

## Serving today

<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Kate Atkinson
<b>Associate Priest</b>	The Rev. Celeste Hemingson
<b>Clergy</b>	The Rev. Dr. Darrell Huddleston
<b>Assisting Clergy</b>	The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
<b>Music Minister</b>	Mark Pace
<b>Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers – 8:00 am</b>	Jim Steiner
	Lee Waples, Doug Black
<b>Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers – 10:00 am</b>	Richard Soule
	Bob Arata, John Cabibi, Ginnie Schartner

### **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**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 20, 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)**

I Waited for the Lord Felix Mendelssohn  
Susan Papinsick and Holly Tepe , Sopranos

**Opening Hymn - (10:00 am)**

The Hymnal 56 v. 1-4

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Hymnal 56 v. 5(10:00)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth, his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, 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)**

**The Collect of the Day**

See Insert

**The First Reading**

Micah 5:2-5a

**Canticle 3** – Luke 1:46-55 (8:00 am)  
The Song of Mary (10:00 am)  
Mark Pace, Tenor

See Insert  
Jack Noble White

**The Second Reading**

Hebrews 10:5-10

**Anthem – (10:00 am)**

Ave Maria

Sergei Rachmaninoff

**The Gospel**

Luke 1:39-45

**Sermon**

The Rev. Kate Atkinson

**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)**

Ave Maria

Susan Papinsick, Soprano

Giulio Caccini

**Hymn (10:00 am)**

The Hymnal 380 v. 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**

Ave Maria Bach/Gounod

Holly Tepe, Soprano

Ave Maria Franz Schulbert

Tracy Pace, Alto

**The Post Communion Prayer** BCP p. 339 (8:00) p. 365 (10:00)

**The Advent Blessing**

**Closing Hymn – (10:00 am)** Hymn 74

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Johann S. Bach

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## **Centre Point**

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

Today – 11:30 AM Baptism Preparation

Tonight – 6 PM Jr. and Sr. SPY meeting

Mon. December 21<sup>st</sup> – 4 PM Children's Choir

Tues. December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Wed. December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1 PM St. Paul's Strings

Wed. December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Wed. December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6 PM Advent Adult Education

Thurs. December 24<sup>th</sup> – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Thurs. December 24<sup>th</sup> - See schedule below for Christmas Eve Services

Fri. December 25<sup>th</sup> – OFFICE CLOSED

Fri. December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM Holy Eucharist w/ The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson

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

### Announcements

## **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

## **\*\*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 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Seasonal Flu Clinic** – Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (CRVNA) will offer flu shots at St. Paul's Church **TODAY 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](http://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. No Sunday School on the 27<sup>th</sup> – families are encouraged to come to one of the services of Lessons and Carols on that day. Ageless Worship on January 3<sup>rd</sup> – all young people may pick up a costume and dress as a king for that service. Please contact Sarah Nyhan if you have a child who would like to participate in any way during this service.

**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](mailto:snyhan@stpaulsconcord.org).



**Baptism Preparation Classes** – The next baptism is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> at the 10 AM service. Parents or adult candidates must attend the preparation classes which will be held this Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**NEED A NAMETAG?** - With new folks arriving at St. Paul's weekly, our name tags are a wonderful way to welcome them and also help us remember the names that go with regular friendly faces. Since May '08, over 320 nametags have been made! Tags are made only by request, since wearing them is optional. To have one made, print your name as you'd like it to appear on one of the small white cards in the name tag basket by the tag rack, and leave the card in the basket. Requests can also be sent to Barbara Stokes, Name Tag Coordinator, Phone: 227-9387 or Email: [stokesbjz@myfairpoint.net](mailto:stokesbjz@myfairpoint.net).



## Music Opportunities

**Christmas Pageant** – Pageant participants should plan to arrive between 4-4:15 on Christmas Eve for the 5pm service. Costumes will be in the Upper Parish hall, and may be returned there after the service.

**Nursery care will be available for the 5pm service.** Some stars (they are big with a way to hang around neck) will be placed at the rear of the church for the 5pm service, with a sign that any young children who would like to take part may wear a star and come forward during *In the Bleak Midwinter* – the final hymn of the pageant.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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!



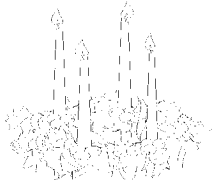
## Upcoming Events

### **Advent Adult Education Series – Wed., Dec. 23, Jan. 6 and 13 at 6:00 PM.**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bake-off— TODAY!!!**

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 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Cookie Swap** – The youth group of Saint Paul's is hosting a cookie swap TODAY to raise money for our food pantry. The whole congregation is invited to participate. We are selling cookie tins that will then be filled with a variety of cookies. So stop in upper parish hall today and purchase the tins of cookies to enjoy at home or give as a gift. The youth are also selling “reindeer food” and children can decorate their own cookies for Santa.



**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!

You can read about the retreat and download the registration form at <http://standrewshopkinton.org/christian-formation/youth-programs/walking-the-walk-diocesan-youth-retreat-january-22-23-2010/>

**A thank you from our sexton** – I want to thank all for their thoughtfulness, generosity and prayers at the time of the fire that devastated my home. I am truly humbled by your kindness. It has given special meaning this year to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Because of your generosity I have been motivated to make a donation to our food pantry. *“Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”* Thanks, Andy

**Winter Clothing** – Chapter II is accepting donations of winter clothing only. Please make sure that the clothes are clean, folded or hanging, and wearable (no missing buttons, broken zippers or badly stained). Clothes may be brought to the church during regular office hours.

Chapter II is open Mon.-Fri., 10 AM-2PM.