

**Serving today**

<b>Interim Priest</b>	The Rev. Bruce Jacobson
<b>Interim Associate Priest</b>	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
<b>Assisting Clergy</b>	The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
<b>Music Minister</b>	Mark Pace
<b>Verger</b>	Jack Griffin
<b>Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am</b>	Keith Giles Cherie Foote, Kristin Dunklee
<b>Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am</b>	Chet Fuller Carolyn Hartnett, Katie Solter, Jane-Ann Fuller
<b>Greeter</b>	Valerie Blake
<b>Ushers – 8:00 am</b>	Bob Washburn Ranee Washburn
<b>Acolyte – 8:00 am</b>	Phil Denoncourt
<b>Ushers – 10:00 am</b>	Jerry Tepe, Alice Guay Roz Dickey, John Cabibi
<b>Acolytes – 10:00 am</b>	Phil Denoncourt, Matt Lindsay Fred Sheehan, James Coles Alexis Spears, William Coles
<b>Soloist</b>	Sarah Dickinson
<b>Cantor</b>	Lisa Bonenfant
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gerri Butterfield Sheila Knight Cynthia McLeod

**Altar Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving  
for all the members of this parish.**

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**21 Centre St.  
Concord, NH**



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 14, 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.*

<b>Prelude (10:00 am)</b>		
Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling		Johann S. Bach
<b>Processional Hymn – (10:00 am)</b>		The Hymnal 436
<b>The Word of God</b>		The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355
<b>Trisagion (10:00 am)</b>		The Hymnal S102
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>		See Insert
<b>The First Reading</b>		Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
<b>The Psalm – 126 (8:00 am)</b>		See Insert
<b>(10:00 am)</b>		*See Music Insert
		<i>*Please join in singing the Antiphon.</i>
<b>The Second Reading</b>		1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
<b>Anthem – (10:00 am)</b>		
Soon and Very Soon		Arr. Andrae Crouch
<b>The Gospel</b>		John 1:6-8, 19-28
<b>Sermon</b>		The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		BCP p. 358
<b>The Prayers of the People</b>		See Insert
<b>Confession</b>		BCP p. 360
<b>The Peace</b>		

<b>Offertory Music - (10:00 am)</b>		
Every Valley		John Ness Beck
<b>Hymn (10:00 am)</b>		The Hymnal 66
<b>The Great Thanksgiving B</b>		BCP p. 367
		<i>The congregation may stand or kneel as instructed in The Prayer Book</i>
<b>Sanctus (10:00 am)</b>		See Music Insert
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		BCP p. 364
<b>Fraction Anthem – (10:00 am)</b>		See Music Insert
<b>The Invitation</b>		
		<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>
<b>Music during Communion (10:00 am)</b>		
He Shall Feed His Flock		George F. Handel
<b>The Post Communion Prayer</b>		BCP p. 365
<b>Closing Hymn – (10:00 am)</b>		The Hymnal 58
<b>Advent Blessing</b>		
<b>Dismissal</b>		
<b>Postlude – (10:00 am)</b>		
Toccata from "Suite Gothique"		Léon Boëllman

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## **Centre Point**

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

Tonight – 6:00 – 8:00 PM Jr. and Sr. SPY meeting

Tues. December 16<sup>th</sup> – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Tues. December 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 7:00 PM Parish Potluck Dinner

Tues. December 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Wed. December 17<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 PM Friendly Kitchen

Wed. December 17<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 17<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM Adult Evelyn Underhill Book Discussion

Thurs. Dec. 18<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

**Interested in Bible Study?** - Please join me in the conference room at 9:15 today for a short meeting about a Bible study program here at St. Paul's. Let me know what kind of Bible study you'd like--What you'd like to learn more about, and when would be a good time for Bible study. If you can't attend this meeting, please call me on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 224-2523 and let me know your ideas. Thanks, Celeste Hemingson

**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.

**Annual Reports** – From all committees or groups are due for the annual meeting (Sunday, January 25, 2009). Please submit reports to the church office by the end of December 2008.

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

*Fri. 8:30am – 2:00pm*

**\*\*Food Pantry Needed Items of the Week\*\***  
**Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit and**  
**Canned Green Vegetables**

**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 for a spiritual conversation about the reflections in this book. All are welcome, even if you haven't attended the earlier meetings. We have no more copies of the book, but you can order one online. 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 make a donation, that would be very helpful! Please contact Kellie with any questions or concerns 226-9113.

**Crafts and Potluck** - The Crafts and Potluck meeting scheduled for December 14th 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 2nd Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. starting in January.

**Christian Education - Sunday school** available for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade - classroom doors open at 9:30am.

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

A rehearsal for the Christmas program (to take place during the 5pm Christmas eve service) happens today starting at 11:15 AM. We will have a brunch for participants in Ordway Hall, followed by costume fitting and rehearsal. All youth in the church are welcome!

**Calling all nametags** - Over 275 St. Paul's parishioners have now been issued nametags...fantastic! However, there seem to be fewer than 125 on the nametag board. Some may have wandered off, never to return? For the next couple of weeks, if you can spot them, please return them to their St. Paul's home. In the next few weeks, missing tags will be replaced. If you keep yours at home or in the car, rather than on the nametag rack, bless you. No problem. If I end up making you a duplicate, just let me know and we'll recycle it. We want to get them all back on board before the new rector arrives! Not sure if you ever got one? The list of tags made is on the nametag rack. Feel free to call or email the Nametag Nanny with comments or suggestions.....Barbara Stokes @ 227-9387 or [stokesbjz@verizon.net](mailto:stokesbjz@verizon.net).

**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).

## 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. They are due today for a Mon. December 15<sup>th</sup> distribution from St. Paul's Church.



**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)

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

**Christmas Giving Tree** – Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry. Last week we were able to collect enough in donations to provide for Market Basket Gift Certificates. If you have not brought in your gift or have not spoken to Carolyn please do so as soon as possible. Gift distribution starts on Thursday. 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? On Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> bring in your favorite fruitcake for our First (and possibly our Last) Fabulous Fruitcake Fellowship Bake-off. If you're planning to bring a fruitcake, please sign up in the upper parish hall. Your submission will be part of our Coffee Fellowship to be sampled and judged by some discerning palates.

**Acolytes** - There are still several openings for servers at the Christmas Eve Services. Check out the openings on the schedule (enclosed in this bulletin) and please sign up by the Acolyte dressing closet.

## 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

## 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).

**Chantilly Basic School** – St. Paul's Jamaica Committee is accepting donations for the Chantilly Basic School Tuition. The tuition for one school year provides a child with 10 months of basic education and a daily lunch. The cost of tuition is \$260 per child per year. A representative of the Jamaica Committee will be available between services to accept donations and answer questions. Any donated amount will be appreciated. Support of Chantilly Basic School is St. Paul's contribution to the Episcopal Church's Millennium Development Goals.

**Book Club** – Next month's meeting is Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The book is "Age of Innocence" by Edith Wharton. The meeting will be at Cynn timer Irwin's house, 7 New Castle Street, Concord.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>! Order form on the parish website or in the parish hall. Contact Judy Fox [judyxof@gmail.com](mailto:judyxof@gmail.com)

## **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