



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

### DECEMBER 4

Morning Prayer  
Lay Reader: Sam French

### DECEMBER 11

Holy Eucharist: The Rev. Eric Anderson  
Lay Reader: Kate French

### DECEMBER 18

**BISHOP'S COMMITTEE & POT LUCK**

### DECORATE THE CHURCH

Morning Prayer  
Lay Reader: John Tarver

### DECEMBER 24

**SATURDAY NIGHT @ 11:00 P.M.**  
**Candlelight Service**

Holy Eucharist: The Rev. Eric Anderson  
Lay Reader: Don Kiefer

### NO SERVICE SUNDAY, DEC. 25

Altar Guild: **WHOEVER IS THERE!**

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## A WORD FROM THE BISHOP'S WARDEN

Dear All,

As the winter season approaches and days shorten, a darkness seems to be settling over us. But all is not gloom! For shortly after the winter solstice we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, a light to enlighten the world. And as the days lengthen and brighten our world, so our Savior brightens our lives. He brings hope which is essential to our well being. It is imperative that we share that hope with those who have lost their hope. Lack of any hope is a toxic condition, both physically and spiritually, to God's people. So in this season of joyful celebration, we must remember and minister to those without hope. Take time from the bustle of the season to share that hope in a material way. There are opportunities all around us, if we just think to look, and act.

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*JOY TO THE WORLD  
THE LORD HAS COME  
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING!*

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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<http://www.nermwestmo.org/home0.aspx>

## ADVENT DEVOTIONS

[Episcopal Church](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/attached-files/2016_advent_devotions.pdf) Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry joined the leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in preparing Advent Devotions for the upcoming liturgical season. Titled "Liberated by God's Grace", they are available at [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/attached-files/2016\\_advent\\_devotions.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/attached-files/2016_advent_devotions.pdf).

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to bring a poinsettia to decorate the church altar, please bring to the church the Sunday before Christmas, Dec. 18 or any day that week. Preference is for white or pink ones as red does clash with the burgundy carpet.



## DECORATING THE CHURCH

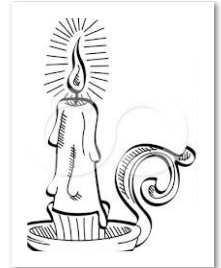
What a busy month ahead! Be sure to note the days and times of services this month. On the third Sunday, our usual pot luck and committee meeting day, we will also decorate

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the church for Christmas! So come in your best decorating clothes and enjoy this festive time!

## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thanks to Father Anderson's willingness and enthusiasm, we will have a Christmas Candlelight Mass at 11:00 P.M. on Saturday night, December 24th. This kind of a service is the perfect way to celebrate Christ's birth and the start of the holiday. Please join us - and bring a friend!



## D E C E M B E R 2 0 1 6

### BIRTHDAYS

3-Louise Crouch  
9-Robert Blanc  
11-Mike Carpenter  
15-Don Kiefer  
26-Tom Carpenter

### ANNIVERSARIES

28-Kurt & Linn Gretzinger

