaders from across The Episcopal Church, highlighted the past, present and future [role of Indigenous peoples](#) in caring for the Earth, a theme that is increasingly echoed by Anglicans and other participants at the conference, which is being held in Glasgow, Scotland, and online through Nov. 12. For more about this subject [click here](#).

December Worship Schedule

All services will be live-streamed on the Church's Facebook page. For details go to: <https://www.stpaulsoakland.org/streamed-services.html> You will need a reservation to attend in-person services. Folks on the Parish e-mail list will receive an invitation the Tuesday before the Sunday service. Missed the invitation? Go to the Church website beginning Wednesday morning and follow the directions there. To get on the reservation email list, send a note to admin@stpaulsoakland.org.

Wednesday, December 1

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am
Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed
4:00pm
Evensong, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, December 8

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, December 12: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am
Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, December 15

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am
Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, December 22

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m.
Family Service, in-person (by reservation) & streamed
11:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Saturday, December 25: Christmas Day

5:00 p.m.
Family Service, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Sunday, December 26: First Sunday of Christmas

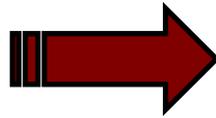
8:00am
Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed
8:00pm
Compline, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, December 29

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

From the Editors:

Watch for news on these fronts next month!



Outreach and Hospitality

Junior Warden

A/V Project

Children and Youth

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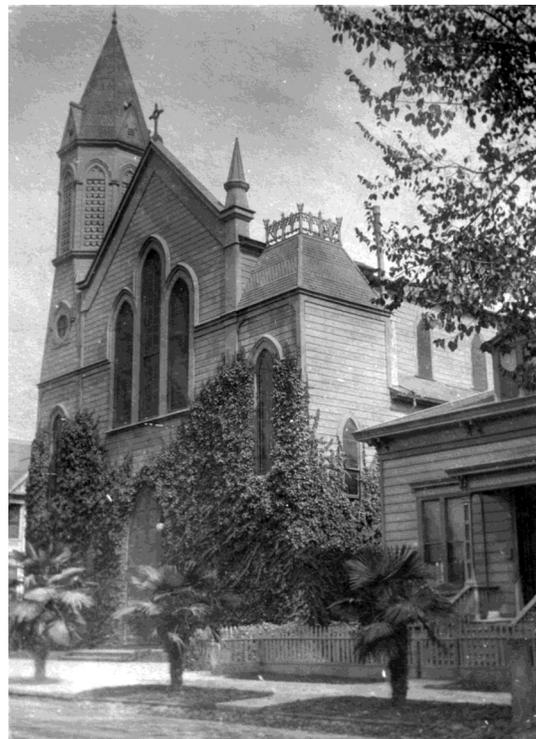
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