

## Prayers of the People

**A**ll the churches of the world, let them thrive and draw many people near and far, and help spread the word about our God.

**D**emocracies of this nation, let them stand together under one God and not be taken down.

**V**oices of the people of the world and every living thing, may they be raised up to sing and praise God, and let them be heard. Let the people live well, and protect God's wonderful creations.

**E**veryone of our community, let them be blessed by God, and lead a good life. May they live happily, knowing that God loves them, and follow in God's footsteps.

**N**ow let us pray for those who are suffering, in trouble, or in need. May the needy receive what they require, those in trouble are unharmed, and those suffering are in good health. May God bless them, watch over them, and help them.

**T**hose who have died, let them be departed to eternal rest in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

- Written by Annie Papinsick, age 10  
From our church school

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21 Centre St.

Concord, NH



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2008

8:00 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**

Adagio in E Major Frank Bridge

**The Word of God** The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

**Hymn** The Hymnal 56 verses 1-4

**The Collect of the Day** See Insert

**The First Reading** Isaiah 40:1-11

**The Psalm – 85:1-2, 8-13** \*See Music Insert  
*\*Please join in singing the Antiphon.*

**The Second Reading** 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**The Gospel** Mark 1:1-8

**Sermon** The Rev. Bruce Jacobson

**The Nicene Creed** BCP p. 358

**The Prayers of the People** See Back Page

**Confession** BCP p. 360

**The Peace**

**Offertory Music - (10:00 am)**  
Who at my Door is Standing K. Lee Scott

**Hymn** The Hymnal 76

**The Great Thanksgiving B** BCP p. 367  
*The congregation may stand or kneel as instructed in The Prayer Book*

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP p. 364

**The Invitation**

*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.*

**The Post Communion Prayer** BCP p. 365

**Advent Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**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

**Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** Lee Waples, Jean Haley

**Greeter** Lee Waples

**Ushers** Bob Washburn

**Acolyte** Chris Parkinson

**Soloist** Bob Fenton

**Cantor** Tracy Pace

**Altar Guild** Tracy Pace

Gerri Butterfield

Sheila Knight

Cynthia McLeod

**Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of**

**The Rev. Warren Winfield Jackson, Dr. Robert L. Whitney,  
Dorothy Whitney, Jean and Melissa Davis** by Mrs. Robert L. Whitney

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## **Centre Point**

### This Week at St. Paul's:

Tonight – 5:30 – 7:30 PM Jr. and Sr. SPY meeting

Tues. December 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM Forever Young Christmas Party

Tues. December 9<sup>th</sup> – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 10<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM Adult Education Class

Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

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

### Announcements

**Forever Young Christmas Party** – Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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). ***Today is the last day to reserve a space*** - contact June Novo 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 Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The suggested cost is \$30.

**Holiday Potluck Dinner** – Tues. December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7 PM. Take a break from your busy holiday activities and join with your fellow parishioners for the monthly potluck dinner.

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

***Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm***

**\*\*Food Pantry Needed Item of the Week\*\***  
**Canned Fruit and Peanut Butter**

**Vestry Candidates needed – Are you one?** 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.



**Adult Education - Growing in the Spirit through the writings of Evelyn Underhill**, with Celeste Hemingson will meet again on Wednesday, December 10. Before the meeting, read Bishop Robinson's Advent message on page 2 of the *Episcopal News*. How does our Bishop's understanding of Advent differ from Evelyn Underhill's? Can you think of still other ways to understand Advent? If you would like a copy of the book of meditations, *Advent with Evelyn Underhill*, you may purchase one from the church office for \$13. 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.



**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.

**Book Club** – This month's meeting is Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The book is "*Age of Innocence*" by Edith Wharton. The meeting will be at Ranee Washburn's house, 3 Cambridge Street, Concord.

**Crafts and Potluck** - The Crafts and Potluck meeting scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held January 11, 2009 at 5 p.m. We will brainstorm craft ideas for next year's fair, enjoy a nice meal and fellowship. Anyone interested in joining this group is welcome to come to (one or all!) our meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. starting in January.

### **Christian Education**

**Today is Family Sunday** – enjoy this time to worship as a family. Sunday school for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade returns next week. Sunday school classroom doors will open at 9:30 AM.

Nursery care is available from 9-11:30 AM for children to age 4.

Heifer animal crackers are available during coffee hour!! Watch for our special Heifer gift presentation today!!`

**Calling all Friendly Faces** - The Newcomers Committee is looking for volunteers to be official friendly faces of St Paul's at each service once a month. These friendly faces will meet and greet old and new friends thus making sure we do not miss the opportunity to welcome newcomers and introduce ourselves to each other. We want everyone to feel welcomed here. Please let us know if you would be willing to be one of those friendly faces. Contact Robin Broadbent 226-9149 or [robinbroadbent@comcast.net](mailto:robinbroadbent@comcast.net).

**Thank you for your prayers** – "Prayer is Powerful! In our society today Christians are often looked upon as naïve or "out of touch". Those of us with faith know the true presence of Jesus and that all things are possible with the Lord. Our prayers for our newly adopted baby girl have been answered with your help. Miracles do happen and we have lived it. We thank you for your many prayers – they do work!" Sincerely, Brandon and Mary Burroughs

## Holiday Announcements

**Christmas Cookies** – The Friendly Kitchen is looking for donations of your yummy Christmas cookies to give to their clients. Please bring a batch to the Church on Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> (by Mon. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>) for this group contribution.



**Christmas Eve Service Music** - The Music Ministry is looking for support for instruments for the Christmas Eve Services. We need

Two Violinists fiddling (\$350 each)

One Cellist bowing (\$350)

One Trumpeter blaring (\$350)

*\*Please no partridges or pear trees.*

Any amount that you can provide toward this musical celebration will be appreciated.



**Christmas Giving Tree** – Today is the in-gathering. Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry. Anybody interested in assisting with gift distribution on Thursday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4 PM or Friday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 1 PM please contact Carolyn “The Tree” Howard at 715-2281 or [gregaldan@comcast.net](mailto:gregaldan@comcast.net).

**The Fabulous Fruitcake Fellowship** – Do you have a great fruitcake recipe? Is there really such a thing as a great fruitcake recipe? On Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> bring in your favorite fruitcake for our First (and possibly our Last) Fabulous Fruitcake Fellowship Bake-off. Your submission will be part of our Coffee Fellowship to be sampled and judged by some discerning palates.



**Messiah Sing (Christmas portion)** - To be held at the Tilton School, Smart Chapel (20 School Street, Tilton) on Sunday, December 7th. Rehearsal is at 1:00 PM for those who want to sing. Black and White dress. Performance is at 4:00 PM.

## 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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 program 2008

**All children and youth are invited to take part in the retelling of the Nativity story during the 5pm service Christmas eve. Costumes will be provided. Angels, shepherds, holy family members, stars, friendly beasts and readers are all needed.**

**All youth aged 3-teen are encouraged to participate. A rehearsal (with brunch) will be held after the 10am service on December 14<sup>th</sup> for all who are able to attend.**

**Sign-ups for youth (and helpers) are posted by the choir room, youth room (near the Sunday school classrooms) and in the Upper Parish Hall.**

**We look forward to a wondrous and joyous experience for all!!  
Questions – contact Sarah Nyhan.**

**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](http://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](mailto:JudyXof@gmail.com).

### Give Bishop's Blend Coffee for Christmas



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