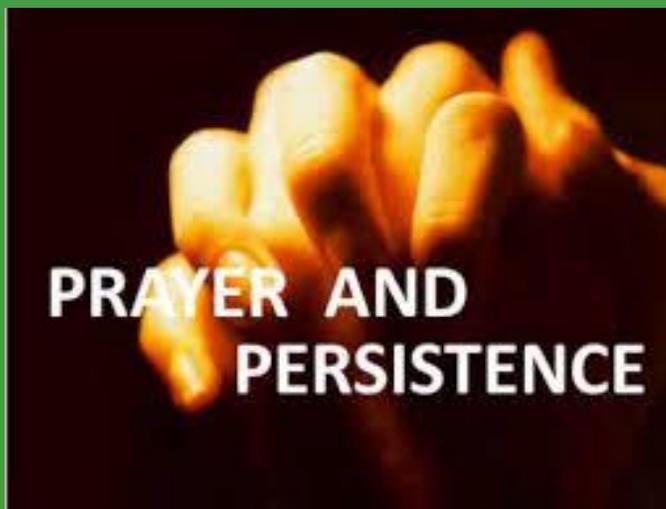


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

(In Exile in the Parish  
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**WE ARE AN  
INCLUSIVE  
AND  
PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**



**Who, led by the Spirit, are guided to provide a safe harbor  
for those on their spiritual journey.  
And who work to bring God's loving justice into our world in need.**

**December 12, 2021  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**This Sunday's Ministry Team:**

*Episcopal Priests: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight & the Rev. David Dinkins*

*Vergers: The Rev. Declan Jarry III*

*Vestry Greeter: Jim Manlove*

*Lay Readers: Georgann Falotico, Tara Chambless & Jackie King*

*Altar Guild: Scott de Lessart & Philip Fryer*

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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR RECTOR



**It's our third week of Advent Gaudate Sunday**, a day for rejoicing in all the ways that God has blessed each of us.

The carpet in the sanctuary and my office has been removed this week, and when they are done, then Anderson Construction will be starting the rebuild. We've asked that the upstairs get finished first, so that we can return to our sanctuary, and **the hope is that Endeavor Hill will move in as a church plant in**

**January.**

**The new Columbarium arrived on Thursday, and some of the guys who were taking up the carpeting upstairs helped us get it into the chapel.** Once all the chaos of the rebuild is done, we'll get this new addition put into our chapel, with space for more folks and their loved ones.

During the season of Advent and Christmas, we are doing the **Mass of Creation**. What I've been doing is adding each part slowly, so that we all remember how it all fits together. So far we are singing the Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Die. This week we will add the Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again, and the Great Amen. I've been impressed with how quickly you've picked it all up again! By Christmas I hope to have all the sung parts back with us.

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**Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 December 24th** in our current home downstairs. Music, candles, community and a celebration of the Birth of Jesus. There will be no Christmas Day service, but we'll be back on Sunday the 26th.

I've been in touch with the **Bishop**, asking if there was a Sunday that we could have a **visitation after all the construction is done**, and we've been challenged to find a time. Sooooo our plan at this point is to do a special **mid-week visitation** with the Bishop to have Confirmation and Receptions for our newer folk, and a blessing of the new life of our building once it's finished. I'll do my best to make sure everyone knows the date!

Allow me to say yet again how **I'm proud of how everyone is doing!** This is a challenge for all of us, and I've been impressed with your flexibility. Thank you! When this is all done we will have a renovated, water free sanctuary, a newly floored parish hall, and whatever new life is on the horizon for 2022. Alleluia!

**As usual please make sure that you sign in for contact tracing, wear your masks, and we will continue to be the church... maybe in exile to the basement, but still St. Paul's Episcopal Church by the Salish Sea.**

SEE YA IN THE PARISH HALL ON SUNDAY!  
Mother Kathleen+

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## **ANGEL TREE for 2021**

**This year our Angel Tree will be helping to support the family that we are helping from South Sudan.** Jane and her five children are in housing supplied by the local Catholic Church. But she and the kids don't have winter clothes, few toys for the little ones, or even a Christmas tree for their first Christmas in the United States. There are five kids: ages 2-14, and Jane herself. As you recall she is escaping an abusive relationship, it's hard with such a large family. **Will you help us, help this family have a wonderful Christmas?**

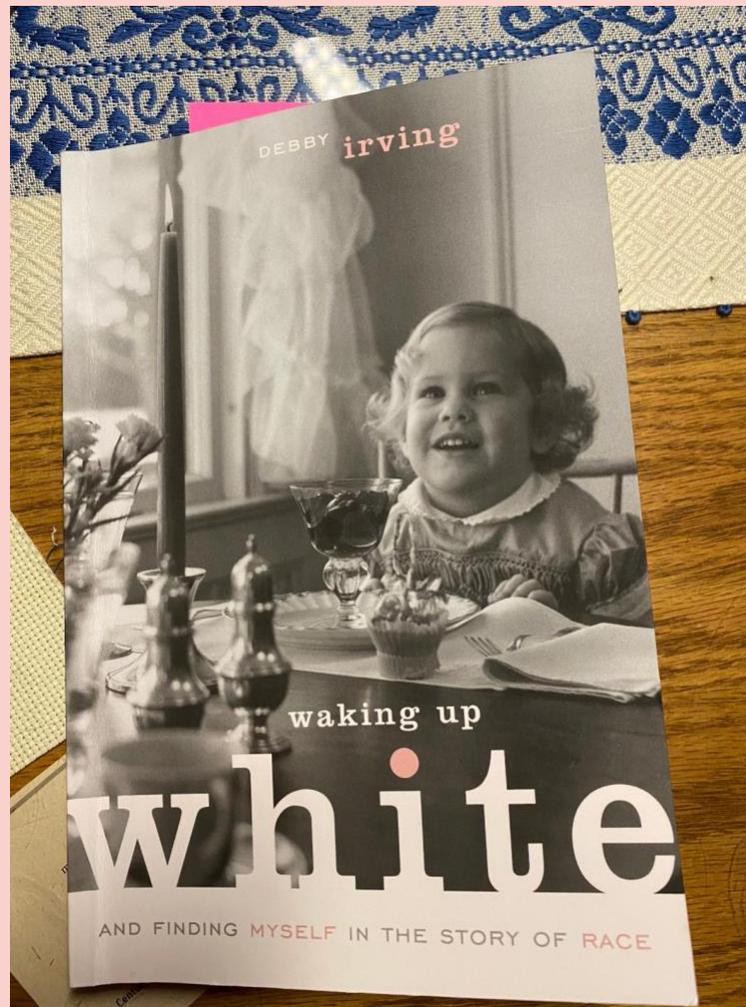
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## THE ST. PAUL'S READING GROUP

The St Paul's Book Group has selected **Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race** by Debbie Irving for our new book to read starting Monday Dec. 13.

This book is part of the Episcopal Church Sacred Ground curriculum and is being read by our Vestry. It is a book for us to discuss White privilege. A book written from the author's personal journey as a privileged white person in the US learning about the racial divide.

The book group feels that by reading the book out loud each week we will be able to focus on the journey of racial reconciliation, take time to discuss the chapter questions and learn from



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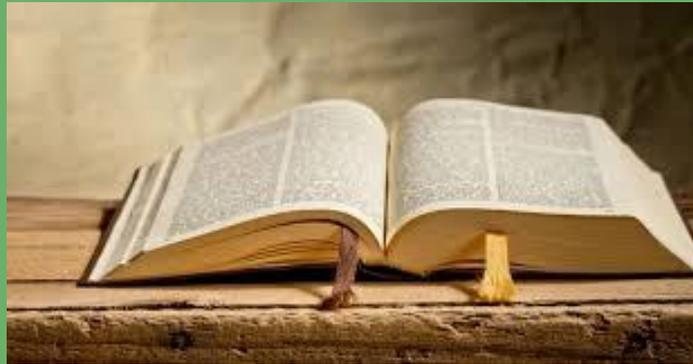
each other. Come and join us, books can be purchased, checked out at the library or you can just listened. **When was the last time you listened to a whole book being read by friends?**

**Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday. The readings are:**

**Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)**

**All are welcome! Please contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139 with any questions.**

**See you on Wednesday!**



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## From the Lord's Neighborhood Diner:

We need volunteers!

St. Paul's and the Lord's Neighborhood Diner are supporting the Salvation Army by preparing dinner **on the second Saturday of every month** between 2:30 and 5:30pm. It is a safe environment, and you can park behind the Salvation Army for free. Temperatures are checked at the door, everyone wears masks, and gloves are provided in the kitchen. We prepare 45-70 dinners and put our delicious cuisine in containers that the Salvation Army staff distribute to the hungry folks. You will only be working in the kitchen and will not have direct contact with the diners.

Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered: Sue Ahrens, Jim Manlove, Tara Chambless, Bonda Lewis, Mary Jo Melia, Jennifer Laris, & Joseph Hayworth.

Blessings,  
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# Bremerton Backpack Brigade

Serving the first needs of the  
child, so that they may learn



Hi everyone,  
Here we are in December! This will be a short but busy month. I really look forward to seeing you. Check out the volunteer schedule carefully - box packing for winter break happens mid-month, and we could use a few extra helping hands to get this big undertaking done. Let us know if you can be there either day.

The Food Drive at Fred Meyer is postponed for a few months. Too much COVID spreading out there; let's all stay safe.

Besides the newsletter, I'm attaching a volunteer task list. It gets updated nearly every week, so I thought you might need a more recent copy.

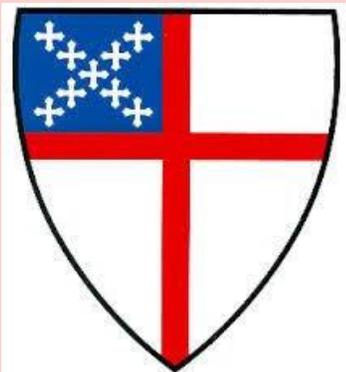
Stay safe everyone, see ya around the Pantry, or Safeway, or at the movies, who knows ...

Myra

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**Church office hours:  
Tuesdays - Thursdays  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
If you require assistance,  
please call Philip at 360-377-0106  
or email [stpaul700@gmail.com](mailto:stpaul700@gmail.com).**

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