

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, *Priest-in-Charge*



Family Service Sunday

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
10 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: This is the day that the Lord has made

Gathering Prayer

Rev. Ellen: God be with you

St. Paul's Family: And also with you

Rev. Ellen: Let's Pray

Rev. Ellen: God, you show us your love by helping and caring for us every day. Help us to show our love for each other as you do by being kind and caring and respectful to our families, friends, neighbors, and all of your people. Amen.

Praise to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, one God and creator of us all. As it was in the beginning of creation, is today and will be always. Amen.

Please be seated

Listening to God's Stories

A Hebrew Bible Story

Isaiah 2:1-5

In days to come
the mountain of the god's house
will be known as the highest of the mountains,
and will be lifted above the hills;
all the nations will visit it.
Many nations will say,
'Come, let's go up to the mountain of the god,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that GOD may teach us GOD'S ways
so we may walk in GOD'S paths.'
For out of Zion will we be taught
the word of the GOD from Jerusalem.
GOD shall judge between the nations,
and make peace for many peoples;
they will beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation will no longer lift up their swords against another nation,
nor will they learn to make war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let's walk
in the light of the GOD!

Reader: The Word of God

St. Paul's Family: Thanks to you, God.

Psalm 122

Read in Unison

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of God."
- 2 Now we are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- 4 Where the tribes visit, the tribes of the god.
the assembly of Israel praises the Name of the God.
- 5 In the city are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 May peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For everyone's sake, I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will do good things for you."

A Gospel Story

Matthew 5:14-16

Rev. Ellen: *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*

St. Paul's Family: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. People don't light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

Rev. Ellen: *The Gospel of Jesus*

St. Paul's Family: Thank you, God.

Please be seated

Homily

Rev. Ellen

Children's Song: The Owl Sings

Yuma Lullaby
Led by Dawn Ferguson

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Let's pray together.

Loving God, we thank you for all the good things we have been given in our lives, especially the blessing of everyone who loves us.

Loving God, hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray that all people live together in peace. Help us treat everyone one with respect and share the light of your love in the world.

Loving God, hear our prayer

We pray for our loved ones, families, friends, and pets. Keep them all safe, protected and healthy.

Loving God, hear our prayer

Teach us to love this beautiful earth that you created and all the creatures that live on it as much as you do. Help us to take care of it, to do all we can to keep it clean and healthy for everyone to enjoy.

Loving God, hear our prayer

We pray for everyone on who is sick, sad, lost or lonely; people who have no food to eat or clean water to drink, people who have no homes to live in, people who live in places where there are wars happening. Show us how we can share what we have to give with people in need.

Loving God, hear our prayer

We pray for people at St. Paul's who need our prayers including Henry, Sandy, Jennifer, Mark, Rosanne, Cooper, Jean, Marcy, T.J., Rosemary, Nina, Caroline, Morgan, Meghan, Rick, Brian, Cora, Martha, Michael, Gloria, Beth, Marilyn, Sophia, John, Mary, and Matt. Help them to feel better and to remember that you love them.

Loving God, hear our prayer

We pray for everyone we love who has died. Help us to remember that they are living with you in light and love.

Loving God, hear our prayer

Loving God, we ask for forgiveness for things we have done that were unkind or unloving to others. Help us to feel your love and kindness in our hearts and treat others as we want to be treated.

Loving God, hear our prayer

Rev. Ellen: Loving God, we know you hear the prayers of all your people. Help everyone we pray for today and every day in Jesus name. **Amen.**

The Peace

Rev. Ellen: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

St. Paul's Family: And also with you.

The Announcements

The Celebration of Holy Communion

All are welcome at God's table

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Ellen: The Lord be with you.

St. Paul's Family: And also with you.

Rev. Ellen: Lift up your hearts.

St. Paul's Family: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Ellen: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

St. Paul's Family: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Rev. Ellen: We praise you and we bless you, holy and loving God, source of wisdom, light and hope.

Everyone: Lord you are holy. God of great power, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel

Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to lead us back to a loving relationship with you, the God of all creation. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus gathered with his friends. He took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to God for it. After that he broke the bread and gave it to his friends said, "This is bread is my Body, whenever you eat it do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup of wine, raised it up and gave thanks to God for it. He shared it with his friends and said, "This wine is the Blood of the new Covenant. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Loving God, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine. Sanctify them and all of us with your Holy Spirit, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him that we might be like him and share your love in the world.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Loving God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as Jesus Christ has taught us, we pray,

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. 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

Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome at God's table.

Communion Song

A Final Prayer

Rev. Ellen: Let us Pray

Eternal God, we thank you for feeding us with this spiritual food. Send us now into the world in peace and give us the strength to love and serve you with happy hearts, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

Dismissal

Rev. Ellen: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Wreath Making today!
Following the Family Service in
the Parish Hall



Daily Devotionals through Advent

We are collaborating in a joint venture in the Evelyn Underhill Region this Advent through Epiphany!

- We will read [A Way to the Manger](#), a daily devotional that looks at the Advent and Christmas journey through different characters in the Nativity and spiritual practices for each day. You can request a copy of the book from Rev. Ellen.
- Each week, there will be a short video from the clergy in the [Evelyn Underhill Regional Ministry Network](#) introducing the themes for that week. Here is this week's video: <https://youtu.be/h5gDIDCk75s>

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Weekdays

3rd Wednesday, 12/21 - Noon Holy Eucharist

Sundays

1st Sunday, 12/4 - 8 am (spoken) and 10 am **Holy Eucharist**

2nd Sunday, 12/11 - 8 am (spoken) and 10 am **Morning Prayer**

3rd Sunday, 12/18 - 10 am **Lessons and Carols** (no service at 8 am)

Christmas Eve - 4:30 pm **Christmas Pageant**, 8 pm **Holy Eucharist**

Christmas Day - 10 am **Holy Eucharist**

Upcoming Events...

Sunday, December 4 – Sunday Speaker Series – Habitat for Humanity/ Listening Session for Diocesan Strategic Visioning Team

Sunday, December 11 – Gingerbread House Making Contest following the 10 am service

Saturday, December 17 – Movie Night, 4:30 pm Younger Children/7 pm Youth Group

Sunday, December 18 – Greening of the Church, Cookie Exchange and Pageant Rehearsal/Costumes



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The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes - Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry - Priest in Charge

The Staff

Sam Dixon - Sexton
John Pivarnik - Organist/Choirmaster
Laurie DeBiasse - Parish Administrator

The Wardens

Eric Leininger- Senior Warden Simon Mason - Junior Warden
Jed Evans - Treasurer Ann Lowe - Clerk of the Vestry

The Vestry

Barbara Cheifet Jennifer Cury Mary Foster
Chris Johnson Sarah Meiring Tom Osucha
Shirly Wu

Ministries of the Laity at *this* service

Next Week (12/4/22)

Eucharistic Minister	Rev. Philip Wong	Eucharistic Minister	Jim Mollo
Lector 8 a.m.	Sarah Meiring	Lector 8 a.m.	Sarah Meiring
Lector 10 a.m.	Emily Piazza Julie Piazza	Lector 10 a.m.	Liz Holler
Acolyte	Henry Tavares	Ushers	Brian Siegel Mark Hipp
Ushers	Jennifer Cury Brad Huke	Greeter	Barbara Cheifet
Greeter	Phil White James Cheifet	Altar Guild	Ann Lowe Martha O'Connor Patti Hanley Martha White Sarah Meiring
Altar Guild	Allison Pishko Kathy James Cathy Hackett Kim Mollo	Flower Arranger	Laurie DeBiasse
Flower Arranger	N/A	Tech Support	Steve Piazza
Tech Support	Andy Wang	Coffee Hour Host	TBD
Coffee Hour Host	Wang family	Sunday School	Mary Foster