



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The First Sunday of Advent
Choral Eucharist

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Ten o'clock in the morning

Current CDC guidance advises everyone in Polk County to wear a mask in indoor public places. Thank you for wearing your facemask when inside at St. Paul's.

Voluntary

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

J. S. Bach

The Word of God

Hymn 61

"Sleepers, wake!"

WACHET AUF

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philip Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Copyright ©1982, Carl P. Daw, Jr. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
 Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

Celebrant
 Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyrie S95

Cantor or Choir *All* *Cantor or Choir*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All *Cantor or Choir* *All*

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS, *the People sit*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

[33: 14 – 16]

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25

Ad te, Domine, levavi

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The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited

Mode 2

Refrain

My God, I put my trust in you.

from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [3: 9 – 13]

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

St. 1 *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

The Holy Gospel

[Luke 21: 25 – 36]

All Stand

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

St. 2 *O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;*

To us the path of knowledge who, and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott

After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

All stand or kneel for prayer.

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor:

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; Betsey, our bishop-elect, and for all clergy and people. In our diocese, companion dioceses, and the Anglican Communion we pray for Coordinators and Faculty of EfM, Summer Ministry School and Retreat and all Christian Formation; For Licensed Ministers: Pastoral Leaders, Worship Leaders, Preachers, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Evangelists, and Catechists; Those in discernment in the diocese for Ministry; Scottish Episcopal

Institute in Brechin; Manguri Parish, Nzara; The Council of Swaziland Churches, Swaziland; and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those preparing for marriage: Hannah Early & Nick Gerjol; for the birth of a child: Catherine & Brad Krueger, Tom and John Stender-Custer; for baptism: Jack Buscher; for confirmation: Sheila Fogh, Nathan Fogh, Kaj Gardyas z , Josiah Sutton; and for reception: Mike McCarthy.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Michael Burkhardt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and ornaments.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

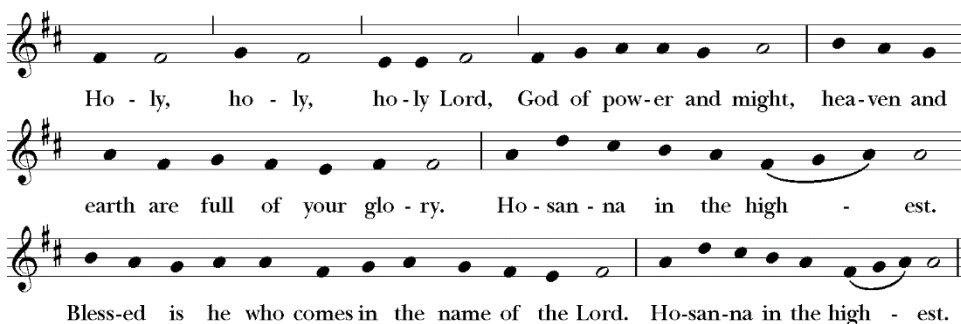
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

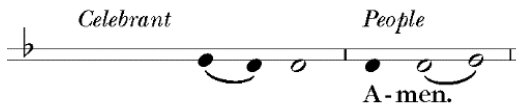
Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People; Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem

S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail, at the side altar, or by remaining in your place. In either case you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Hymn 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

LLANGLOFFAN

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark-er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
 Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 57

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

HELMSLEY



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

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Announcements for November 28, 2021

The Advent Wreath is given by Scott & Denise Linn, Marshall & Julie Linn, and Douglas & Barbara L. Hein in loving memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn

Today at St. Paul's

We welcome The Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott, who is preaching at both services today. The Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott is the Coordinator of Interfaith Engagement for the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry Network. Ordained in the Lutheran Church (ELCA), she has served as a hospital chaplain as well as parishes in rural Virginia and Clive, IA.


St Paul's offers Wednesday Eucharist at 12:05 pm every week in the Chapel.

St. Paul's Children's Formation!

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 am, carol singing at the Cathedral. Bring your facemask!

One-service Sundays on December 5 and December 19, at 10:00 am

- December 5 - Final visitation of Bishop Scarfe to St. Paul's. Bring a card to thank Bishop and Donna for their ministry among us.
- December 19 – Seating of the Tenth Bishop of Iowa. Join us for a special service inviting Bishop Monnot to be seated in St. Paul's cathedra for the first time. Bring your handbells!

A graphic for the Stewardship Campaign. It features a stained glass window icon on the left, a circular logo with hands holding a flame in the center, and the text "WHY I GIVE TO ST. PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP 2022" below. The background is a light orange color.

We hope you will consider pledging to our Stewardship campaign. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the Narthex. If you received a pledge card in the mail, please be sure to mail it to the Cathedral. You can also place it in the plate. Thank you!

St. Paul's Sr. Men's Study Group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am, in the Guild Hall. For more information, please contact John McKinney: j123mck@aol.com or the cathedral Office administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Visitors

If you are visiting today, we extend to you a warm welcome! Please make yourself known to a greeter, usher, or one of the clergy. You may sit, kneel or stand throughout the service, following the guidance in this bulletin or as you prefer. The Episcopal church offers communion in two kinds, both consecrated bread and wine. While the coronavirus pandemic continues, bread alone is offered. We are so glad you are with us today.

Advent Tea with A Twist

In order to make this a safe event for everyone, we are focusing on giving to the community this year. This year the Tea is a family-friendly event. We hope you will join us! If you are not able to join us we hope you consider making a donation. **Please clearly label all advance donations "For the Advent Tea." Checks need to be made payable to St. Paul's with Advent Tea on the memo line.**

Tuesday, December 7

4:30 to 6:30 pm (come the whole time or for 30 minutes!)

St. Paul's Choir Room

Here are the details:

- We will be creating toiletry gift baskets for households spending Christmas at St. Joseph's Emergency Shelter for Families. They expect 30 people to be there over Christmas, many working families that need basics such as shampoo, deodorant and gas gift cards. We are also providing the items for breakfast Christmas morning!
- What you can bring to the event or drop off at St. Paul's prior to the event - new/unused toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, etc.; and for making up the gifts - small to medium sized baskets or Christmas themed gift bags and tissue paper.
- We are accepting cash donations to purchase gas gift cards to help the adults drive to work.
- Christmas breakfast items -Egg casseroles that we will freeze and deliver, quick breads or muffins (pumpkin, banana, etc.) or a cash donation to purchase items
- Paper towels for the shelter
- Pre-packaged Advent Tea treats to send home with those that attend (a few cookies wrapped up)

If you have questions, please contact Deacon Jean at jeandeacon@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org or 515-480-5432 or Stephanie Murphy at stephmurphy2020@gmail.com or 515-229-7737.

The Work of Your Church

Join us, Thursday, December 9, 2021, when Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry discusses the year ahead for The Episcopal Church.

Joining him in this conversation are his Canons:

- The Rev. Cn. C. K. Robertson, Ph.D., Canon for Ministry Beyond The Episcopal Church
- The Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers, Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care
- The Rev. Cn. E. Mark Stevenson, Canon for Ministry Within The Episcopal Church

The conversation will be moderated by the Rev. Winnie Varghese, Rector of St. Luke's Atlanta, Georgia.

Thursday, December 9, 2021

6 p.m. EST

The 60-minute event will include a moderated panel discussion, followed by a Q & A session. You are invited to join cathedral clergy for a watch-party in the **Guild Hall at 5:00 pm on December 9**, followed by conversation, or you may [register](#) and join the event online at home.

Central College Christmas Candlelight Concert

Thursday, December 9 at 7:30p, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines presents one of the Central College Christmas Candlelight Concerts, under the direction of Cathedral Organist/Choirmaster Mark Babcock. See Mark for complimentary tickets.

St. Paul's audio system includes the T-coil Hearing Loop. If you have questions or need assistance, please speak with one of our Audio Coordinators.



Mission Statement: The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, the Cathedral and liturgical center of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, is a vital metropolitan Christian community. We are committed to accepting and giving Christ's unconditional love through worship, fellowship, education, and service within and beyond our parish church.