



Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 17, 2023
4:00 pm

Sung by the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir
Canon Mark A. Babcock, Cathedral Organist/Choirmaster

The Very Rev. Nicola Dance, Dean of the Cathedral, Officiant

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Visitors

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated or if you prefer.*

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a warm welcome! You may sit, kneel or stand throughout the service, following the guidance in this bulletin or as you prefer. If you would like to receive news and event announcements, please sign the Visitor's Book in the Narthex or click the "Sign up for our E-Newsletter" at the foot of our website:

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About St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

St. Paul's has grown with Des Moines, standing as a Christian witness in the life of our community for over a century and a half. We held our first services in October of 1854. The present church building was completed in 1885 and dedicated on Easter Sunday; it was designed by Des Moines architect William Foster of the local architectural firm of Foster & Liebbe in the Gothic Revival style. Our history is exemplified by our commitment to ministry as a downtown church and our intent to remain at the present site as a vital hub in the life of the city and the Diocese of Iowa. In 1992 St. Paul's became the liturgical cathedral for the Diocese of Iowa. In 2010 we were honored by our addition to the National Register of Historic Places. Unique to our location – and indeed to downtown Des Moines – is our labyrinth and rain garden, which replaced an asphalt parking lot on the north side of the church in 2011 with permeable pavement and landscaping with native plants. The labyrinth and rain garden are always open to the public, free of charge.

More information about us is found on the last page

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

All stand as able for the processional hymn

Stanza 1 – 3 sung by all

Stanza 5 bass voices, stanza 6 treble voices

Stanza 7 sung by all

A Bidding Prayer

Officiant

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Officiant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson: Genesis 3: 1 – 15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Anthem *Lost in the Night* Michael Burkhardt

Second Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1 – 11

God comforts His people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Anthem *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* K. Lee Scott

Third Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.

Hymn 66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* STUTTGART

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 7: 10 – 15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with us.”

Hymn 53 *Once he came in blessing* GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

Fifth Lesson: Baruch 4: 36 – 5: 9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Anthem *King of Glory* Michael Burkhardt

Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17 – 25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

Anthem *Savior of the Nations Come* Carl Staplin

Seventh Lesson: John 1: 19 – 27

The testimony of John the Baptist

Anthem *This Is the Record of John* Orlando Gibbons

Eighth Lesson: Luke 1: 26 –56

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Anthem *My Soul Gives Glory to my God* Burkhardt

The ushers pass the Offering Plates. Tonight’s offering is taken up to support the work of the Connection Café, that offers a downtown weekday lunch for anyone who is hungry and serves over a hundred meals on average each day.

The congregation is invited to stand as able for the ninth lesson

Ninth Lesson: Matthew 1: 18 – 23

St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Savior.

Anthem *Rejoice the Savior Comes!* Burkhardt

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Congregational Hymn 72 *Hark! the glad sound!*

RICHMOND

*A reception provided by the Cathedral Arts Committee
follows the liturgy in the Guild Hall.*



Participants in Tonight's Liturgy

Officiant	The Very Rev. Nicola Dance
The Choir	Members of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir
Cathedral Organist/ Choirmaster	Canon Mark Babcock
Verger	John Zickefoose
Lectors	Jeanne O'Halloran, Chris Cyran, Barbara Duro, Mike McCarthy, Barbara Willey, Scott Jeneary, Ro Ruth-Bany, James MacLean
Video	Nate Thiessen
Audio	Bill Gentsch
Ushers	Henry Harmon



**Experience Advent & The Joy of Christmas at the Cathedral
Advent Worship, December 24**

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Christmas Eve, December 24

Bishop Monnot preaching and presiding

5:00 pm & 10:30 pm

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 am

The Epiphany, January 6, 2024

5:00 pm



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Our 30th Season!

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Dr. Joshua Boggs	<i>Assistant Choirmaster</i>
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Cathedral Arts

Winter and Spring 2024

We are pleased to present our 31st Season.

Choral Evensong is offered on the third Sunday of each month with an organ concert at 3:30 pm, followed by the service at 4:00 pm

All events will be streamed live on Facebook

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and on You Tube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCoF2tfZQCrUtErRhiEOjREw



Mission Statement: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is a welcoming, worshiping community committed to living Christ's unconditional love through fellowship, service, and kindness. **Vision Statement:** Grounded in Worship. Deepening in Faith. Reaching Out in Love.

About our Stained Glass Windows

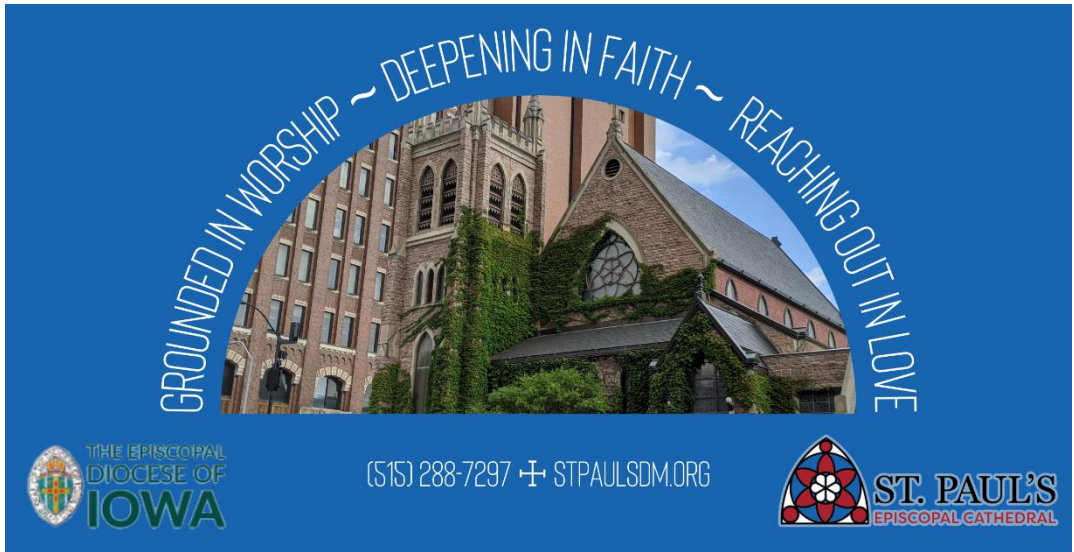
Inside the nave, our stained-glass windows are original. It is unusual that all were provided by a single company, Groves & Steil of Philadelphia, and the commission has proven to be its most lasting legacy as the largest and last repository of work by one of Philadelphia's most successful 19th-century art glass firms. Fabricated in the then-popular Aesthetic Style, they combine stylized floral and foliage shapes with traditional Christian symbolism and the Victorian language of flowers, giving them multiple levels of meaning, all unified by repeating colors and motifs. The eclectic design of the windows and the memorial quotations suggest that each person or couple who donated a window determined its content themselves, rather than having an overall program decided by clergy or the architect.

About our Organ

The current pipe organ, Op. 3719, was built by Casavant Freres, Ltd. of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. The main organ and chancel was installed in 1993. In 1997 the Antiphonal Division and trumpets were added, and in 2008 the 32-foot contre-violon was added. There are 3,916 pipes, and the biggest weighs 500 lbs. It is one of the largest pipe organs in the state.

About our Carillon

The Windsor Bell Tower, named in honor of Mary Belle Windsor, is one of four carillons in Iowa. There are 25 bells in the tower: the largest bell, which is approximately the size of a Volkswagen, weighs 2660 lbs., and the smallest, weighs 70 lbs. The approximate total weight of the completed carillon is 12,538 lbs. The bells of St. Paul's proclaim our Christian faith beyond the walls of the Cathedral to the ears of all in our community, reminding us that we are one family, coming together to show our unity in Christ.



Weekly Services at the Cathedral

Sunday

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II livestreamed and on Facebook

Wednesday Noon Eucharist

12:05 pm in the Chapel.

To learn more about St. Paul's events and connect with us,
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