

Serving today

Interim Priest	The Rev. Bruce Jacobson
Interim Associate Priest	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
Music Minister	Mark Pace
Verger	Jack Griffin
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am	Keith Giles Carolyn Hartnett, Ranee Washburn
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am	Chet Fuller Inge Eddy, Ginnie Schartner, June Novo
Greeter	Susan Leidy
Ushers – 8:00 am	Keith and Sarah Nyhan
Acolyte – 8:00 am	Bob Fenton
Ushers – 10:00 am	Jerry Tepe, Alice Guay Roz Dickey, John Cabibi
Acolytes – 10:00 am	Phil Denoncourt, Jared Roberts Emily Johnson, Matt Lindsay Laura Braley, Becky Weld
Soloist	Andrew Livernois
Cantor	Andrew Livernois
Altar Guild	Tamar Roberts Mary Waples

Altar Flowers are given in memory of

Dr. Frederick H. Stevens and Leslie S. Stevens
by John H. Stevens, Joshua P. Stevens, and Jane Pappas

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**21 Centre St.
Concord, NH**



**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMONLY KNOWN AS
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**November 23, 2008
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM**

Please enter into worship quietly and reverently, in consideration of your fellow worshippers who arrive early to offer their silent prayers and who ask this of you.

Prelude (10:00 am)		
Scherzo		Alan Ridout
Processional Hymn – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 450
The Word of God		The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355
Hymn of Praise (10:00 am)		See Music Insert
The Collect of the Day		See Insert
The First Reading		Ezekiel 24:11-16, 20-24
The Psalm – 100	(8:00 am)	See Insert
	(10:00 am)	*See Music Insert
	<i>*Please join in singing the Antiphon.</i>	
The Second Reading		Ephesians 1:15-23
Anthem – (10:00 am)		
Sanctus		Marc-Antoine Charpentier
The Gospel		Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon		The Rev. Bruce Jacobson
The Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
The Prayers of the People – Form I		BCP p. 383
Confession		BCP p. 360
The Peace		

Offertory Music - (10:00 am)		
The Lord's Prayer		Albert Hay Malotte
Andrew Livernois, Tenor		
Hymn (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 435
The Great Thanksgiving D		BCP p. 372
	<i>The congregation remains standing as instructed in The Prayer Book</i>	
Sanctus - (10:00 am)		The Hymnal S124
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal S161
The Invitation		
<i>All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. To receive a consecrated gluten-free host, extend your right hand only.</i>		
Music during Communion (10:00 am)		
Nocturne VIII		John Field
Waltz in A Minor		Frédéric Chopin
Mark Pace, Harp		
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Closing Hymn – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 494
Dismissal		
Postlude – (10:00 am)		
Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor		Johann S. Bach

Contact us

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

Tonight – 6-8 PM Jr. and Sr. SPY Groups

Tues. November 25th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. November 26th – 5:30 PM Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist

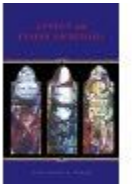
Thurs. November 26th – OFFICE CLOSED (no Holy Eucharist)

Fri. November 27th – OFFICE CLOSED

FYI -Midweek Eucharistic services are held in the chapel and are about a half hour long.

Announcements

Adult Education - Growing in the Spirit through the writings of Evelyn Underhill, with Celeste Hemingson will meet again on Wednesday, December 3 (there is **no** meeting this week). Evelyn Underhill, the British theologian and mystic, was one of the great spiritual writers of the early twentieth century. Our discussion will be based on the book “*Advent with Evelyn Underhill*”, a collection of daily meditations on her writings. To order a copy of the book (Cost \$13), contact Kristin Dunklee in the church office. As usual, discussions will begin at 6:00 PM, and you are invited to bring your dinner. During Advent we will also celebrate Eucharist at 5:30PM.



****Food Pantry Needed Item of the Week****

Soup

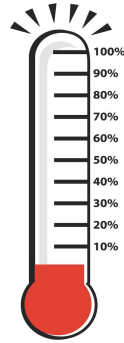
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8:30am – 4:30pm

Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm

Vestry Candidates needed – Are you one? It is only a few months until the annual meeting, the parish needs to start thinking about possible candidates for vestry election. This year we will be choosing a Jr. Warden and four open vestry positions. This coming vestry will have the privilege of working with our new rector to plan the future course of St. Paul's. If you are interested, or would like to suggest a possible name, please contact the church office or one of the wardens.



Stewardship – The 2009 Pledge Campaign for Stewardship at St. Paul's has begun. Every parishioner and friend of St. Paul's should have received a brochure through the mail, containing the pledge form. You can either mail it in as directed on the brochure or put it in the collection plate during the offering. The Campaign will end on November 30th. No one needs reminding that the needs of the parish never end, especially now in an uncertain economy. We are the hands that God uses to further His Kingdom. Through our gratitude for all that is given to us, we can and shall meet His challenge.



SENIOR SPY IS GOING TO A BIBLE CONFERENCE! -We are planning a weekend retreat at Rumney Bible Conference in Rumney, NH, Jan 30-Feb 1. The weekend is \$120 per person (all inclusive!). If there is anyone who wants to sponsor a teenager for the trip or even just a partial amount, that would be very helpful! Please contact Kellie with any questions or concerns 226-9113.

Book Club – The Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 9th at 7 PM. The book is “*Age of Innocence*” by Edith Wharton. The meeting will be at Rane Washburn's house, 3 Cambridge Street, Concord.

Parish Directory News - We're putting the final touches on the Parish Directory before it goes to the printer, and we want to make sure we've got everyone's names spelled correctly. Lists with the names of everyone who either submitted a picture or had their picture taken for the directory will be in the Parish Hall today. Please take a minute to review your name and make any needed corrections.

Christian Education

Sunday school classrooms are open at 9:30 am – children join their families at communion during the 10am service.

Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9-11:30 for children to age four. Due to food allergy concerns, children who become hungry during the service will be given plain Ritz crackers as a snack. Please do not bring in other food items. If this snack poses a problem, please alert the caregivers, and appropriate steps will be taken. Thank you.

Advent – November 30th at 9:30 am there will be a special class for the 4th and 5th graders on Routines and Rituals.

Mustard Seed Enrichment program offers a parent/child class on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 am for children aged 2-5 with a caregiver. Fun preschool activities, faith time and snack – parenting tips too! Donations are great, and pre-registration is needed.

Episcopal Relief & Development - Make your *presents* felt! All of the items in the Episcopal Relief & Development "Gifts for Life" catalog support one or more of the Millennium Development Goals. Help heal a hurting world by giving a thoughtful gift that will empower individuals, restore communities and transform lives. Order on line at www.er-d.org/giftsforlife or find the catalog in the upper parish hall. You may also find the link on the parish web-site! Contact Judy Fox at JudyXof@gmail.com

Give Bishop's Blend Coffee for Christmas

Episcopal Relief and Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. An independent 501(c)3 organization, ERD saves lives and builds hope in communities around the world. ERD's programs work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals. We provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and rebuild after disasters. We enable people to climb out of poverty by offering long-term solutions in the areas of food security and health care, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Episcopal Relief and Development is offering **Bishops Blend, a premium line of Certified Fair Trade, organic, and shade-grown coffees** from Central America and Indonesia. Your purchase of Bishops Blend helps ERD meet needs worldwide. Episcopal Relief & Development receives 15% of the purchase price from the sale of each bag of Bishops Blend coffee. Five varieties are offered at \$7.50 per bag. The **CHRISTMAS ORDER** will be placed on December 15th! Order form on the parish website or in the parish hall. Contact Judy Fox judyxof@gmail.com

Holiday Announcements

Thanksgiving Eve Service – “If I had a bell, I’d ring it in the evening”

On Wednesday November 26th at 5:30 PM we will gather for a Thanksgiving Eucharist to celebrate the God who created the earth and entrusts it to our care.

During the offertory we will toll our church bell 350 times, joining other New England churches who will ring their bells 350 times during that week. If you would like to take a turn at ringing our bell, just go to the back of the church during the offertory. Stair-climbing *is* required! (narrow and spiral)



Why 350? 350 parts per million (ppm) is the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere that our planet can sustain without causing irreversible damage to life on earth. The level of CO₂ in our atmosphere is currently 385 ppm and climbing. The Rt. Rev. Bud Cederholm, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts has invited all Episcopal churches across New England to ring their steeple bells in a call for action on climate change. Here in Concord, churches from other denominations will participate as well. For more information, visit www.350.org.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Sponsored by The Greater Concord



Interfaith Council. Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 AM at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton St., Concord. You are encouraged to bring a prayer from your faith tradition or a brief personal sharing on what you are thankful for.

Attention Adult Choir Members and Interested Singers-Believe it or not it is time for Christmas Festival Choir. Christmas Day is on a Thursday this year. That means we will have one rehearsal before Thanksgiving and three afterwards. We will have Festival Choir rehearsals on Thursday, November 20th, and three Thursdays in December the 4th, 11th and 18th. We will rehearse from 7:00-9:00 PM.

Advent Wreath Making Potluck Party – November 30th 5:30-7:30 PM. Start your Advent season by creating a special Advent Wreath with the members of Jr. and Sr. SPY groups. Materials and instruction will be provided. Sign up list in upper parish hall.



Christmas Giving Tree – Our Christmas Giving Tree Program will start November 23rd with the first appearance of “The Tree”. Anybody interested in assisting with this ministry please contact Carolyn Howard at 715-2281 or gregaldan@comcast.net.

Forever Young Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 9th at 11:30 AM. Senior Church members - come join our active seniors’ group for their holiday celebration. Enjoy the holiday musical styling of our own Mark Pace along with a light lunch and the infamous Yankee Swap.



Christmas Altar Flowers – If you would like to contribute toward poinsettias in memory of loved ones for the Christmas Services contact the church office by Dec. 10th. The suggested cost is \$30.

Calling All Christmas Carolers-Come one, come all! The entire congregation is invited to come Christmas caroling on **Friday, December 5th**. We will meet at the church and go to downtown Concord and sing for Midnight Merriment. Please plan to be at the church by **6:00 PM**. Music will be provided. Singing in tune is not required!



Christmas Eve Services – We have made a change to the service time for the late service Christmas Eve. The schedule this year will be:

5:00 pm Children’s Service with Pageant

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist

*9:30 pm Musical Prelude

*10:00 pm Holy Eucharist

*Time Change

Vestry Update of Search Process – On November 1st the Vestry voted to ask the Search Committee to continue searching for candidates until March 1st if necessary. We are all reminded that we are in the process to *Call a Priest* to our community. This is very different from *Hiring* an employee. Bishop Robinson has advised us to “Hold tight, and take the time needed to complete your work and ministry.”

Having fulfilled their obligation to serve through September 1, 2008, Jack Griffin and Judy Fox have decided it is time for them to step aside and allow others the opportunity to serve the parish.

Judy had been the Vice-chair and more recently the Chair of the Search Committee. She wants to convey her deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve the parish in this important mission.

Jack will continue in his role as Clerk of the Vestry. He had been the vestry liaison to the Search Committee. He notes that both groups are made up of very talented individuals who are committed to doing the right thing for St. Paul's. Jack States, “A fresh face from the Vestry would be better equipped to provide a communication bridge between the two groups at this time.”

Both Judy and Jack are confident that the Search Committee will find and present the best and most qualified candidates available and the Vestry will *Call* one of those presented to be our new Rector. They both prayerfully continue to support the process. Please take time to thank Jack and Judy for all their hard work in this process. The work of the Lord is not easy!

At the regular November Vestry meeting last Tuesday, the Vestry voted to name Ruth Perencevich as the new Chair of the Search Committee. Ruth is a member of the Search Committee and recently had been assisting Judy Fox in the leadership of the group. In addition the Vestry appointed Geoff Forester as the new vestry liaison. Geoff is in his third year as a member of the Vestry. With these two appointments, the Vestry is confident the strong and principled leadership of the Search Committee will continue without interruption and three highly and equally qualified candidates will be presented to the Vestry in the very near future.