

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9 A.M-2 P.M

Friday. Closed

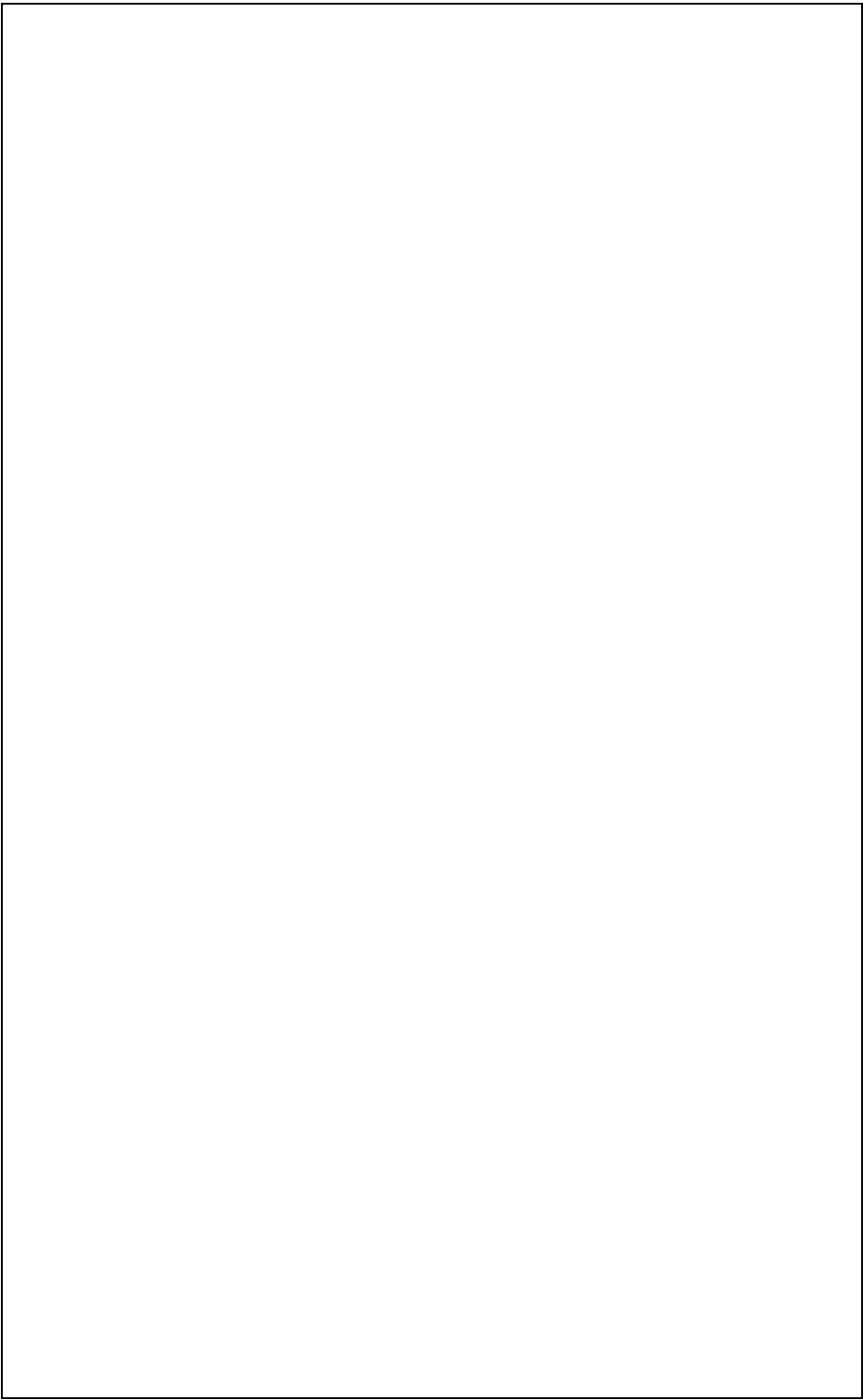
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Holy Eucharist Rite I

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Rev. Edward Gomez, Vicar | Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara, Curate
Choir Director- Kari Zimmerman | Organist – Phil Scoles

Liturgy of the Word

Processional	<i>“Christ is the world's true Light”</i>	Hymn 542
Salutation Eucharist Rite I		BCP 323
Kyrie		S-91
Collect of the Day		BCP 211
First Reading		Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19		BCP 685-686
Second Reading		Romans 15:4-13
Sequence	<i>“Comfort, comfort ye my people”</i>	Hymn 67
The Holy Gospel		Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon	The Reverend Edward Gómez	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 326
Prayers of the People Rite I		BCP 328
The Confession of Sin		BCP 330
The Peace		BCP 332

The Holy Communion

Offertory	<i>“Herald, sound the note of judgment”</i>	Hymn 70
The Doxology		Hymn 380
Eucharist Prayer 1		BCP 333
Sanctus		S-114
The Lord's Prayer (kneel or sit)		BCP 336
Prayer of Humble Access		BCP 337
Communion	<i>“Prepare the way, O Zion”</i>	Hymn 65
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 339
Recessional	<i>“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”</i>	Hymn 616

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in this church.
Please maintain devotional silence during the administration of the Elements*

Second Sunday of Advent: Year A

The Collect

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.*

First Reading

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;

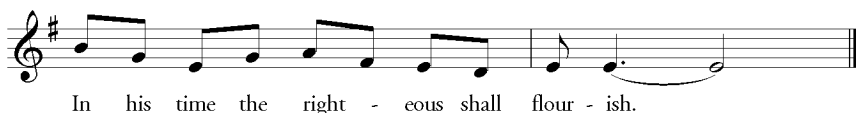
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

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 Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Second Reading

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 Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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 **People: Praise to you Lord Christ!**

To those worshiping with us for the first time: Welcome to St. Paul's! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and hope that your experience is rewarding. If there is anything we can do for you, feel free to contact us. We would like to get acquainted with you!

OPEN DOORS – OPEN HEARTS
WE ARE A FAMILY OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Mission Statement of St Paul's/San Pablo:

**Our doors and our hearts are open
to *everyone* who seeks to know God.**

In our prayer this week, let us lift up...

- **The Archbishop of Canterbury** – Sarah
- **Our Presiding Bishop** – Sean
- **Our Bishops** – Andy, Kay, Jeff, Hector, & Brian
- **Our Clergy** – Ed, Misael
- **Our Senior Warden** – Yeni
- **Our Junior Warden** – Julio
- **The leaders of our nation** – especially Donald, the Congress of the United States, the Supreme Court, Greg, John, and all in authority, that by their leadership we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in the service of God and to His honor and glory.
- **Our Church Family** – for those in leadership and for every member of St. Paul's, both present and absent
- **Those who are sick**
- **Those who have died**

Those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries

Clergy and Staff Serving St. Paul's

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Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara

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Phil Scoles

Choir Director

Kari Zimmerman

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Marco Gutiérrez

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Yeni Cabrera

Junior Warden

Julio Olvera

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Olga & Cynthia

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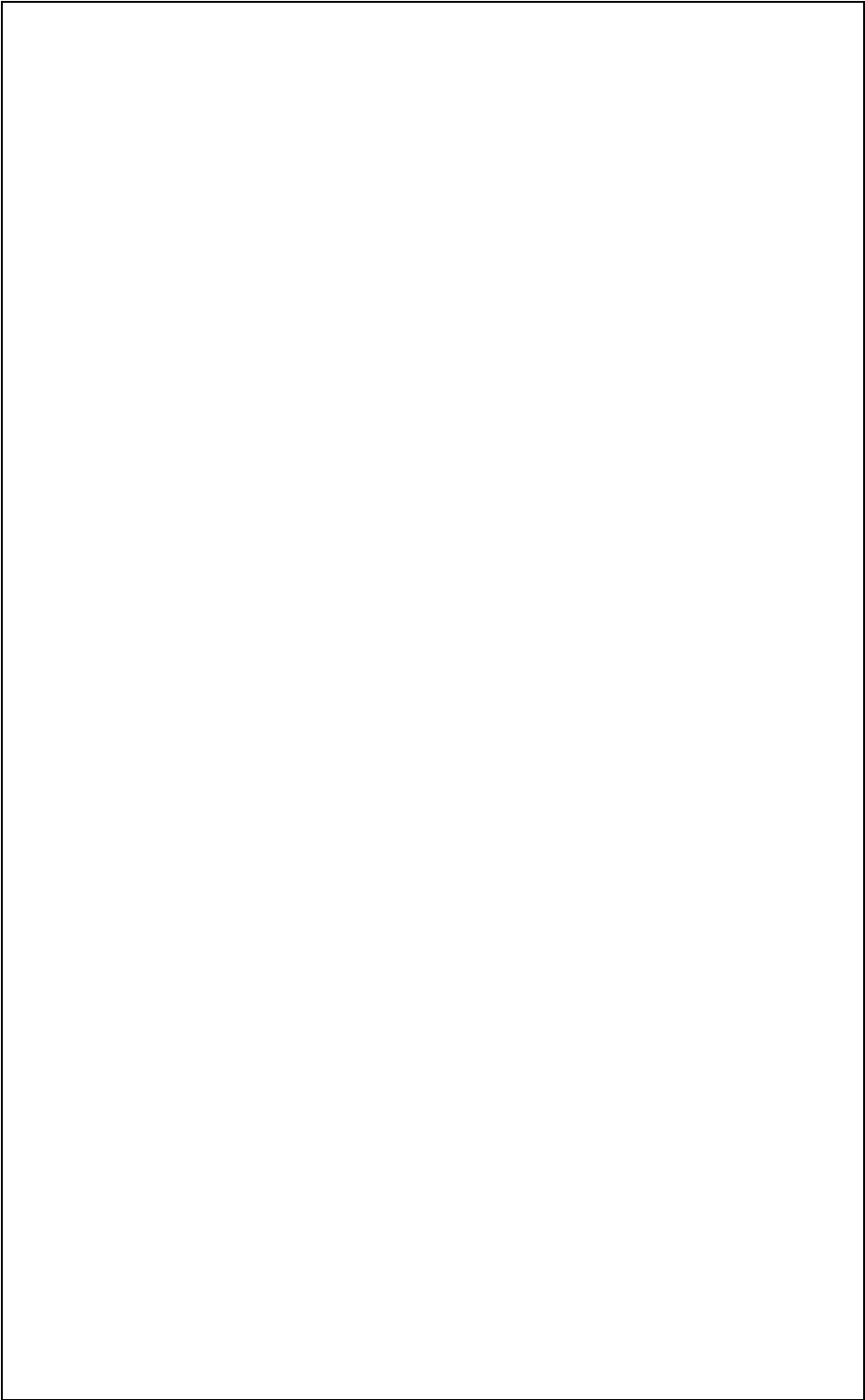
Lamar

OBLATIONERS:

Carl & Pam

ALTAR GUILD:

Linda, Rachel, & Bernadette





Urgent prayers for the sick

Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over and give strength to your flock in their time of need.

Clint

Tom C.

Florian J.

Betty J.

Don E.

Greg W.

Denise G.

Melissa B.

Gigi K.

Lou F.

Scott A.

Norma M.

Peggy H.

Valentín B.

Peggy F.

Peggy C.

Aaron C.

Maury F.

Ray R.

Jenny G.

Carrie L.

Eva Marie V.

Roy R. III

Laura H.

Joey

Christopher M.

Lidia B.

All people suffering from natural disasters.

For all who suffer from acts of Violence.



Worship service

Holy Eucharist

Sunday (English) 9:30 AM

Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 PM

Wednesday (Spanish) 7:00 PM



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