

**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>	Ranee Washburn Sarah Nyhan
<b>Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am</b>	Chuck Thompson Jackie Thompson Roz Dickey, Inge Eddy, Bob Arata Doug Black
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Washburn
<b>Ushers – 8:00 am</b>	Chris Parkinson Bob Fenton
<b>Acolyte – 8:00 am</b>	Randy Roberts, Tamar Roberts
<b>Ushers – 10:00 am</b>	Martha Mitchell, Geoff Forester Emily Johnson, Belle Cotton
<b>Acolytes – 10:00 am</b>	Alan Vomacka, Max Broadbent Laura Braley, Zack Sheehan
<b>Soloists</b>	Susan Papinsick Holly Tepe Lisa Bonenfant
<b>Cantor</b>	Tracy Pace
<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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 21, 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)**

Behold, A Rose Breaks Into Bloom Johannes Brahms

**Processional Hymn – (10:00 am)**

The Hymnal 74

**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**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

**The Canticle – 3 (8:00 am)  
(10:00 am)**

*\*Please join in singing the Antiphon.*

See Insert

\*See Music Insert

**The Second Reading**

Romans 16:25-27

**Anthem – (10:00 am)**

Holy is His Name John Michael Talbot

**The Gospel**

Luke 1:26-38

**Hymn**

A Ship is Coming See Music Insert  
German Traditional

**Sermon**

The Rev. Bruce Jacobson

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

**The Prayers of the People**

See Music Insert

**Confession**

BCP p. 360

**The Peace**

**Offertory Music - (10:00 am)**

Ave Maria Bach/Gounod

**Hymn (10:00 am)**

The Hymnal 265

**The Great Thanksgiving B**

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

**Sanctus (10:00 am)**

See Music Insert

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

**Fraction Anthem – (10:00 am)**

See Music Insert

**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.*

**Music during Communion (10:00 am)**

Ave Maria Franz Schubert

**The Post Communion Prayer**

BCP p. 365

**Advent Blessing**

**Closing Hymn – (10:00 am)**

The Hymnal 438

**Dismissal**

**Postlude – (10:00 am)**

Tuba Tune in D Major Craig Sellar Lang

## Contact us

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## **Centre Point**

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

Tonight – 7:00 PM Taizé Service

Tues. December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> – NOON CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES

Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM The Christ Mass with Pageant

Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM The Christ Mass

Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 PM Musical Prelude

Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 PM The Christ Mass

Thurs. December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Robinson

Thurs. December 25<sup>th</sup> – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Fri. December 26<sup>th</sup> – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### Announcements

#### SPY FUNDRAISER TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR

#### **DECORATE A COOKIE FOR SANTA!**

SPY will be helping you decorate a cookie for Santa! Also available will be Reindeer food and hot Chocolate to offer on Christmas Eve to Jolly Old St. Nick and his Reindeer!

**The Fabulous Fruitcake Fellowship** – Don't forget to sample all of the fruitcake submissions and vote for your favorite.

**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.

**\*\*Food Pantry Needed Items of the Week\*\***  
**Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, and**  
**Feminine Hygiene Products**

**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.



**Vestry News** - The Vestry held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Most of the meeting focused on the 2009 budget, which is projecting a \$220,000 deficit. The Vestry reviewed the budget line by line noting expenses were almost flat or lower from 2008 but income was 20% lower. There are still over 150 pledges from last year that have yet to be received. Some of this can be attributed to where St. Paul's is in its journey but the larger issue is probably the economy and people's lack of confidence and fear for the future.

After much discussion, the Vestry approved the budget in a close vote - the vote is reflective of the Vestry's struggle to tackle this difficult decision. Those in the minority generally favored supporting a continuing resolution, which maintains 2008 expenses, which would still have had a \$200,000 plus deficit. Those in favor of the vote viewed it as the Vestry's affirmation of St. Paul's and a show of faith that we will be able to continue supporting our ministries and the pastoral and spiritual care for the parish. The treasurer and parish administrator will closely monitor all expenditures as the year progresses.

The budget will be available shortly and the Vestry will address this at a parish meeting to be held early in 2009.

May the Holy Spirit watch over us, guide us and show us the way. Peace and blessings of Christmas be upon us.



**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.

**Adult Education - Growing in the Spirit through the writings of Evelyn Underhill**, with Celeste Hemingson. We will not meet on Wednesday December 24 or Wednesday December 31. Our next (and final) meeting will be on January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 next Crafts and Potluck 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.

**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.

**Christian Education notes** – Sunday school today – classrooms open at 9:30am. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> (Christmas break) or JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – Family Sunday – a celebration of Epiphany – we will have children helping with this service!** Sunday school resumes January 11<sup>th</sup>. Nursery care available on all Sundays 9-11:30am for children to age 4. There is NO nursery care Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.

**Christmas pageant** takes place at the 5pm Family Christmas Eve service. All children are welcome to be involved – contact Sarah Nyhan for last-minute details.

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism will be conducted on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Interested persons should contact the church office.

We are having a **SAFER Church training** here at St. Paul's in January – please contact Sarah Nyhan for information.

**Mustard Seed Enrichment** – a parent/child program for children aged 2-5 years is held on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30am. We will NOT have class on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sarah Nyhan for information.

**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).

**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.

## **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

**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).

**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).



The Giving Tree thanks everyone who supported this ministry.  
We were able to provide gifts for over 80 children  
and food certificates for nearly 40 families.

**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

