

Serving today

Rector	The Rev. Kate Atkinson
Associate Priest	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
Clergy	The Rev. Dr. Darrell Huddleston
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
Music Minister	Mark Pace
Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am	Carolyn Hartnett Sarah Nyhan
Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am	Shawn LaFrance Inge Eddy, Tamar Roberts, June Novo

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of

Dorothy Milliken by Carl, Ginny, Carole, Jim, Susan and family

H1N1 (Swine Flu) Precautions:

1. During the Peace offer your fellow parishioners a pat on the back or sleeve or a hug instead of a handshake.
2. We have been instructed by the Diocesan Office to suspend intinction (dipping the wafer) for the time being. **Intinction is more dangerous for contamination than drinking directly from the cup, because fingers are more likely to be in contact with the H1N1 virus than are the lips.** If an infected person dips too deep and touches the wine or has previously touched the part of the wafer ending up in the chalice, then the chalice is more likely contagious. If you prefer not to sip from the chalice, cross your hands over your chest. Please be assured that receiving communion in one kind (wafer only) is complete communion.
3. If you are ill, please stay at home until you are fever-free for 24 hours.

Thank you for your patience during this time.

2010 Offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the Upper Parish Hall. Anyone who would like to have offering envelopes and did not fill out a pledge card indicating this, please contact Kristin in the church office.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH **21 Centre St.** **Concord, NH**



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2009
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)

Two Settings of “Lo How a Rose E’re Blooming
Kenneth Kosche and Johannes Brahms

Opening Hymn - (10:00 am)

The Hymnal 490

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Hymnal 56 v. 1(10:00)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

The Word of God Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323 (8:00) p. 355 (10:00)

Kyrie (10:00 am)

See Bulletin

The Collect of the Day

See Insert

The First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9 – Isaiah 12:2-6 (8:00 am)

See Insert

The First Song of Isaiah (10:00 am)

Jack Noble White

Winthrop Buswell, Baritone

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

The Rev. Celeste Hemingson

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326 (8:00) p. 358 (10:00)

The Prayers of the People for Advent

Response to Maranatha!

Come Lord Jesus!

The Confession of Sin

BCP p. 331 (8:00) p. 360 (10:00)

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Music - (10:00 am)

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Susan Papinsick and Holly Tepe , Sopranos

Hymn (10:00 am)

The Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 333 (8:00) p. 367 (10:00)

The congregation may kneel, sit or stand.

Sanctus - (10:00 am)

The Hymnal S 130

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP p. 336 (8:00) p. 364 (10:00)

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 wafer, extend your right hand only.*

Music During Communion

Handchime Selections

See Bulletin for details

Jubilate Chimers

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339 (8:00) p. 365 (10:00)

The Advent Blessing

Closing Hymn – (10:00 am)

Hymn 536

Joanne Martin and Barbara Stokes, Clarinet

Dismissal

Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

Johann S. Bach

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

Today – 9 AM Baptism Preparation

Today – 9 AM 2010 Church Budget Discussion

Today – 11 AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal and Bagel Brunch

Today – 11:30 AM Celeste-ial Celebration

Tonight – 6 PM Jr. and Sr. SPY meeting

Mon. December 14th – 4 PM Children's Choir

Tues. December 15th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Tues. December 15th – 5:15 PM RDMS

Tues. December 15th – 5:30 PM Parish Potluck Supper

Tues. December 15th – 7 PM Vestry Meeting

Wed. December 16th – 9 AM Mustard Seed Enrichment

Wed. December 16th – 10:30 AM RDMS

Wed. December 16th – 4 PM St. Paul's Strings

Wed. December 16th – 4:30 PM Friendly Kitchen

Wed. December 16th – 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 16th – 6 PM Advent Adult Education

Thurs. December 17th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

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

Announcements

Budget Discussion – Between the two services today our treasurer, Jan Greer-Carney, will present the 2010 Church budget and be available for any questions or discussion on it. This will be held in the chapel.

Celeste-ial Celebration – This is Celeste's last Sunday with us. She will be leaving St. Paul's to become priest-in-charge at St. Mark's, Ashland. We are celebrating her wonderful ministry with us after the 10 AM service today. Join us in sending Celeste to her new ministry and telling her how much she has meant to us and how much we will miss her.

****Food Pantry Needed Items of the Month****

Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit

Have a chat with Kate! – As our new rector continues the process of getting to know the people of St. Paul's, this is your chance to get to know her too! Sign up on the sheet in the Upper Parish Hall or at the Reception Desk, to meet and chat with Kate. There are times available on Sundays and Mondays and Kate is happy to meet with individuals or couples, whichever you prefer. Don't worry, she won't ask any hard questions, but she is happy to answer yours!

Nominations – It's that time of year again. St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday January 31. At the meeting, we will be voting to fill the following positions: 5 vestry members, 4 for a 3 year term and 1 for a 1 year term, treasurer for a 3 year term, 1 delegate to Diocesan convention for a 3 year term, and alternate delegates to Diocesan convention for 1 year terms. If you have names you would like to put forward for any of these positions, please contact Doug Black, chair of the nominating committee. The deadline for submitting names is January 10th.

Seasonal Flu Clinic – Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (CRVNA) will offer flu shots at St. Paul's Church on **Sunday December 20th from 8:30 AM to 12 PM**. Cost is \$25 per immunization (cash or check) or Medicare B, Medicaid, Healthy Kids, or Anthem (prefix YG or R). Clients with insurance ID card at the clinic do not have to pay a fee. To confirm clinic dates and times check www.crvna.org.

This is for the regular seasonal flu only – NOT H1 N1 flu.

Be sure to check out our Community Bulletin Board for news of upcoming concerts and other events.

Sunday School – Sunday School this week – doors open at 9:45 AM. Don't forget about the Christmas Pageant and the Bagel Brunch Rehearsal today to be held after the 10 AM service. It is never too late to join in the pageant – contact Sarah Nyhan if you want to take part.

Mustard Seed – An enrichment program for children aged 2-5 years and their caregivers, meets Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30am in the nursery for stories, songs, activities and snack. Advance sign-up is recommended and donations are welcome and appreciated. Contact Sarah Nyhan at 224-2523 or snyhan@stpaulsconcord.org.



Baptism Preparation Classes – The next baptism is scheduled for January 10th at the 10 AM service. Parents or adult candidates must attend the preparation classes which will be held this Sunday, December 13th at 9 AM and next Sunday, December 20th at 11:30 AM. Please speak to Rev. Kate Atkinson if you are interested in having your child or yourself baptized.

Socks for the Homeless – The Senior High School SPY group has begun a drive to collect new socks for the homeless in Concord! Socks will be collected throughout Advent and distributed to the Homeless Shelters in Concord. **NEW SOCKS for all ages are needed!** Bring your socks and leave them in the Giant Pair of Tube Socks at the back of the church! Contact Kellie for more info 573-5027.



Cookies for the Friendly Kitchen – We are providing holiday cookies for the patrons of the Friendly Kitchen which will be given to the clients on Wednesday. Please bring cookies to the church on Monday or Tuesday so they can be bagged for distribution.





Music Opportunities

Christmas Pageant – The annual Christmas pageant for the youth and children will be part of the 5 PM Christmas eve service. There is a rehearsal and bagel brunch on December 13th.

Instruments for Christmas Eve Service – We are in need of sponsorship for Christmas Eve professional musicians: Violin 1, Violin 2, Cello, and Trumpet. Each musician is paid \$350 for playing a rehearsal and the three services. If you cannot sponsor the entire amount, any help you can give would be appreciated. (We are so blessed to have three instrumentalists who are church members who freely give of their time and talent.)

Calling all Violinists Past and Present – On Sunday, January 3rd you are invited to join with us to welcome the Three Kings by playing the Suzuki variations of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. We will rehearse at 9:15 that morning in the church. Please contact Mark Pace at mpace@stpaulsconcord.org or 224-2523 with any questions.



Christmas Gift Ideas that help – Bishop's Blend Organic and Free-Trade Earl Grey and Moroccan Mint Teas are now available for \$7.00 per box of 18 bags. Bishop's Blend Coffee and Tea make great Christmas gifts and benefit Episcopal Relief and Development. Gift boxes are also available. Order on line at www.er-d.org.

More Gift Ideas – The Jamaica committee is having a silent auction of bedding goods donated by Chris and Walter Chapin of Company C. Today is your last chance to make a bid and support the Chantilly Basic School in Chantilly Jamaica which has 35 students this year. This is a great way to finish your holiday shopping!

Upcoming Events

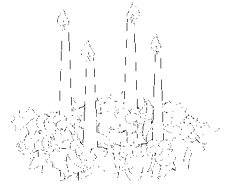
Advent Adult Education Series – Wed., Dec. 16 and 23 at 6:00 PM.

Dec. 9 class will be rescheduled – watch for update.

The Advent study is entitled "The Light Will Shine" and is part of the Kerygma Bible Study series. The remaining sessions offer new light and a fresh perspective on the following traditional texts and themes:

- John the Baptist
- the prophets and their expectation
- the birth and epiphany narratives.

Each session will be preceded by a service of Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 5:30 PM.



St. Paul's 2nd Annual Bake-off—Sunday December 20th

Last year's Fabulous Fruitcake Festival was such a success that we will follow-up this year with a Joyous Gingerbread Jubilee! Entries can be any form of gingerbread you like: cake, cookies, our even houses. And there will be *even more* ways to win!! Voters will choose the prettiest, tastiest, and most original. (But no bricks, please! ☺) Bring your entries to church on December 20th.



Cookie Swap – The youth group of Saint Paul's is hosting a cookie swap on the 20th of December to raise money for our food pantry. The whole congregation is invited to participate. We will be selling cookie tins that will then be filled with a variety of cookies. To make this event as successful as possible, we need people to donate gently used or new cookie tins, batches of cookies or candy, and then, here's the best part, purchase the tins of cookies to enjoy at home or give as a gift. The youth will also be selling "reindeer food" and children will have an opportunity to decorate their own cookies for Santa, bring the kids for a fun time!



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 27** – 8 AM Holy Eucharist
10 AM Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist
- January 3** – 8 AM Holy Eucharist
10 AM Ageless Worship Service – The Visit of the Magi
- January 6** – 5:30 PM Celebration of Epiphany with Holy Eucharist

Winter Youth Retreat – The Youth & Young Adult Commission of the Diocese of New Hampshire is pleased to announce the "Walking the Walk" Winter Youth Retreat, January 22 and 23, 2010. Youth from around the diocese will gather at Camp Sentinel in Center Tuftonboro, NH, to build community and explore how we live out our faith in daily life. Some terrific, talented and committed folk from around the diocese will be leading the sessions and providing adult leadership. All we need is your high school-aged youth to make it a terrific winter weekend of faith and fun!

Please pass this information along to any high-school aged youth in your congregation, and to any adults who work with youth! We really want to get the word out, and have a great gathering of young people from all around New Hampshire!

Below is the information flyer and registration form as a PDF file. You can also read about the retreat and download the registration form here:

<http://standrewshopkinton.org/christian-formation/youth-programs/walking-the-walk-diocesan-youth-retreat-january-22-23-2010/>

Today, during the 10 AM Offertory, we are blessed with a performance by the Jubilate Chimers. The Jubilate Chimers are a newly formed, auditioned tonechime group from The Green Valley Montessori Learning Center in Pembroke. The girls are between the ages of 9 and 13 and began learning to ring tonechimes in late September. The Jubilate Chimers are very excited to be making their first public appearance at St. Paul's.

They are performing:

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	Rowland Prichard arr. J. Van Valey and S. Berry
O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Thomas Helmore arr. J. Van Valey and S. Berry
Seek Ye First with Pachebel's Canon	arr. Lynne Hollander
Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah	arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Thank you to:

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