WELCOME TO ST PJ’s!

If you’re visiting St. PJ’s for the first time, or for the first time in a while, we extend a special welcome to you. Whether you are joining us in the building or via Facebook, we’re so fortunate to be together. Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on life’s journey, and whatever questions dwell in your heart, you are welcome here. Whatever your race, class, sexuality, beliefs, or talents, we hope that you join us in the radical hospitality of God’s table.

If you are worshipping with children today, welcome! And please don’t worry – crying, laughter, and wandering little feet don’t bother us!

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lector: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

Lector: We wait in hope for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.

Psalm 33:20

All: Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.
OPENING HYMN  
H73  The King shall come when morning dawns

1 The King shall come when morning dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a little child, to
3 The King shall come when morning dawns and
4 and let the endless bliss begin, by
5 The King shall come when morning dawns and

1 light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glory
3 earth’s dark night is past; O haste the rising
4 weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph
5 light and beauty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morning sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e’er shall last;
4 over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.
5 people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
HYMN OF PRAISE

O come, O come Emmanuel

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lonely exile here un -

mighty - ily; to us the path of knowledge show, and

Sin - nai’s height in ancient times didst give the law, in

til the Son of God appear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
teach us in her ways to go.
cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.

man - u - el shall come to thee O Is - ra - el.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
   you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
   no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
   who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
   those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
   because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
   and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
   and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
   or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
   and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
   we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
   and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader:   Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
People:   Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 80:1–7, 16–18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
   shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
   stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
   show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
   how long will you be angered
   despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
   you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING  
1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader:  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People:  
Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL HYMN  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
    and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
    and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of our beginning and our end, we confess to you that we live in a world that needs your mercy now more than ever. As we celebrate joyfully in anticipation of your coming son, we recognize that joy does not come as easily to everyone’s lips. So many people are using their lips to cry out for healing in a broken world. Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.

We pray this day especially for children in places of violence, who struggle to find happiness and fulfillment, who hunger for love and compassion. Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.

We pray for women and men who are the victims of domestic violence, who endure pain and physical abuse, who long for peace and healing. Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.

We pray for people who suffer from alcoholism and substance abuse, who seek an escape from that which they cannot solve by themselves, who despair at seeing no way out. Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.

We pray for worshiping communities of all faiths that seek to heal the world, who preach love in the face of hate and welcome the stranger as a friend,
who work to better themselves and share their blessings with others. **Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those dear to us who struggle with cancer and other illnesses, especially Tony, who desire comfort in the face of constant pain, who wait for healing and peace. **Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those who have no place to call home this winter, who shiver in the cold and fear the unknown, who search for people to acknowledge them as human. **Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, who grieve the loss of children and parents and other family and friends, who find the holidays a difficult time where joy is hard to find. **Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those who we lift up to you in silence or out loud... *(personal petitions may be made here)* **Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jack. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. **Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We trust that you are a God of righteousness, mercy, and steadfast love. We hope for the day when you will wipe away every tear and death and pain will be no more. Until that day comes, be mindful of your mercy and forget not your children. This we pray in you holy and merciful name. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All:* **God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN.**

**ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**
THE PEACE

Celebrant: La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.  
People: Y con tu espíritu.  
Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and then be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE  
Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Please rise in body or spirit.

PRESENTATION HYMN  
Ubi Caritas

Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when
he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, in the language of our hearts

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those
    who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
    and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
    and the glory are yours,
    now and for ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos
    santificado sea tu Nombre
    venga tu reino
    hágase tu voluntad
    en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy el pan de este día y
Perdona nuestras deudas
    como nosotros perdonamos
    nuestros deudores
y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
    sino que líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
    tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
    ahora y por siempre. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians (you don’t have to be Episcopalian) are welcome to receive Holy Communion here at St. PJs. We have a gluten-free option for those that need it.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Indwelling Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.
WLP 721  Signs of ending all around us

1. Signs of endings all around us—darkness, death, and winter days
2. Can it be that from our endings, new beginnings you create?

shroud our lives in fear and sadness, numbing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rendings, realms of wholeness generate?
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness, terrors calm forebodings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell among us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them into hopes for life anew:
Let your promised realm of justice blossom now throughout the earth:

Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fading light and dying season sing their Glorias to you.
your dominion bring now near us; we await the saving birth.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m.
In person and livestreamed

Wednesday Noonday Prayer | 12:30 p.m.
In person in the Chapel

Thursday Zoom Compline | 8 p.m.
Link available on our website

SERVING TODAY

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

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The Rev. Stacey Kohl,
Priest in Charge

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We acknowledge the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger people, the traditional custodians of the land on which St. PJ's is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Join us for Coffee Hour after Service!

Coffee Hour, aka an informal time to chat, snack, and get to know each other a little better after the service, is back after a long hiatus! Sign up to bring simple snacks, make coffee, and help set-up and clean-up on and upcoming Sunday.

For more information about Coffee Hour or to sign up, please speak with Lynne or Becky Severance.

*El Niño: Nativity Reconsidered* by the American Modern Opera Company (AMOC*) at Yale’s Schwarzman Center

On December 15, YSC presents the AMOC* production of contemporary composer John Adams’s El Niño: Nativity Reconsidered with libretto by Peter Sellars and concept by Julia Bullock, “one of opera’s fastest-rising stars” (Vanity Fair).

El Niño is a chamber music arrangement created and conducted by Christian Reif and was first performed at The Met Cloisters in 2018. The New York Times calls it “intimate, affecting and quietly rich with activism.”

This performance is free and open to the public! Learn more and register online at: schwarzman.yale.edu/events/el-nino-nativity-reconsidered-american-modern-opera-company-amoc

**PRAYER LIST**

| Charles       | Marcia             |
| Edd           | Mary Jane          |
| Ron           | Tiras              |
| Charles       | Pete               |
| Andy          | Ralph              |
| Michael       | Jean               |
| Cynthia       | Matt               |
| Theresa       | Edwin              |
| Gary & Family | John               |
| Herman        | Alyce              |
| Anne          | Martha             |
| Gwen          | Julie              |
| Isaiah        | Andrew,            |
| Greta         | Anastasia &        |
| Simone        | Katherine          |
| Judi          | Gwen               |
| Dwayne        | Misha              |
| Nanci         | Michael            |
| Patricia      | Al                 |
| Leota         | Sal & Family       |
| Enid          | Peter & Family     |
| Brenda & Juhani | Tony Gagliardi    |
| Lwebuga-Mukasa |                   |

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Jack Gillette (Dec. 8)

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY**

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