

## ***Advent & Christmas & Epiphany 2011-2102 at St. Paul's, Halifax***

*Advent is for us Christians a season of preparation for the coming of Christ into our lives. The Jesus Christ we confess may of course 'knock at our door' at any time; the Holy Spirit may witness to Christ in ways we don't expect; God the Father may be revealed to us in old and wonderful ways we have forgotten and in new ways we haven't anticipated. The only question really is this: are we prepared? The Christmas season, ending with Epiphany, is a season in which to enjoy and celebrate the coming of God (in the person of Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit) in our midst; to share our sorrows and tragedies, our joys and accomplishments—and to redeem them all. Below are a few special ways to prepare for God and to celebrate God's arrival in our midst, these seasons.*

- 27 November*      *Advent Sunday* **10 a.m.** Contemp. Eucharist; Parish 'Gospel Stories' and Potluck Lunch
- 4 December*      *Advent II Sunday* **9.00 & 11.00 a.m.** Eucharists; with a homily by Paul Friesen, *Rector, St. Paul's Church*
- 11 December*      *Advent III Sunday* **9.00 a.m.** Eucharist & **11.00 a.m.** Morning Prayer; homily by Rob Fennell, *Atlantic School of Theology (A.S.T.)* & **4.00 p.m.** Lessons, Carols & Cider.
- 18 December*      *Advent IV Sunday* **9.00 a.m.** Morning Prayer & **11.00 a.m.** Eucharist with a homily by Susan Slater, *A.S.T.*
- 24 December*      *Christmas Eve* **4.00 p.m.** Family Nativity Liturgy with Pageant & **11.00 p.m.** B.C.P. Eucharist; homily by Paul Friesen, *Rector.*
- 25 December*      *Christmas Day* **10 a.m.** Contemp. Eucharist; homily by Paul Friesen, *Rector.*
- 1 January*          *Naming of Jesus Sunday* **10 a.m.** B.C.P. Eucharist; homily by Paul Friesen, *Rector.*
- 8 January*          *Epiphany Sunday* **9.00 & 11.00 a.m.** Eucharists; homily by Debra Burleson, *A.S.T.* & **4.00 p.m.** Lessons, Carols & Cider.