

# Advent & Christmas



**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

## **December 2, 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.

## **December 9, 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 16, 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.

**Choral Evensong** 5:00 p.m.

## **December 23, the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

## **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, 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 p.m. 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 30, 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 6, The Epiphany**

*When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.*

## **Holy Eucharist** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

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

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

## **January 13, the First Sunday after the Epiphany:**

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

*Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

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

**Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist** 9:00 a.m.

## Services, Classes and Events

### Child Care and Children's Chapel

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

### Wednesday Services

**Holy Eucharist** will be at 10:30 a.m. at the side altar in the nave and 5:30 p.m. in the chapel unless otherwise noted. The church will be closed on Wednesday, December 26.

### Morning Prayer and Noonday Prayer

**Morning Prayer** will continue in the nave at 8:15 a.m. on weekdays in Advent, Monday, December 3 through Friday, December 21, resuming Wednesday, January 2. **Noonday Prayer** will be offered in the chapel at 12:00 noon on weekdays, Monday, December 3 through Friday, December 21 and will be live-streamed on the St. Paul's group page on Facebook.

### First Sunday of Advent, December 2

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

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

**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.

**Share the Joy Advent Kits** will be available in children's formation classes.

**"In the Name of the Father"** is an outreach ministry in which St. Paul's joins 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 will gather in Colhoun to bag the Christmas presents. Breakfast will be served by the Men's Ministry during the event.

### Wednesday, December 5

**A Holy Pause in Advent** will be offered from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the chapel, parlor and Colhoun Room. Clergy will lead various guided meditations of prayer and labyrinth walks. The Children's Ministry will offer a Communion class. Spend an hour preparing your soul to receive the Christ Child in Christmas by taking a pause to pray.

### Second Sunday of Advent, December 9

**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.

**O Thou Key of David: Unlocking the Secrets of the Great "O" Antiphons,** a class examining the history and purpose of these Antiphons and how they speak to us today, will be presented at 10:15 a.m. in Colhoun A by Dr. Mark Ardrey-Graves.

**Las Posadas,** a traditional religious observance commemorating the journey of Joseph and Mary as they search for a place to stay in Bethlehem, will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Goodheart Entrance and conclude with dinner and a piñata.

### Third Sunday of Advent, December 16

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

**Choral Evensong** 5:00 p.m. in the nave

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

**Rector's Forum: 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 *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be served.

### Wednesday, December 19

**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 week 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, December 23

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

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

**Rector's Forum: 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*. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be served.

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

### Christmas Eve, December 24

**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.

**Gifts for Murdoch Center.** St. Paul's families traditionally bring gifts to the Christmas Eve afternoon service to be given to residents of the Murdoch Developmental Center in Butner, a residential facility for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

This year, the center requests that gifts be left unwrapped. For details and gift suggestions, visit <https://stpaulswinstonsalem.org/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.

### The First Sunday After Christmas, December 30

**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 Epiphany, January 6

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

**A Chili Cook-Off** to benefit outreach ministries will follow the Feast of Lights.

**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.

### The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord, January 13

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

**Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist** 9:00 a.m.

**Child care** will be available during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services. Children's Chapel will be offered during the 9:00 a.m. service. Formation classes for all ages will resume.