



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ December 25, 2019

New and Notable

Christmas

The long night of Advent is over. Light has come into the world and darkness has lost its power. There is no darkness that can or will overcome this light. This light will shine in our hearts forever.

Let us pray.

*Little One born this day,
Savior, Redeemer, Beloved of God.*

*Blessed Savior, in love you came to us as a child;
Enlighten our hearts, that we may more deeply
understand the richness of this gift and practice
more faithfully your call to give of ourselves in love.
Amen*

*Beloved, we are called to love those in need:
Let us love in truth and action.
Beloved, we are called to be people of peace:
Let us love one another.
Beloved, we are called to be people of healing:
Let us love God and love our brothers and sisters.
May we abide in God's love.
May God's love abide in us.*

*Savior, Redeemer, Beloved of God: Clothe us in your love,
Strengthen us to live gently on this earth, give us humility
to see all we encounter as precious to you, and teach us to walk
with kindness and patience this hour and always. Amen*

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Savior, Redeemer, Beloved of God.*

Merry Christmas! Deacon Deborah

Adapted from Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Holiday Office Hours

December 25, 26 ~ Closed
Tuesday, December 31 ~ 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Wednesday, January 1 ~ Closed
Thursday, January 2 ~ 8:30 am - 1:30 pm



Bishop Jeffrey Lee's Christmas Message 2019
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The usual fare

On the Calendar

December 29 Celebrant - Rev. Estime Frader
January 5 Celebrant - Rev. Estime Frader
January 12 Celebrant - Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts
Vestry - January 19
Annual Parish Meeting - January 26

Lessons and Hymns for December 29, 2019

(First Sunday of Christmas, Year A)
Celebrant - Rev. Estime Frader

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
The Gradual: Psalm 147:13-21
The Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7
The Gospel: John 1:1-18

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 83. "O come, all ye faithful"
Sequence Hymn: No. 87. "Hark! the herald angels sing"
Presentation Hymn: No. 115. "What child is this"
Communion Hymn: No. 101. "Away in a manger"
Recessional Hymn: No. 100. "Joy to the world"

Servants for December 29th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Jeffrey Zabor - *Eucharistic Minister*
Bill Lang - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Marilyn Bell, Marilyn Reihansperger - *Altar Guild*

Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Wardens - Jeff Zabor (Senior Warden)
or Beth Lukas (Junior Warden).

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon.



Cartoon by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham

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