

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

(In Exile in the Parish Hall 11.7 - ?)

**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 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**This Sunday's Ministry Team:**

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

*Verger: Joseph Hayworth*

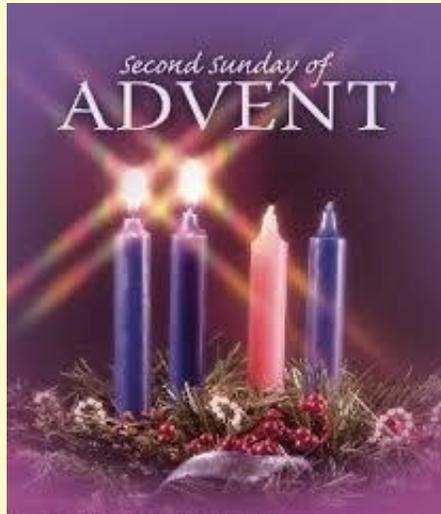
*Vestry Greeter: Richard Kelso*

*Lay Readers: Pat Brodin, Jay Hayworth & Mollyshannon Neel*

*Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson & Mollyshannon Neel*

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**It's our second week of Advent, the beginning of the new Church year**

**C.** Sunday we will be considering the role of prophets (not profits) in changing our world into becoming a greater reflection of the Kingdom of God.

If you've had a chance to look at the **sanctuary** recently, the demolition is mostly finished and all the wet trash has been removed. Gone are the piles of wood, lathe, and sheetrock and nails everywhere. Also gone are the huge tubes of plastic carrying air from industrial fans to get everything all dried out. There are still parts of the original platform there, but our rebuild will make it one layer not two. And there will also be a handicap accessible ramp to the altar area.

**Monday our construction company** will start working. 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.**

**On another note, the columbarium is due to arrive this Wednesday before noon. It will be coming in two palettes.** One weighing about 200 pounds and the other weighing about half that. **I'm trying to find a few strong folks who are willing to help us move these two palettes into the chapel downstairs on Wednesday.** It shouldn't take long, but I want to have enough people to take care of it without breaking any backs. Can you help? Please call the office on Wednesday to find out the time to arrive.

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.

**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

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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+



"Dear Ones ..."

**Bishop Rickel's Statement on the Kyle  
Rittenhouse Verdict**

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Here's a little pre-Thanksgiving quiz about St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bremerton:

- Are we going to have a choir, with a music director?
- Are we going to be able to offer a consistent Christian education program?
- What's the status of our rector, Mother Kathleen Kingslight? Is she half-time? Three-quarters time? Can she be full-time?
- What other ministries can we offer to parishioners and the Bremerton community?

These questions and more will be answered in the next couple of week as parishioners turn in their pledges for 2022. Once we have those pledges in hand, the executive team and Vestry can review finances and propose a budget based on what we can afford.

St. Paul's is an independent parish. We get no operational money from the national Church or the Diocese of Olympia. Whatever money we want to spend, we have to raise that money from within the church, and most of that comes from pledges and offerings.

The parishioners and friends of St. Paul's have been extraordinarily generous since the pandemic began in early 2020. Still, the need to close the church, interrupting or even halting all that was going on within its walls, has had a dramatic effect. We've been able to pay our full expenses through the pandemic thanks only to proceeds from a land sale and the federal government's COVID Paycheck Protection Program.

But our expenses are falling steadily because we have less money to draw on. We'd love to reverse that trend, to be able to hire a music director, pay our rector for full-time work, keep up with basic expenses.

Can we? The answer will come soon, from our parishioners.

Thank you so much for your support these past years. Please continue to help as we use our parish and its gifts to fulfill our mission: To worship and serve Christ from a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.

— Richard Horn, stewardship co-chair

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## **The Book Group Of St. Paul's meets every Monday evening at 6:30 pm via Zoom.**

This coming Monday, December 6th at 6:30pm, we will comment on any ongoing thoughts, concerns, or possible actions in regards to the book we just finished: "Why Did Jesus, Moses, The Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road" by Brian McLaren. We will also choose the next book to read and plan our time together. Anyone is welcome to join this group. At this time, we are all women, some read out loud, some listen, and some comment and start discussions as we read. We have shared, learned, and prayed together at the end of each evening, around 7:30-8:45.p.m. We are a welcoming group and have developed a bond together. Come join us for our next book. We acknowledge attendance can waiver, but each of us tries to make it on Monday evenings. Use the link that follows:

Peace to You,  
Call if you have questions or just join in.

Katherine Adams 360-377-9942

Katherine Adams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Book Group  
Time: Dec 6, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253008185?pwd=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZaa2Z2UURDZz09>

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Our **Family Christmas Project** is an exciting way to tangibly show youth experiencing homeless that they are loved. Youth participating in The Coffee Oasis youth programs fill out gift request forms. Then community partners like you "sponsor" youth so their gifts can be purchased. \$50 will provide Christmas presents for one youth!

**Would you consider partnering with us for this year's Family Christmas Project?**

We will have a digital partner packet available with video, slides, posters, fliers, and bulletin inserts! Enclosed is a link if you would like to receive our monthly pastors' newsletter, [These City Lights](#). We share upcoming events that churches may be interested in, interviews with local pastors, and current prayer requests. If you have prayer warriors in your congregation, we would love to be on their list!



**Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday. The readings are:**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

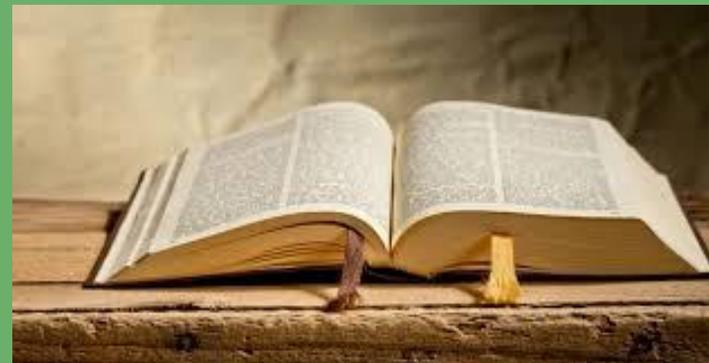
**Isaiah 12:2-6**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

**Luke 3:7-18**

**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.

Please let me know if you are willing to work the upcoming date of:

**Saturday, December 11th.**

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.

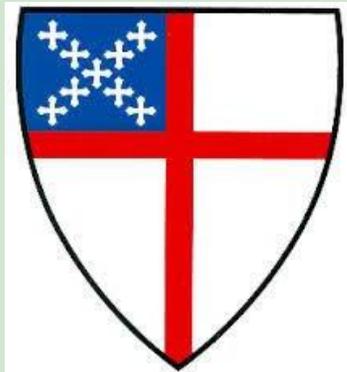
The Food Drive at Fred Meyer is postponed for a few months. Too much COVID spreading out there; let's all stay safe.

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

[Click here for current newsletter](#)

[Click here for volunteer team schedule](#)



**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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