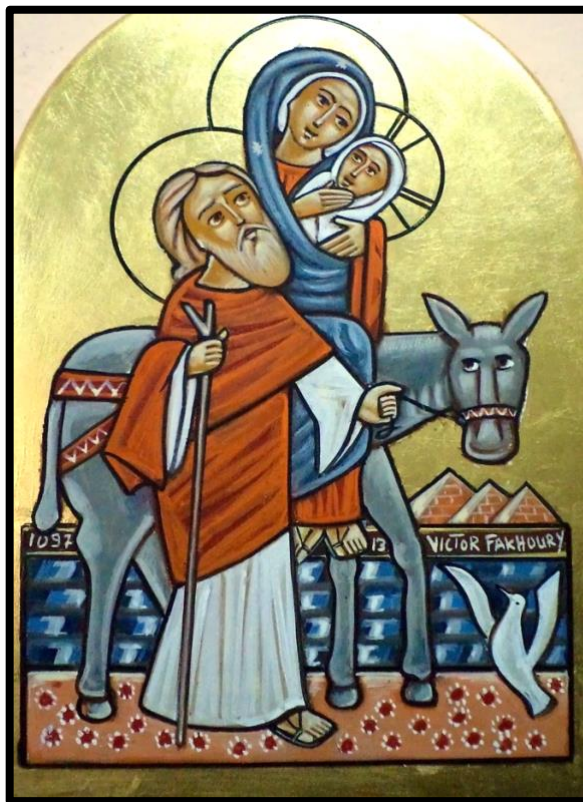


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*



**The First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2019, 8:00 A.M.**

Rite I

"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."

The Rule of St. Benedict

Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.

**The Holy Eucharist Rite I
The Liturgy of the Word**

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

Collect for Purity

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 thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Christmas 1

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
**for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in

the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Mack Patrick

The Nicene Creed

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 for Christmas

Intercessor **Wondrous God, whose love was made flesh on this holy night, hear us, as we pray, and take to your heart all of our longings and thanks.**

People **Hear us and help us!**

Intercessor Wonderful Counselor, give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, that the might guide us to peace. Bring an end to war in the world.

People **Wonderful Counselor, may your justice and righteousness be established on the earth.**

Intercessor Mighty God, make your church to be one, in spirit and truth, strong with courage, and rich with grace. Help us to tell the sweet, good news of your love in all we say and do, and especially as we reach toward each other.

People **Mighty God, may your church be united in serving the world.**

Intercessor Everlasting Father, help all who suffer to remember your love. Bring relief, and strength to endure, to those who are lonely, dying and in pain. Help especially, those with AIDS and cancer. We pray especially for Gail, Puzz, Dorothy, Marilyn, Margaret, David, Ed, Colleen, Lisa, Paul, Colleen, Neil, Maddie, and Rosemarie

People **Everlasting Father, may the day come soon when all tears are wiped away by your own hand.**

Intercessor Prince of Peace, help us to bring an end to all poverty and racism, which keep your children hungry and powerless. Grant that your peace would rule in our hearts and in our lives.

People **Prince of Peace, may you come soon to reign among us.**

Intercessor Child of David's throne, may all who live with you in glory help us, by their example, and prayer, to find our way home. Give us, especially, the courage of Isaiah, of Mary, and of John. Grant us the wonder of the shepherds and magi. Fill us with the songs of the angels.

People **Son of David, make us one with all your saints who enjoy your presence day and night.**

Intercessor God of Resurrection, we remember those who have died.

People **God of Resurrection, hear us and help us!**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.)

People God of all, hear us and help us!

Priest

Wondrous God, thank you for the miracle and grace of Christmas. May we be true, all the year long, to its call to believe the impossible and to make our humble humanity the place of your dwelling. Hear us we pray, and take to your heart all of our longing and thanks; through Jesus the Christ, through the Spirit.

Amen.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

People And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with thee.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Priest

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and

precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The bread is broken.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread (wafer) and wine at the Lord's table. We have gluten free hosts available.

The Post Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

In Unison

We praise and thank you, Creator God, for you have not left us alone. Each year you come to us, Emmanuel, God with us in a manger. Each time you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share here. In time or out of time, you will be revealed and we shall see you face to face. Give us courage, God, our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. All of this and more we ask, in Christ Jesus' most holy name. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Wedding Anniversaries

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and

strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes
Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, Sept.-May
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Jocelyn Prall, Sacristan

Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins, Nursery Attendants

Our Wardens and Vestry,

Maureen Gerrity, Senior Warden,
 Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,
 Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Pat McMahon	Lector
Vince McMahon	Intercessor
Team Flower Guild	Flower Guild
Jocelyn Prall	Altar Guild

This Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday, December 29, 2019, First Sunday of Christmas		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Fellowship and Coffee Hour	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - December 29 2019 through January 5, 2020			
Wed	Jan 1	Office Closed	
		New Year's Day Party 1:30 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thur	Jan 2	<i>No Choir Practice</i>	
Sun	Jan 5	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I. 8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery/ Childcare 10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Epiphany Celebration 11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

Christmas Flower Dedications 2019

The Flowers on the Altar Today were Donated by:

Kristen Borre and Jim Wilson

Pat Brown

~In Thanksgiving for My Family and for Peace in the World~

Bill and Jennie Cummings

~In Thanksgiving for our Families~

Maureen Gerrity

~In Thanksgiving for Children and Grandchildren~

Vince and Pat McMahon

~In Thanksgiving for Kurt, Kara, Jim, and Ryan~

Jan Modloff

Martin and Jackie Mounts

~In Honor of Our Family and In Memory of Maude and William May~

Peggy Newby

~In Memory of Art Fields and Joseph E. Williams, Jr.~

Rhys and Jocelyn Prall

~In Thanksgiving for Kaden, Emma, Lucy and Charlie~

The Rev. Barbara Wilson and Lynne Jacobson
~In Honor of The People of St. Paul's~
~In Memory of Sean Lindberg~

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

Today's Celebrant

We welcome The Reverend Mack Patrick, pastor at Grace Place Campus Ministry at NIU, as our guest celebrant today.

New Year's Day Party

We are planning to have a New Year's Day party on **January 1st, 2020**. We'll gather in the Parish Hall at **1:30 PM** for a movie (possibly "It's a Wonderful Life) and then at 4:00 PM watch the Rose Bowl football game. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite box or card game, too. If anyone can help with transportation ministry, please let Jennie Cummings know.

Epiphany Celebration

There will be a luncheon following the 10:30 service on **January 5th** to celebrate Epiphany. The entrée and drinks will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for volunteering to bring a salad, side dish or an Epiphany Cake (trinkets to place in the cake will be provided). See Jocelyn Prall or Peg Newby with questions.

Next Evening of Taize

The first Evening of Taize was well attended (75 people) and well received, including many in the community. We are looking forward to the next one on **Friday, January 10th, 2020**. Thank you to all who helped with creating this beautiful event.

Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on Friday, **January 24th, 2020 at 6:30 PM** at the home of Mary Short. The discussion will center on Chapter 5, "A Complicated God" from the book *The Changing Face of God*.

All Parishioners! Come to the Parish Cafe!

So that we can all continue fellowship and welcome newcomers, please plan on taking coffee or tea (with savories and sweets) on Sundays after church at our Parish Cafe. Many of us are enjoying conversation and connections there. We recall when people have joined us and how we invited them for coffee after church and they joined us there, bringing their enthusiasm and energy and faith. We recall, too, people who bring the blessings of their family life and wonderful food to our Parish Cafe. **This is the place to be.** Please plan on coming and staying awhile as often as possible.

Prayer List and Healing Liturgy

If you would like to add someone to be prayed for in The Prayers of the People, you can fill out one of the sheets available on the table near the Narthex and give it to the ushers. Or call or email the Parish Office. Names will appear for six weeks, but can be continued if the need continues. There will be a special healing liturgy, usually on the fourth Sunday of each month, as part of the Sunday service. Those who would like to come forward for healing will be prayed for and anointed with oil specially consecrated by the bishop.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

Join Us for Upcoming Worship Services, Celebrations, Activities, and lots of Fellowship!

New Year's Day Party
Epiphany Service
Evening of Taizé
Book Club

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, 1:30 PM
Sunday, January 5, 2020, 10:30 AM
Friday, January 10, 2020, 7:00 PM
Friday, January 24th, 2020 at 6:30 PM

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Household Prayers. Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

Household Prayer: Morning

*Creator God, as I begin this day, open my eyes, my ears,
all my senses to the beauty around me.*

*Help me to see how mountains and trees
rise up in praise of you.*

*Help me to hear how the birds of the air,
the whales in the deep, and the wild animals on the ground sing
your praises. Help me to join another, or many others, in praise of
your glory not only today, but even forever. Amen!*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Loving God, as the evening comes,
and with it the moon and shining stars,*

*I know that you are the Light in every darkness.
Shine, then, upon anyone who is troubled this night.
Shine, then, upon the troubles I have known.
Help me to put my trust in you, for I am your child,
and you have come to help me; you help all whom you have drawn
close. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
my brother and Savior. Amen.*

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.