

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	Jeanne Meyer Bob Fenton, Doug Black
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am	Shawn LaFrance John Cabibi, Yvonne Burroughs, Jerry Tepe Bob Washburn
Greeter	Keith and Sarah Nyhan
Ushers – 8:00 am	Phil Denoncourt
Acolyte – 8:00 am	
Ushers – 10:00 am	Randy Roberts, Tamar Roberts Martha Mitchell, Geoff Forester
Acolytes – 10:00 am	Alan Vomacka, Belle Cotton Emma Nelson, James Coles Max Broadbent, Ethan LaFrance
Soloist	Lisa Bonenfant Tracy Pace
Cantor	Tracy Pace
Altar Guild	Tamar Roberts Mary Waples

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ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**21 Centre St.
Concord, NH**



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

**November 30, 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)	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Arr. Kenneth Kosche
Processional Hymn – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 57
The Word of God	The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355	
Trisagion (10:00 am)		The Hymnal S102
The Collect of the Day		See Insert
The First Reading		Isaiah 64:1-9
The Psalm – 80:1-7, 16-18	(8:00 am)	See Insert
	(10:00 am)	*See Music Insert
	<i>*Please join in singing the Antiphon.</i>	
The Second Reading		1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Anthem – (10:00 am)	Arise and Shine	Earlene Rentz
The Gospel		Mark 13:24-37
Sermon		The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
The Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
The Prayers of the People – Form II		BCP p. 385
Confession		BCP p. 360
The Peace		

Offertory Music - (10:00 am)	Et Exultavit	Johann S. Bach
	Lisa Bonenfant, Mezzo-Soprano	
Hymn (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 68
The Great Thanksgiving B		BCP p. 367
	<i>The congregation may stand or kneel as instructed in The Prayer Book</i>	
Sanctus - (10:00 am)		See Music Insert
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem – (10:00 am)		See Music Insert
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)	Who at My Door is Standing	Traditional
	Tracy Pace, Alto	
	O Day of Peace	Arr. Hal Hopson
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Closing Hymn – (10:00 am)		The Hymnal 640
Dismissal		
Postlude – (10:00 am)	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Arr. Kenneth Kosche

Contact us

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

Tonight – 5:30 – 7:30 PM Advent Wreath Making Potluck

Mon. December 1st – 6-8 PM Men's Just Supper

Tues. December 2nd – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 3rd – 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 3rd – 6 PM Adult Education Class

Thurs. Dec. 4th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

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

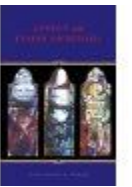
Announcements

Advent Wreath Making Potluck – Tonight 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.



Adult Education - Growing in the Spirit through the writings of Evelyn Underhill, with Celeste Hemingson will meet again on Wednesday, December 3.

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. For \$13 the book is available from 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.



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

Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm

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

Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Attention Adult Choir Members and Interested Singers- It is time for Christmas Festival Choir. Christmas Day is on a Thursday this year. Festival Choir rehearses three Thursdays in December the 4th, 11th and 18th. We rehearse from 7:00-9:00 PM.

Forever Young Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 9th at 11:30 AM. Senior Church members - come join our active seniors' group for their holiday celebration. Catered lunch will be provided. The cost is \$6/person. Enjoy the holiday musical styling of our own Mark Pace along with a light lunch and join in the infamous Yankee Swap (item not to exceed \$5). Contact June Novo with any questions at 224-4632.



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!



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.

12 Days of Christmas at St. Paul's Church

- December 24** – 5:00 pm Children's Eucharist with Pageant
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist
***9:30 pm** Musical Prelude
***10:00 pm** Holy Eucharist
- December 25** – 10 AM Holy Eucharist with the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson
- December 28** – 8 AM Holy Eucharist
10 AM Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist
- January 4** – 8 AM Holy Eucharist
10 AM Family Eucharist with Arrival of the Three Kings
- January 6** – 12:10 PM Celebration of Epiphany with Holy Eucharist

*Please note time change

The Pemigewasset Choral Society invites you to *Sing for Joy*.

The Society scheduled its 35th Anniversary concert series in three locations.

- Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Lakeport
- Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Franklin
- Sunday, December 14, 3 p.m. at the Hanaway Theatre at Plymouth State University campus.

The 125-voice Chorus is directed by Plymouth State University Professor of Music, Dr. Robert F. Swift and accompanied by his wife Margot W. Swift. The program features a special selection, "The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls", a commissioned work by composer and arranged Frank Denson. Other music appropriate to the season including Messiah choruses will be presented. Admission is by voluntary donation at the door in Lakeport and Franklin. Tickets at \$10.00 are required in Plymouth and may be purchased in advance from the box office or on the day of the concert. Special rates are available for students, seniors and groups.



Christmas Giving Tree – Our Christmas Giving Tree Program has begun. In-gathering is Sunday, December 7th. Anybody interested in assisting with this ministry please contact Carolyn Howard at 715-2281 or gregaldan@comcast.net.

November Milestones - Baptisms: Connor David Afflick
Delaney Rose Afflick
Stephen Dexter Blackmer
Athieng Bior
Emilio Roberto Carvajal
Amelia Elizabeth Crumrine
Christian LaPorte
Noah Robert Wyatt
Samantha Gail Zanis