



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



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## Weekly ePistle ~ December 2, 2020

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### ***St. Paul's Online Worship Opportunity for December 6th***

At this time, we cannot meet in person, but we can still meet virtually! We will be hosting our second service via Zoom this Sunday! Join us at **8:30 am** for Morning Prayer led by Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts. Even if you don't have a computer, you can join by phone!

To join by computer, click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/95751784278>

To participate by phone, dial 312-626-6799 and be prepared to enter the ID below.

Our meeting ID is **957 5178 4278**

All participants will be muted upon entry to the service. If you are a reader, please be aware that you will have to unmute yourself in order to be heard. You do not necessarily have to have the video enabled if you do not wish to be seen.

We hope you will be able to join us (virtually!) for this second Sunday in Advent!

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### ***From Deacon Deb***

We are now in the holy season of Advent. That time of year when our liturgy reminds us to slow down and wait in hope-filled expectation for the coming of our Lord. Through the Gospel of Mark we will hear John the Baptist calling us to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Mark 1:3)

Now is the time to prepare our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus. Maybe now is the time to start a new habit of daily prayer and reflection? Maybe now is the time for more silence in your day? Or make use of the Advent resources referenced below? However you decide to observe this holy time, your time will not be wasted. God will meet you there.

*The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.* Henri Nouwen

In Christ, Deacon Deborah

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## ***Advent Resources***

### **Episcopal Relief & Development Advent Toolkit**

This year Episcopal Relief & Development offers new Advent resources from **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** along with the **2020 Gifts for Life Advent Calendar** and **Christmas catalog**.

### **Preaching Palestine on the First Sunday of Advent**

The Peace and Justice Committee of the Diocese of Chicago invites congregations to answer the call of **Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)** to teach and preach Palestine this year on the First Sunday in Advent. **Learn more.**

### **Prophetic Voices: Preaching and Teaching Beloved Community Podcast**

**Prophetic Voices: Preaching and Teaching Beloved Community** explores readings for each week of Advent and Christmas Day through the lens of social justice.

### **Waiting with Expectation and Hope Playlist**

Download an **Advent playlist** curated by the **Lifelong Learning team** at Virginia Theological Seminary.

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## ***Words from Wardens***

How wonderful it was to see so many of you last Sunday on our first Zoom Morning Prayer worship service! A special thank you to Eileen and to Deb for putting the service together, to Julie for her beautiful music and to Lisa for coordinating everything to make the Zoom service a success! We have tweaked a few things, and we are hoping to make this week's Advent Morning Prayer even better. For those of you who joined us, thank you, and I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to join us this Sunday. If any of you are hesitant to join us because of any technical questions or issues, please reach out to Lisa, Deb, Jeff, or me, and we will guide you through the process. Like everything else that is new to us, once you understand the basic steps, it is really a very easy process.

As we prepare for the wonderful season that is upon us, I would encourage everyone to remember those members of our community who are less fortunate, especially the children in our area. Our Outreach Project this Advent season is Food for Thought Food Pantry and First Way Pregnancy. Please fill our virtual "Baskets" by sending donations to St. Paul's which will be distributed before Christmas.

Stay safe and well and know that God is always with us as we await the miracle of his birth.

*Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel, which is translated "God is with us." Matthew 1:22-23*

Beth Lukas, Senior Warden

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## ***Advent Giving***

One of St. Paul's most beloved traditions has been our Advent tradition of filling Moses Baskets. While so much has changed with the way we do things today, we have not lost sight of Outreach and the impact it makes on our community, especially in these times of great need.

We will not be able to fill our Moses Baskets and Food for Thought shopping cart in person, but our Advent Outreach **will** go on! Instead of filling our baskets with clothing and food, we have decided to ask for monetary contributions which will, in turn, be donated to First Way Pregnancy and District 155. A letter has been sent giving you the option to donate to these St. Paul's adopted ministries. Please be generous as we reach out to those in our community who are in need during this holiday season.

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***St. Paul's Prayer List***  
***Week of December 6 - December 12***

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

**Ongoing prayers:** Yasmin, Kay, Edna, Amy, Tim, Marty, Barb, Marianne, Jim, Lucy, Vic, and Eleanor

**Current prayers:** Jenn, Stacy, Jeff, Keith, Bobbi, Rory, Bonnie, Brandy, Danielle, Shirley-Patricia, Sheila, Colton, and Terry

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Bill Lang (Dec. 10) and Lisa Strandberg (Dec. 12)

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Vincent and Grace Linnane (Dec. 10)

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***Questions or concerns?***

Please contact our Wardens - Beth Lukas (Senior Warden)  
or Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden).

***In need of pastoral care?***

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon: [DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com)

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