



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 • 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism**

The service begins on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
Hymnal 59

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Reader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

The candle is lit.

Second Reader: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. *Amen.*

Congregation Sings

Hymnal 56

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Opening Acclamation

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Children ages 4-10 are invited to follow the Children's Cross to attend the Children's Chapel, returning at the Baptism.

All may be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19

The psalm is sung by the choir.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *

who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *

and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Christ is the world's true Light
Hymnal 542

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev Hazel Smith Glover

A period of silence is kept.

Baptismal Hymn

Like the murmur of the dove's song
Hymnal 513

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Candidate for Baptism:
John Willcoxon Thomasson

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The parents and godparents say in unison

I present John Willcoxon to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After the candidate has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support John Willcoxon in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for John Willcoxon who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

John Willcoxon, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

John Willcoxon, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

C. V. Stanford

The Presentation Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymnal 75

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 125

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 St. Paul and 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.

Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

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

People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Healing Intcessors are available in the chapel for prayer during communion.

Communion Anthem

With One Heart

Mark Patterson

Carolyn Groover, Flute

With one heart and one voice we will glorify the Lord
as we learn together to sing with one accord.
Though each one here is different in so many ways,
We can all join together in one song of praise.
With one heart and one voice we come now to sing,
raising one alleluia to Christ, our King.
Lord you have shown us your mercy, you've shown us forgiveness each day.
Now help us to love one another and show the world your spirit of grace.
With one heart and one voice we will glorify the Lord
as we learn together to sing with one accord.
So come every nation with voices raised.
We can all join together in one song of praise.

The Communion Hymn

O day of peace that dimly shines
Hymnal 597

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Herald, sound the note of judgment
Hymnal 70

The Dismissal

Remember in your prayers:

A Prayer for Love: (From The Daughters of the King) Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring, and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Michael Brown, Alice Jakubiak, Ernie Williams, David Sandlin, Elisabeth Stubbs, Sharmona Moultrie, Bo Warren, Vanessa Smalls, Barbara Parsons, Debra Bull.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Wendy Llosa, William Partridge, David Bottoms, Greg Parsons, George Abbot-Maze, Melody Wegienka, Robin Carroll, Melanie Patton, Father Bruno, Ed Sergeant.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Renee, Mark, Philip, Frankey, Polly, Tony, Marianne, Virginia, Lauren and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Dawn, Cynthia, Elisabeth, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Ike Vermilyea, Jeff Rethmel, Brandon Morley, John Abbey, Kevin Watkiss, Sharon Gruber, Taylor Brown, Robert Ream, Channing Taylor, Kathryn Burke, Philip Barr, Jennifer McCrary.

We pray for those who have died, especially Jennifer Blackwell. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.*

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Philip Hand
Vergers	Frankey Henderson & David Waldron
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Lawhead, Marianne Lawhead, & Brother Massenburg
Acolytes	Julia Howell (1st); Mary Howell (2nd); Kate Howell (Banner); India Camp & Jack Bulford (Torchbearers)
Reader	Nina Watts
Healing Intercessors	Lou Graner & Mary Frances Honea
Ushers	Bill Tudor, John Crow, Dwight Ellison, Nick Eversoll, Christian Llosa, Linda Tudor, Frank West, Ron Wilson

*The Narthex flowers are given to the glory of God
by Jim and Jennifer Thomasson in thanksgiving for the baptism of their grandson, John
Willcoxon Thomasson.*

Parish Notices

Stewardship Campaign 2023: We are now several weeks into our annual Stewardship Campaign. As we quickly approach the Holiday season and the New Year, your vestry is hard at work planning the budgets necessary to support the ministries of St. Paul's. It is vital to the health of our parish that we receive enough pledges to ensure both the continuation of our current ministries as well as the launch of potential new ministries. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Adult Formation: *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis is the latest book study for our adult formation class. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall as we look at a classic with 21st-century eyes and ideas. We welcome all, and we have a wonderful time relating our lives and St. Paul's with the literature that we use as the background for our discussions. *The Great Divorce* is an allegorical story about a bus ride from hell to heaven, so there is a lot to unpack in a concise book.

Sunday School: Godly Play will be held in the Children's Wing during church services on Sundays when there is no children's liturgy. Godly Play sessions will no longer be offered at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Instead, Jr. EYC programming for grades 5-8 will be offered. One adult volunteer is needed to sit in on each session. Contact Cynthia at cynthia@stpaulsnewnan.org if you want to volunteer or have any questions.

Christmas Pageant: Rehearsal day and times have changed. The children will rehearse on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service. The final dress rehearsal will be Friday, December 23rd at 10 a.m. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Dawn Harrison at 678.378.2097 or dawnie.harrison@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Supper: Come and spend time with the St. Paul's family for Wednesday Night Supper! The cost is *free* for children under 3, \$3 for children 3-10, \$6 for children 11 and older, and adults. Families pay a maximum of \$20. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall, email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or register and pay via Realm. Please sign up before ***Tuesdays at 12 p.m.*** so that we can make sure to order enough food.

Angel Tree 2022: It's Angel Tree time again! Sign up to bring a gift (or two!) and help spread some Christmas cheer. Sign up for the gift you would like to provide and purchase the item. MAKE A TAG with the name and age of the person and the gift. (VERY IMPORTANT!) Return your gifts, UNWRAPPED, with the tag attached, BY DECEMBER 11, and make someone's Christmas wish come true! Signing up is easy! Just visit our virtual Angel Tree by scanning the QR code and select the person whose Christmas you would like to make a little brighter.



Ordination: All are invited as Mark Johnson will be ordained as a deacon on Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Additionally, a reception for Mark will be held in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's on Sunday, December 18th after the 10:30 a.m. service.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Consider giving! The next St. Paul's American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be available after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. Come for further fellowship with the St. Paul's family.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online, via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Altar Flower Dedications: A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate altar flowers for that special day. The cost of the arrangements is \$50 per Sunday. Sign up for a particular Sunday at the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall or email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org. Please remember to submit payment via the collection plate or Realm and complete the "Flowers for the Altar" form by Wednesday at 12 p.m. to ensure that the commemorating announcement is placed in the bulletin.

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