

Serving today

Clergy	The Rev. Dr. Darrell Huddleston
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Deacon Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers	Alice Carey Ranee Washburn Gerri Butterfield Sheila Knight Cynthia McLeod
Altar Guild	

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of

Janice Vadurro by Joseph, Robbie, Cynthia and Abigale Payne

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.

Annual Reports are due by January 8th.

Annual Parish Meeting is January 31st, 2010 at 11:30 AM.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**21 Centre St.
Concord, NH**



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2009

8:00 A.M

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

Still, Still, Still

arr. Paul Manz

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 96

The Bidding Prayer

Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Carol – In the Bleak Midwinter

The Hymnal 112 verses 1-4

Lesson

Luke 2:21-36

Carol – The Snow Lay on the Ground

The Hymnal 110 verses 1 and 4

Lesson

John 1:1-18

Carol – O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Hymnal 79 verse 1

The Confession

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Offertory Music

The Coventry Carol

Tracy Pace, Alto

arr. Mark Hayes

Hymn

The Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving B

BCP p. 367

The congregation may kneel or sit as instructed in The Prayer Book

Sanctus

BCP p. 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

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.*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Dismissal

Contact us

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Centre Point

This Week at St. Paul's:

Tues. December 29th – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Thurs. December 31st – 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

Fri. January 1st – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Announcements

**Annual Parish Meeting will be held
Sunday, January 31st 2010 at 11:30 AM.**

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****Food Pantry Needed Items of the Month**
Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit**

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 Dec. 29th.

Sunday School –No Sunday School this week. Ageless Worship on January 3rd – 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 9-10:30 am 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.



Advent/Epiphany Adult Education Series – Wed., Jan. 6 and 13 at 6 PM.

The Advent study continues into Epiphany and 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:

- 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.

Instruments for Christmas Eve Service – Thank you to everyone who donated for the instrumentalists for our Christmas Eve Service. It is glorious to welcome our Lord with full and rich songs of praise.

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

Bishop's Blend Coffee and Teas –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 benefit Episcopal Relief and Development. Gift boxes are also available. Order on line at www.er-d.org.

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. 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/>

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.

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!

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-2 PM.