

The Episcopal Parish of St. Paul
Duluth, Minnesota

First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
November 29, 2026
10:00 am

After this service, please join us for Coffee Hour and wreath-making in the Parish Hall.
All ages welcome.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

I'm New

Welcome! If you would like to stay in touch, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate after the announcements.

About Our Worship Today

Worship in the Episcopal Church is participatory and embodied. We stand and kneel, make the sign of the cross at times, sing and breathe together, and walk forward for communion each week. You are welcome to participate at your own comfort level. You will likely see people engaging differently at different times. One of the gifts of the Episcopal tradition is that there are a variety of 'right' ways to participate.

Restrooms

Exit at the side door at the front of the church and go down the hall. They are the first and second doors on the left side of the hallway.

What do I do?

This service booklet will give you the words you need and instructions. The words in **bold** print are said by everyone. Hymns can be found either in this booklet or in the blue or green hymnals in your pew.

May I have communion?

Yes. All may come forward to receive communion (or the Eucharist.) No one is required to receive. We serve both bread and wine. You may choose to receive at your own comfort level, both bread and wine or just bread. You may also come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing, or you may choose not to come forward at all. Children may receive at any age.

Worshiping with Kids

Joyful noise is most welcome here. Many families find that sitting close to the front helps children to see and engage better with the service. There is a staffed nursery located down the hall. We also have a rocking chair in the back of church for parents with infants.

About St. Paul's

We are a community dedicated to following the Way of Love as shown to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Together, we practice curiosity, awe, and community to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.

The Liturgical Season

In the Episcopal Church, we follow a circular calendar with special seasons. We are currently in the season following Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time. This season is observed with green to symbolize the growing, abundant earth. Half of the Christian year is this season after Pentecost, which is a season where we translate the Good News for new times and places.

Weekly Service Schedule

Sundays
8:00 am
Rite I

10:00 am
Rite II

Wednesdays
5:15 pm

Stay in Touch

You can find email addresses for our parish leaders on the back of this bulletin. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like more information

Prelude *Wachet auf! (Wake, Awake), BWV 645* J. S Bach

Processional Hymn #61 – *Sleepers, Wake!*

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and Living God.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Collect

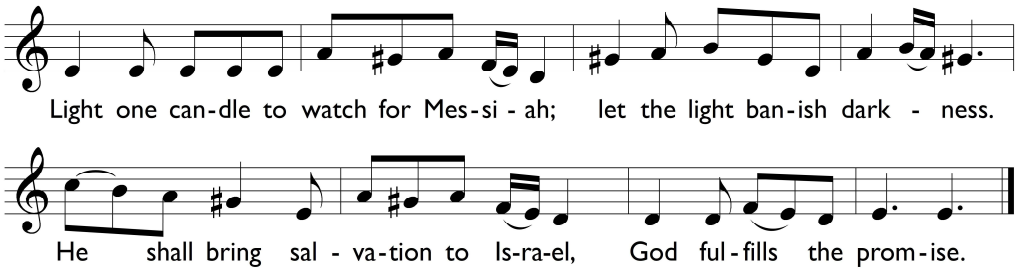
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Invitation

Children are invited to come forward during the lighting of the wreath.
They will exit for Children's Church after the song, and return at The Peace.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As the Advent candle is lit, please sing:



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. 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.**

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

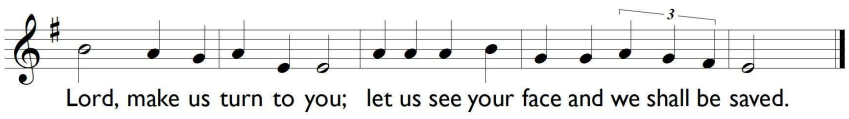
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



O shepherd of Israel hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock,
shine forth from your cherubim throne up-on Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. ***Refrain***
Lord God of hosts, how long will you frown on your people's plea?
You have fed them with tears for their bread, an abundance of tears for their drink.
You have made us the taunt of our neighbors; our enemies laugh us to scorn.
You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.
Before it you cleared the ground; it took root and spread throughout the land. ***Refrain***
May your hand be on the one you have chosen, the one you have given your strength.
We shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. ***Refrain***

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

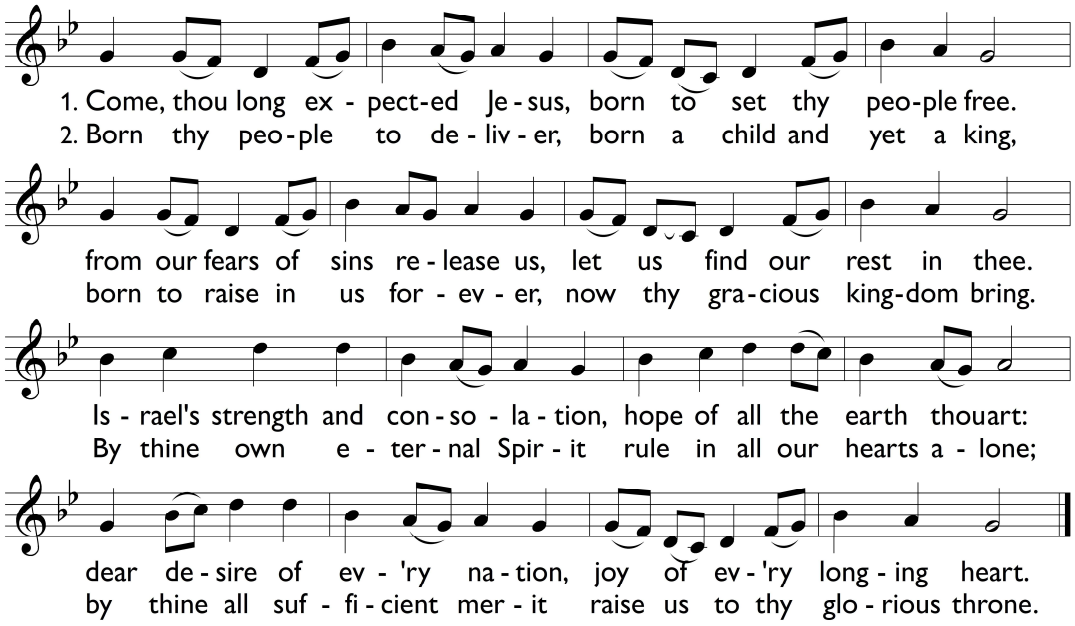
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please stand and face the procession as it moves to the center of the church for the reading of the Gospel.
Stanza 2 will be sung following the reading of the Gospel.



Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and

earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Sermon — The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
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.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Hear us, O Lord, as we wait and watch, as we hope and long for you. Be with us as we pray together.

After each prayer, the leader says Come, Lord Jesus,
The People respond, **hear our prayer.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

Please kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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.

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

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Announcements

Those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary will be invited forward after the announcements.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

Dear Father, we thank thee that all the year through
Thy goodness has blest them with gifts ever new.
And, oh, wilt thou grant them a happy new year,
Dear Father, we pray thee, be thou ever near. Amen.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering

A Call to Advent — J. Jerome Williams

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.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

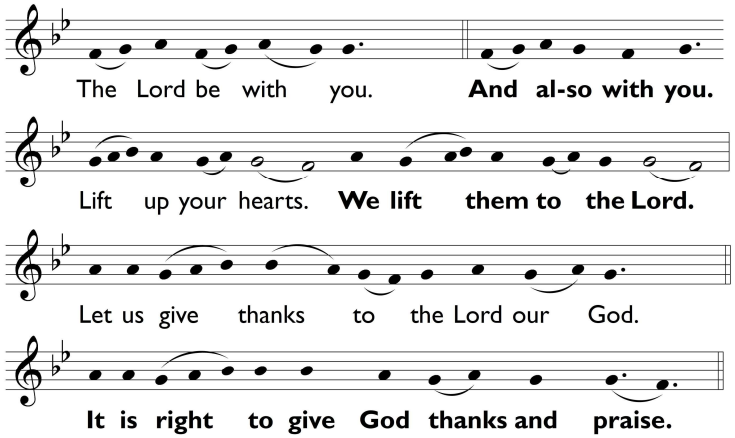
All are welcome to support St. Paul's as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Your gift in this offering sustains and enriches our prayer, learning, and community services. For those who do not carry cash or check, you can use this QR code to donate online.

Offertory

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

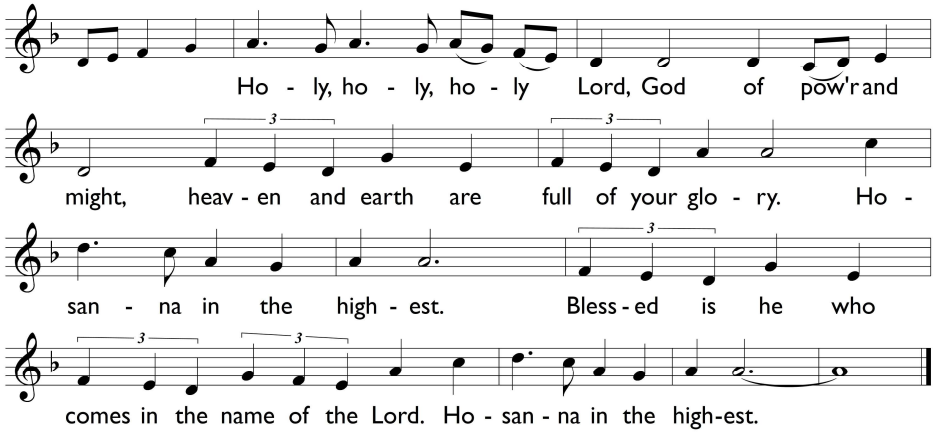
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer p. 367



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

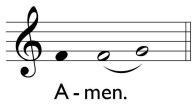
Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God…
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all…
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 forever.

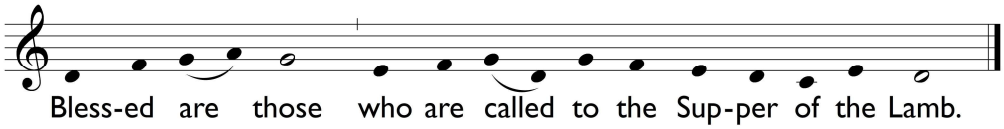


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction Anthem

Cantor sings first. All join on the repeat and following the verse.



Praise the Lord, all you nations; for God's lovingkindness toward us is great,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Invitation to Communion

Because we believe that we gather around the Lord's table,
all are welcome and encouraged to receive communion.
Gluten-free hosts are available; please request this if needed.

Communion Hymn #795 **Wonder, Love and Praise** – *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Sending *(Used when Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent to bring communion to those unable to be with us.)*

In the name of this congregation, I send forth *[Names]*, bearing these holy gifts, that *[Name]*, to whom they go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer *Book of Common Prayer, p. 366*

Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries,
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #74 – *Blest Be the King Whose Coming*

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

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Prayers at St. Paul's

PRAY for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

For the month of November, please pray for the Minnesota Commission on Indian Work (MCIW), and for the Hispanic, Hmong, Liberian, Karen and numerous multi-cultural ministries and faith communities throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

For those who suffer and those in any trouble:

Rick L	Ann Marie	Becca T	Ketih B	LeeAnn R
Virginia M	Charles B	Paul	Kevin M	Lin B
Pat K	Gerri W	Ann-Sofie	Wendy R	Tamara J
Callum	David B	Lucy J	John S	Carol D
Jon G	Tom P	Kirsti J	Tere Y	Robert M
Stuart B	Ray A	Sue M	Doug E	Deb S
John D	Sally R	Annie H	Lynn K	John D
John B	Susan F	Jack & Family	Kate B	Dakota P
JoEllen S	Eddy M	Jennie & Family	April C	Kal C
Tom M	Natalie S	Jasmine & Family	Bonnie E	

For those serving in the armed forces:
Lucy Fellman, Curran Floerke, Charles Lewis, Ricky Lyle and Nora Maddy

For those who are in seminary or in discernment.

And for those who are in long-term care facilities or are homebound:
Mary Carlson, Helen Gruba, Steve Hennessy, Maureen Matheson, Stephen Olmsted

For those who have died:
Paul Almirall

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of:

- Elaine Hammer
- Fayth Carlson Glass

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Wreath Make & Take

TODAY! After this service

Advent Wreath assembly in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service. Dress with sap and glue in mind! Please bring the Advent wreath frame from last year if you can. Other supplies are provided.

New Christmas Floral Memorials

If you would like to begin a new Christmas memorial by donating towards the holiday decorations in remembrance of your loved one(s) this year, please submit your request to the Altar Guild on or before December 10. We will acknowledge your memorial by including their name(s)in the 2026 Christmas services bulletins.

Contributions of any amount are welcome; $25 is suggested as a minimum. All memorials are continued year-to-year unless you indicate otherwise.

Please contact me if you would like to begin a new memorial or have any questions.

–Carrie Miller, Altar Flowers Memorial Coordinator
carmil4@msn.com

Study Groups to Join

Scripture as Spiritual Practice – Tuesdays, 5 pm, Olcott Room
November 3, 10, December 1, 8

Rediscover how to engage Scripture as an apprentice to Jesus. Contact Deacon Pat at deacon@stpaulsduluth.org.

Revelation Bible Study – Fridays, 10 am Olcott Room. October-December

Together we will wrestle with the book of Revelation—come join us to experience the final book of the Bible with all its unexpected symbols (dragons and beasts!), challenging visions (plagues and battles…), and timeless hope and promise. Led by Revs. Marta Maddy and Barb Elliott. No RSVP necessary.

Wednesday Adult Forums
1st & 3rd Wednesdays – Parish Hall

Wednesday night adult formation continues through the Advent season! Join us for a "Spirituality in Baking" holiday activity on Dec. 2, and an Advent activity on Dec. 16, immediately following the Wednesday night dinner in Parish Hall.

Be a Gift to Our Neighbors – Support the Giving Tree

Now Through December 11

Help spread God's love to our neighbors by purchasing a gift or gift card. Located by the elevator; the Giving Tree is decorated with tags describing a desired toy or gift. Select one or more tags, purchase the gift or gift card requested, then return it unwrapped, but the tag attached to it, by Friday, December 11. You may put it in a gift bag if you wish. These gifts will be distributed to folks at Safe Haven, Loaves & Fishes, and Life House. For questions, please contact Susan M. Anderson or Val Groth.

In Loving Memory of Paul Almirall

Friday, December 4, 11:00 am

Please join us to celebrate the life of Paul Almirall on Friday. 10:00 am visitation, 11:00 am funeral, luncheon to follow at the Kitch. Memorials preferred to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Help Our Friends at Loaves & Fishes Celebrate

Saturday, December 12, 4:00 – 6:30 pm

Help this holiday shine for our friends at Loaves & Fishes! They need volunteers to help host their annual Christmas Party in St. Paul's Parish Hall on December 13. Volunteers will assist with decorating and setup on Friday; and meal prep, serving, washing dishes, cleaning up, or providing rides on Saturday. If interested, please email duluthcatholicworker@gmail.com

Christmas Movie Party

Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm

We're hosting a movie night in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 18, from 6-9 pm. All ages are welcome! We'll have crafts, pizza, popcorn, cocoa, and cookies. After we settle in, we'll watch the 1992 classic "A Muppet Christmas Carol."

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 20, 6:00 pm

Join us as we sing, pray, and listen to familiar words of scripture. Tom Hamilton guarantees it will be good for your spirit! Bring a friend. Cookie Reception in Parish Hall afterwards. If you can share some holiday cookies, please bring them to the Parish Hall on December 14, before 6 pm.

Kids Play Prelude Music

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 pm

We invite young people who sing or play an instrument to play a prelude piece for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service. The carols played should be sacred. This is a great opportunity for children to start using their musical gifts in worship. Children, grandchildren, cousins and friends are all welcome to participate! Contact Tom Hamilton with questions. There is a sign-up sheet outside the sacristy.

Christmas Eve Pageant Service

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 pm

All children are invited to participate in the pageant. Costumes will be distributed in the back of church beginning at 3:00 pm. No rehearsals, no lines to memorize – just sweetness and fun!

Christmas Services

- Thursday, December 24, 4:00 pm
- Thursday, December 24, 10:00 pm
- Friday, December 25, 10:00 am

From the Business Office

Please help us carry out your wishes. If you will note in the memo section of your check which **year** your donation is intended for, Rita and I will be able to determine where your gift should go. Unless otherwise noted, pledge payments will first be applied to 2026 until paid in full and then to 2027. If you would like your gifts included on your 2026 year-end statement, please have them in the office by 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 30, 2026, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday, December 27, 2026. Below is a chart that outlines the IRS guidelines we need to follow to determine the tax year credited for your contribution.

TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	REPORT FOR 2026	REPORT FOR 2027
Checks written in December 2026 and deposited in church offering in January 2027		X
Checks written and deposited in church offering in January 2027, but "backdated" to December 2026		X
Checks written and deposited in church offering in December 2026, but "postdated" to January 2027		X
Checks written in December 2026 and deposited in the mail and postmarked in December 2026, but not received by the church until January 2027	X	
Checks written in December 2026 and deposited in the mail in December 2026, but not postmarked until January 2027 and not received by the church until January 2027		X

If you are making an electronic contribution, please complete the transaction by December 27, 2026 to have it included in the 2026 Contributions received. Electronic transactions do not post on the weekends.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Thank you,

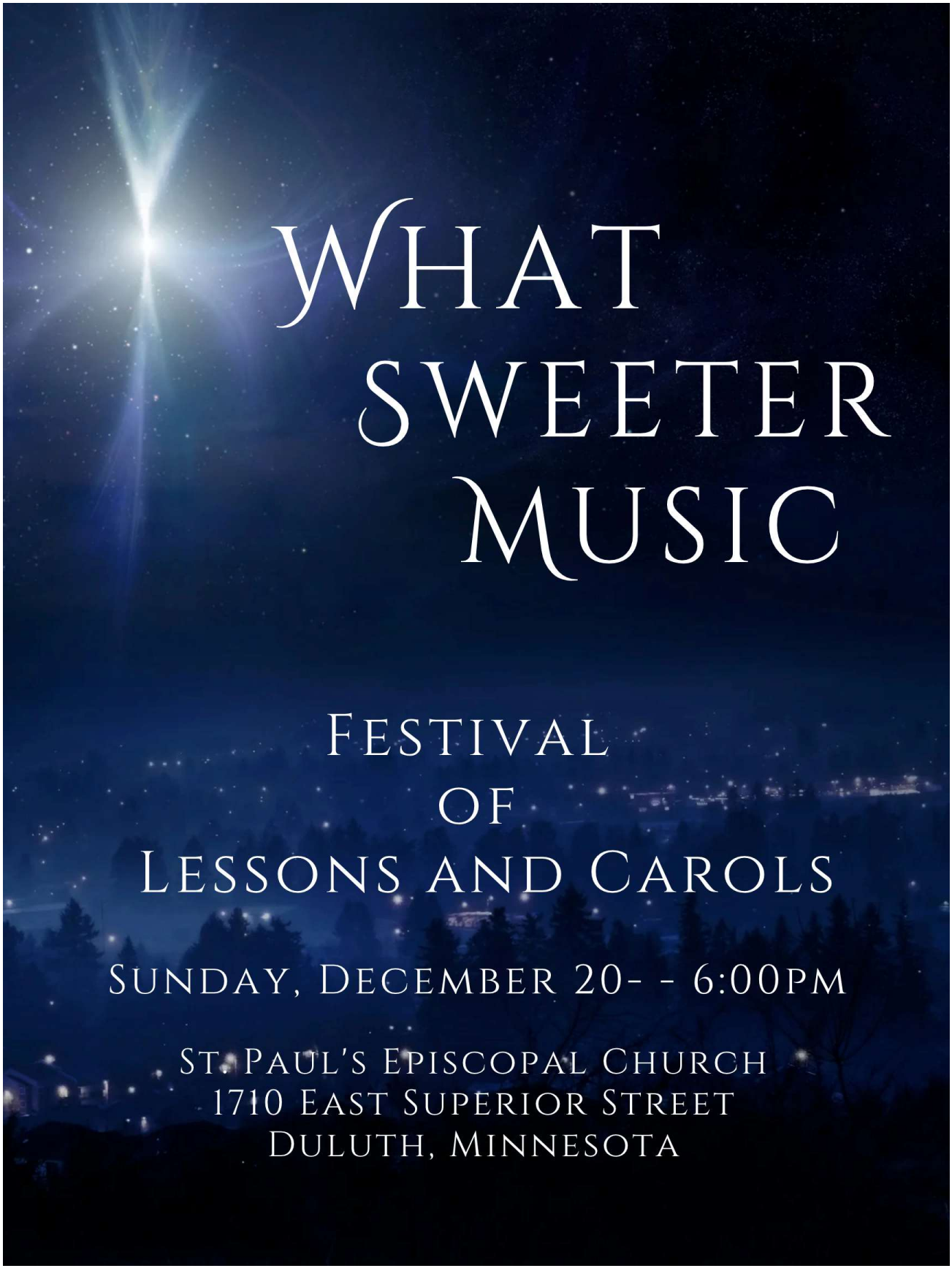
Jennifer Turbes, Business Manager

bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org

Safe Haven Benefit

Saturday, December 19, 6:30 pm
St. Andrew's by the Lake,
2802 Minnesota Ave, Duluth

A Solstice Night event with music by Water Cat.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Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 20- - 6:00pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1710 East Superior Street
Duluth, Minnesota

A SOLSTICE NIGHT

WITH MUSIC BY WATER CAT TO BENEFIT SAFE HAVEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM | MUSIC 6:30-8:00 PM

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Electronic Giving

You may donate checks or cash in the alms basins during the Offertory. If you prefer to donate to St. Paul's electronically, you may use this QR code to easily access our website donation page. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Serving This Sunday

Presider	The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Patricia Benson
Verger	Kathleen Smith
Altar Guild	Diane Kolquist, Susan Anderson, Sue Sommer, Tamara Jansen
Lectors	Rob Thomas, Natalie Constance
Prayer Leader	Annalisa Peterson
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice)	Natalie Constance, Kathleen Smith, Melanie Spencer
Acolytes	Jack Shambour, Tanis Halverson, Sig Peterson
Music	Chancel Choir; Thomas Hamilton, organist
Livestream	Chris Meehan
Ushers	Gary Olson, Matt Gustafson, Paul Waite, Jason Butcher
Nursery Attendants	Ya'myali Quinn-Sikorski, Arna Rennan
Coffee Host	Bob & Kathy Silverness
Lock Up	Tom Diener