



Advent 1

November 28, 2021 + 9:00 AM

“Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come!” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks of Advent. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them, we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

ENTRANCE HYMN: “The Advent of Our God” *LBW 22*

This hymn is printed on the following page.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING AND PRAYER:

Pr Dave sings a line, we echo it... and we light the Advent candle[s] as we sing...

*As the dark awaits the dawn... so we await Your light...
Star of Promise, scatter night... loving bright, loving bright...
Till shades of fear are gone...*

*As the blue expectant hour... before the silv’ring skies...
We long to see Your day arise... whole and wise, whole and wise...
O lucent Morning Star...*

*As the moon reflects the sun... until the night’s decrease...
Let Your healing light release... living peace, living peace...
Unto Your holy dawn...*

*Shine Your future on this place... Enlighten every guest...
Through us stream Your holiness... bright and blest, bright and blest...
Come dawn, O Sun of grace...*

The Advent of Our God



1 The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,
 3 Come, Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,



come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.
 him - self the ser - vant's form puts on to set his peo - ple free.
 nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
 and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.



5 Before the dawning day
 let sin be put to flight;
 no longer let the law hold sway,
 but walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
 who comes to set us free,
 with Father, Spirit, ever one
 through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
 Music: FRANCONIA, Johann B. König, 1691–1758, adapt.

*After singing this hymn, return to page 1 for the
 Advent Candlelighting rite.*

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the + love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit are with you all.

And also with you.

Then let's pray: Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come!
 By Your merciful protection, alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins,
 and redeem us for Your life of justice,
 for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD AND PRAYER

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

*Martin Luther once said, "The Bible is the manger in which Christ is laid."
Pr Dave will sing this chant alone the first time; then we'll sing it through two more times:*

*If in your heart you make a manger for His birth,
Then God will once again become a child on earth...*

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 33.14-16** NRSV

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I'll fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time, I'll cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it'll be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is holy wisdom; this is holy word.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 3.9-13** NRSV

St Paul writes: How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever's lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may He so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

This is holy wisdom; this is holy word.

Thanks be to God!

*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

Jesus said to His disciples about the consummation of the ages: ²⁵“There’ll be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what’s coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they’ll see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption’s drawing near.”

²⁹Then He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the Kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation won’t pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words won’t pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts aren’t weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day doesn’t catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap— for it’ll come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that’ll take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

*Oh, come, O Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell Your people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Prophets Told Us, ‘Pay Attention!’”

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*This hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is sung to the tune REGENT SQUARE
("Angels, from the Realms of Glory")*

***Prophets told us, "Pay attention! God is working in the land.
Lo, the days are surely coming; seek the justice God has planned!
Seek the signs of your redemption; hear God's word and understand!"***

***Christ, You taught us: "Pay attention! Nature's signs are sure and clear:
When the trees grow leaves and blossom, summertime is almost here."
So it is in God's good Kingdom; be alert; God's Reign is near!***

***As we welcome Your salvation, all around we see distress;
There is trouble in the nations; there is greed and wickedness.
As we trust in Your redemption, may we live Your righteousness.***

***May we work for what You call for; may we labor for Your Reign.
Families cry out at the border; children suffer grief and pain.
May Your Church, committed, prayerful, work for justice in Your name.***

***Christ, You taught us: "Pay attention!" So we humbly serve and pray:
May we gladly live Your Kingdom in a world that's gone astray.
May the hope of our salvation guide the things we do and say.***

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS AND SHARING OF PEACE:

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Then trusting in this God, living in this Hope, let's pray for a world redeemed, the Church renewed, and all people restored in the Coming One:

Gracious God, we thank You for the words of Your Son, Jesus Christ, which shook the earth and opened our eyes to Your coming Reign, assuring us that even when the world is thrown into chaos, Your tenderness and lasting love remain as our sure hope. Equip Your Church and secure our roots in the soil of Your eternal Word; ease our worries and remove our shame; and let Your steadfast love blossom among us. Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great!

Increase our joy, plant thanksgiving in our hearts, and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries. Guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great!

Guide us as a shepherd throughout this Advent season. Turn us away from the temptations and false promises of consumerism, and lead us to see and respond to the needs of those in our congregation and community. Hear us, O God; ***Your mercy is great!***

Awaken us to the majesty and beauty of Your good creation— sun, moon, stars, and all living things— and teach us to be good stewards of these gifts. Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great!

Stir up Your might and bring Your justice to all lands. Where there's war, bring Your peace; where there's ethnic strife, bring reconciliation; where there's hunger, provide food; where there's oppression, bring freedom. Plant Your peace in every place where violence now holds sway, and healing where people's lives have been torn asunder by that violence. Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great!

Give us the courage to welcome You in every distressing disguise in which You come to meet us, that we may not hunker ourselves down in the darkness of fear and the shadow of death, but instead may become ever more fully one new humanity in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great!

Bring Your healing to all those who are broken in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know Your presence near, Your new day dawning in their own experience, and Your Holy Spirit renewing them in strength and life. We especially seek Your healing for... and those we remember before You now... Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great!

Come to us with a new dawn of Your grace, though our sinful failures in love and life have wounded our neighbors, damaged our communities, and broken Your heart. Forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and transform our lives by Your Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great!

For into Your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Hear the Good News, my brothers and sisters: In the mercy of Almighty God,
Jesus Christ has given His life for you, and in + Him, you're forgiven!
Now reconciled to God and to one another, let's walk in Christ in newness of life.

The peace of the Lord is with you always.

And also with you.

Reconciled to God and to one another, we share a sign of Christ's peace.

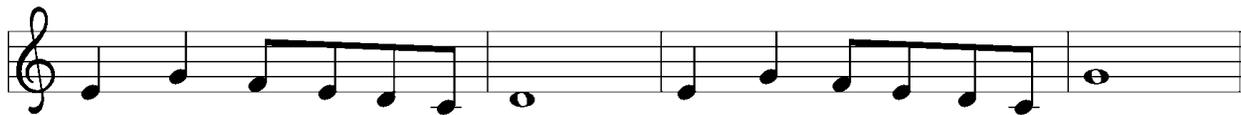
MEAL

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY HYMN:

ELW 814

We'll sing this through three times:



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Blest are You, holy, mighty, and merciful Lord!

You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence!

We worship You for our lives and for the world You give us.

We thank You for the world to come, and for the love that'll rule all in all.

We praise You for the grace shown to Israel, the people of Your promise:

the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the ancestors, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that won't be in vain.
In all this we bless You for Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all Your promises.
Living out Your death-defying love in word and deed,
He gave His life for us even unto death on the cross,
that filled with the Spirit of His resurrection, we might have eternal life in Him.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat.
This is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."
Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all of them to drink,
saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of Me."

And so, remembering His life given for us, rejoicing in His rising from the grave,
we await His final appearing when all things will be restored in Him.
Now pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that held and nourished by You,
we who share the Lord's body and blood may live as His body in the world,
shining with the light of Your Son.
All this we pray with joy through our Lord Jesus Christ, who's taught us to pray:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name!
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Now we share God's consecrated gifts among God's consecrated people, knowing that our living Lord Jesus is fully present with us in His Supper, giving Himself to us in bread and wine and forgiving love. Today, we'll share the sacrament by "stations". Come forward via the left-hand aisle, take an empty glass from the tray by the front pew [or a glass of grape juice, if you prefer]; receive the bread from the pastor, receive the wine from our communion assistant [or drink the grape juice as s/he says to you, "The blood of Christ, shed for you"], and return to your seat, returning your glass en route. (We're **not** dipping the wafer into the wine). If you can't come forward, let the usher know and we'll bring the Sacrament to you! Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing. Once we've all shared in the body and blood of Christ, we continue in blessing and prayer:*

SENDING

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

Most High God, You've come among us at this Table, and for that we give You thanks.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of Your Word,

sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all through Christ Jesus, our Host and our Guest.

Amen.

BENEDICTION:

Now may God our Creator make you increase in love for one another;

may Christ Jesus teach you to live in God's ways;

may the Holy Spirit strengthen your hearts in holiness;

and Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"The King Shall Come"

ELW 260



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL:

God has a plan.

We're it!

What's our part in God's plan?

Sharing God's love in joyful service!

Then let's go in peace, live in joy, and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Waiting

I don't know any other passage in the Gospels that's harder to understand, to feel our way into, to know how to respond to, than these words of Jesus about the Second Coming. He's speaking about the end of the world and about the coming of the Kingdom of God as the climactic last act of history, and He's speaking in words and images as foreign to our whole way of thinking as His subject itself. As the day approaches, there'll be a great cosmic upheaval, He says, with signs in the sun and moon and stars, and the powers of the heavens themselves shaken. Is He speaking literally or simply in poetic hyperbole? Does He mean there'll be real eclipses and strange comets that've never been seen before, maybe a reordering of the constellations themselves to scrawl some fateful starlit message across the night sky? Or is He speaking symbolically of some upheaval not of the world without, but of the world within— an upheaval of the hearts and minds and spirits of the human race? The seas will go wild, He says, and at their roaring the nations will be terrified by whatever it is that's happening or about to happen, and then, most extraordinary of all— as the cause and climax of everything that's preceded it— the Son of Man will appear, He says, in a cloud, "with power and great glory"...

I think we're waiting. That's what's at the heart of it. Even when we don't know that we're waiting, I think we're waiting. Even when we can't find words for what we're waiting for, I think we're waiting. An ancient Advent prayer supplies us with the words. "Give us grace," it says, "that we may cast off the works of darkness and put upon us the armor of light." We who live much of the time in the darkness are waiting not just at Advent, but at all times for the advent of light, of that ultimate Light that's redemptive and terrifying at the same time. It's redemptive because it puts an end to the darkness— and that's also why it's terrifying, because for so long, for all our lives, the darkness has been home, and because to leave home is always cause for terror...

So to wait for Christ to come in His fullness isn't just a passive thing, a pious, prayerful, churchly thing. On the contrary, to wait for Christ to come in His fullness is above all else to act in Christ's stead as fully as we know how. To wait for Christ is as best we can to be Christ to those who need us to be Christ to them most and to bring them the most we have of Christ's healing and hope, because unless we bring it, it may never be brought at all...

- *Frederick Buechner, "Secrets in the Dark"*

God, You Alone Know What You've Planned

Sung to "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

God, You alone know what You've planned for earth and sky and sea.

Creation waits Your loving hand to bring in what will be.

When things we trust in shift and shake, and sorrows multiply,

We hear You calling, "Keep awake! Redemption is close by!"

O Christ, You taught us, "Watch the trees as seasons change each year,
For when they bud and grow new leaves, you know that summer's near."

May we look round this changing earth and see with faith-filled eyes

Your signs of newness, life and birth that witness to the wise.

Though heav'n and earth will pass away, Your word will still be true.

O Son of Man, on that great day, we'll be secure in You.

For at the close of history when all that's past shall end,

The One who judges us will be no stranger, but a friend.

So by Your Spirit, may we share the life You're bringing forth:

May we seek justice, end despair, and work to heal the earth.

For there's a new day coming near with no more death or pain;

Till then, we'll seek to serve You here and welcome in Your Reign.

- *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*



This Week at St Paul's

P = Parish House, F = Fellowship Hall

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sun. 11/28 Advent 1	9:00 AM	Holy Communion inside and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour live and/or via Zoom: [use meeting ID 839 381 0896, passcode 90e8Dm]
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom/FCC *
Thur. 12/2	10:00 AM	Bible Study via Zoom/FCC *
Fri. 12/3	10:00 AM	Kringle Shoppe @ Haycock Community Center (until 7 PM)
	1:00 PM	Al-Anon [F]
	7:00 PM	AA [F]
Sat. 12/4	10:00 AM	Kringle Shoppe @ Haycock Community Center (until 6 PM)
Sun. 12/5 Advent 2	9:00 AM	Holy Communion inside and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live
	10:00 AM	Kringle Shoppe @ Haycock Community Center (until 4 PM)
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour live and/or via Zoom: [use meeting ID 839 381 0896, passcode 90e8Dm]
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom/FCC *

* If you'd like to participate in these **activities taking place over Pr Dave's Zoom platform**, go to zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 3700147169, and if it asks for a password, use 119805 and you should be in. If you're using your phone, these dial-in numbers will work: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, and you'll type in 3700147169#, then 119805# and you're in. (What's more, with your smart phone or computer, you can engage video as well as audio, so we can see and hear you—something that's precious right now!) You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]**: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

- The Armed Forces, Crossroads Pregnancy Care, David & Mary Johnson Sr., Andrew Edmonds, Morgan, Ally, Dontay, & Emily Hassler, President Biden and his cabinet, Don & Karen Ludovici, Barbara Graser, Kelsey Shaak, Bob Knapp, Ray Constable, Walter Rausch, Bob Westervelt, Carol Marks, Rosemary Bruno, Nick Wildman, Walt & Ryan, Bobby Lane, Alan & Kathy West, Connie Slotter, Doug Fay, Karen Berger, Jim, Jan Riley, Sam Sovacol, Karen Blich, Jeannie Rothsching, Beth, Norm Diehl Sr., Roger & Tanner Banks, Amy Miller, Erika, Linda Knowlton, Owen & Siobhan, Aly Brown, Matt Aber, Ray, Kelly, Ozzi and his parents, Russell Stier, Nancy Schnabel, Mike Ruth, Jennifer Hallman, the Peterson family, Steve and Dan Jacobs, the Hebbel family, Karen Capella, Sherry Kratz, Laura Nelson, Sara & her husband, Sam Smith, Karin Silvius, Karen Kaminski, Pamela Allen, Mary Lisa Kelly, Tammy Zepiora, Ed McCartan, Mark Bilger, Melissa Manhart, Ruth Ziedonis, Corinne Mininger, Cheri, Natalie, Florence Zellers, Chrissy Cousins, Bob Shimalla, Doris Diehl, Melody, Dawn Vurlicer, Robin Greene, Sarah and Jessica Shaw, Sascha Baringer, Alan Shugart, Robert & Cheryl Ball, Robert Cook, Kamryn Jenkins, Charyl Westervelt, Barry Hall; the

people of Haiti and Afghanistan; victims of natural disasters; everyone struggling with COVID-19 and its containment.

- Families and friends of Bill Stever, Bill Barndt Sr., Robert Webb, Karl Gross, Bill Blain, Carole Eddings, George Dutton, Jamie Wright, Eric McGovern, Pat Knowlton, Mickey Shaak, Linda Mittelberger, Pr Bill Vanderslice, Pr John Cochran, Dexter Latchmi-Persad, Gary Kratz, Bea Becknell, Tom Kennedy, Todd Wert, Robert West, Bruce Vurlicer, Joanne Reinhart, Jordan Scholl, Phyllis Boyer, Lisa Kearns, Fay Barndt, Kenneth Horn.

Serving in Worship Today:

Ushers:	Gordon Bryan, Bruce Krogslund	Altar Guild	Kelly Shaak, Marie Shaw
Flower Delivery	[Volunteer Needed]	Communion	Linda Hertzog
Acolyte	Linda Hertzog	Bulletin	Phillip + Doris Diehl
Counter	Bill Shaeffer	Reader	Kelly Shaak

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Bill and Sascha Baringer in honor of our wonderful daughter Stefanie celebrating her birthday on November 29. **This week's bulletins** are sponsored by Sue and Larry Young in honor of Sue's brother's birthday.

We strongly encourage you to keep observing the COVID safety protocols of safe distancing, face masking (we have disposable facemasks available in both vestibules), and limited physical contact as we worship together. The CDC recommends that all people wear masks and maintain physical distancing in indoor public or multi-household gatherings. We're doing our best to increase airflow and ventilation through our worship space for increased safety. **And we'll keep "livestreaming" our services online**, so our more distant and/or infirm members can continue to share with us in worship, fellowship, and service.

Our **Monthly Special for November** is **Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County**, which is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of homes; advocating for fair and just housing policies; and providing training and resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. (Check out <https://www.habitatbucks.org/>.) If you'd like to contribute to our Monthly Special, simply send a check to the church with "Habitat for Humanity" listed in the memo line.

The **Mitten Tree** is on display in the fellowship hall, with all proceeds from this collection going to Scouts BSA Troop 007 that meets at St Paul's. If you'd like to donate, please remove a mitten and place it with your donation in the offering plate, or give it to a Social Ministry Team member.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a face mask in support of raising money for the bell covers for our St Paul's Players! That goal was met— but Patty Schumacher will continue selling face masks, donating the proceeds to our current painting project. Masks can be found in the fellowship hall for \$10/each. Each mask is made with two layers of 100% cotton and one layer of iron on interfacing (for the design). The elastic at the ears can be replaced with ribbons or shoelaces so the mask can be tied around the head if preferred. Thank you, Patty, for this donation!

Support our Scouts BSA Troop 007 through these fundraisers: [1] **Hoagie Sale:** \$6.00 each, Italian or turkey (with or without onions)— order deadline is December 1, with hoagies ready on December 9. To purchase hoagies, go to scouts007.org, click on “Boy Scout Troop 007”, and scroll until you see flyer advertising the hoagie sale. Below that, you’ll see a pink contact form; there place your order, leaving your name and phone number. You’ll receive a return call confirming the order, payment, and where to deliver. [2] **Silly Sock Fundraiser:** Order by Dec. 2. Check out the socks at sillysocklady.com. You can place your order online and note in the comment section “Troop 007”, “Troop”. If you have a specific person you want to support, write “Troop, 007, John Doe”. Color choices should also be made in the comment section; orders are shipping within five days of placed order. Contact Silly Sock Lady at sillysock-lady@aol.com or call her at 607.759.3639 with any questions. Thanks!

The annual **Kringle Christmas Shoppe**, sponsored by the Haycock Historical Society, will be held this year from **Dec. 3-5** at the Haycock Community Center. Everything at the Kringle Christmas Shoppe is the product of local artisans, authors, and specialty crafters, including our Latvian brothers and sisters; and throughout the event, live music is provided by local musicians (including our own Tom Schnabel from “Waterfront Blue” and Phil Diehl.). Hours of the Kringle Shoppe are **Friday 10:00 AM-7:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, and Sunday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**. We respectfully ask that you wear facemasks to this event. Invite your friends and come on out!

Thanks to our Social Ministry Team, our annual **Christmas Card Box** is available in the narthex. Save yourself a stamp and bring in your cards by Dec. 15 for those who worship at St Paul’s, placing your cards in this box for distribution. The cards will be sorted and available by Dec. 19 for pickup in the fellowship hall.

Many of you have asked how you might help those who were displaced by the recent **Bush House evacuation and condemnation**. If you’d like to donate material items, a flyer with needed items is posted on our Facebook page ([StPaulsQtown](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown)); those items can be dropped off at the Quakertown Borough Building. If you’d like to donate money for their assistance, the best place to send it is to the Bucks County Opportunity Council (www.bcoc.org); make checks payable to “BCOC” or “Bucks County Opportunity Council” and put “Bush House Relief” on the memo line of checks. Thanks!

For the latest announcement updates, go to:

docs.google.com/document/d/1aZi_lL0SHaQ1BOGFS_s3bt0oHoTQ4fCy9t0372PZioE/edit#

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