

# Advent & Christmas



**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.**

## **December 3, the First Sunday of Advent**

*They will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.*

### **Holy Eucharist**

7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

**Children's Ministries' St. Nicholas Festival** 4:00 p.m.

## **December 10, the Second Sunday of Advent**

*The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

### **Holy Eucharist**

7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

## **December 17, the Third Sunday of Advent**

*One who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.*

### **Holy Eucharist**

7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** 5:00 p.m.

## **December 24, the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

### **Holy Eucharist**

10:00 a.m. in the chapel

## **December 24, Christmas Eve**

*To you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

**Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist** 3:00 p.m.

**Festival Holy Eucharist** 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Preludes begin at 4:30 and 10:30 p.m.

## **December 25, Christmas Day**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

### **Holy Eucharist**

10:00 a.m.

## **December 31, The First Sunday After Christmas**

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us.*

### **Holy Eucharist**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

## **January 7, the First Sunday after the Epiphany:**

### **The Baptism of Our Lord**

*Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.*

**Holy Eucharist** 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist** 10:00 a.m.

**Children's Ministries' Bethlehem Village** 4:00 p.m.

**Feast of Lights** 5:00 p.m.

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## Services, Formation Classes and Inter-Generational Events

### Child Care and Children's Chapel

Unless otherwise noted, all child care is for infants through four-year-olds and will be offered on the first-floor Preschool hallway. Children's Chapel will be offered during all 9:00 a.m. Sunday services during Advent.

### First Sunday of Advent, December 3

**Holy Eucharist** 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

**Child care** will be available during the 9:00 and 11:15 services.

**Formation classes** for children and youth will meet in their usual locations.

**Breakfast** will be served from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. during the gift-wrapping event.

**Prison Ministries Sunday.** Prayers will be offered at all services that day for those who are incarcerated and their families and for jail and prison employees.

**"In the Name of the Father,"** an outreach ministry in which St. Paul's joins the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries to provide gifts for children whose fathers are incarcerated in the Forsyth Correctional Center. At 10:15 a.m., all are encouraged to gather in Colhoun to wrap the Christmas presents.

**St. Nicholas Festival.** The Children's Ministries will host the St. Nicholas Festival on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. in Colhoun A. Families are asked to bring items for birthday bags for low-income children.

### Wednesday, December 6

**A Holy Pause in Advent** will be offered from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the chapel, parlor and Colhoun. Clergy will lead various self-guided meditations of prayer, labyrinth walks and contemplation with icons. The Children's Ministry will offer prayer stations for children who attend with their parents. Spend an hour preparing your soul to receive the Christ Child in Christmas by taking a pause to pray.

### Thursday, December 7 through Monday, December 18

**Lego My Bible Exhibit** in Colhoun B and C

### Second Sunday of Advent, December 10

**Holy Eucharist** 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

**Child care** will be available during the 9:00 and 11:15 services.

**Breakfast** will be served by the Men's Ministry from 8:00 to 9:30 in Colhoun B.

**Rector's Forum: A Very Special Advent: Sacred Storytelling in Christmas Movies,** part 1, will be presented by clergy at 10:15 a.m. in Colhoun A. The class will view and discuss *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

### Third Sunday of Advent, December 17

**Holy Eucharist** 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** 5:00 p.m.

**Child care** will be available during the 9:00 and 11:15 services.

**Breakfast** will be served by the Men's Ministry from 8:00 to 9:30 in Colhoun B.

**Rector's Forum: A Very Special Advent: Sacred Storytelling in Christmas Movies,** part 2, will be presented by clergy at 10:15 a.m. in Colhoun A. The class will view and discuss *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** will be offered at 5:00 p.m., featuring the premiere of a commissioned carol. All are welcome to a reception in Colhoun A following the service. Child care will be available.

### Wednesday, December 20

**St. Thomas Day Service** 5:30 p.m. in the chapel

St. Paul's will offer a special service of Holy Eucharist, *St. Thomas Day:*

*A Service of Light and Hope.* The Christmas holidays may bring joy, but for many people, the season draws out doubt, depression and loss. The day we celebrate the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, the doubter, is a good time to remember that we are not alone and to draw together toward the light of Christ. All are welcome to join us for worship and a time to meditate on God's love even while we might feel disconnected from the season's holiday cheer.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, December 24

**Holy Eucharist** 10:00 a.m. in the chapel

**Children's Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist** 3:00 p.m.

Child care for infants and toddlers will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Children who wish to participate in the pageant should arrive early to dress in costume.

**White Gifts.** St. Paul's families traditionally bring gifts wrapped in white paper to the Christmas Eve afternoon service. The gifts will be given to the residents of the Murdoch Developmental Center in Butner, a residential facility for children and adults with developmental disabilities. For details, visit <https://stpaulswinstonsalem.org/white-gifts-for-murdoch-center/>

**Festival Holy Eucharist** 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. Preludes begin at 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. Child care will be available during the 5:00 service for infants through four-year-olds, starting at 4:30 p.m.

### Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

**Holy Eucharist** 10:00 a.m.

No child care will be provided. Children are welcome to attend the service with their families.

### The First Sunday After Christmas, December 31

**Holy Eucharist** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Child care will be available during the 10:00 service.

### The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord, January 7

**Holy Eucharist** 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist** 10:00 a.m.

**Children's Ministries' Bethlehem Village** 4:00 p.m. Children and families will travel back through time to Bethlehem Village to learn about Epiphany.

**Feast of Lights** 5:00 p.m. This annual pageant depicts the Magi's visit to the Christ child and the spreading of his light throughout the world.

Child care will be available and Children's Chapel will be offered during the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be no formation classes. Child care during the Feast of Lights service opens at 4:30 p.m.