



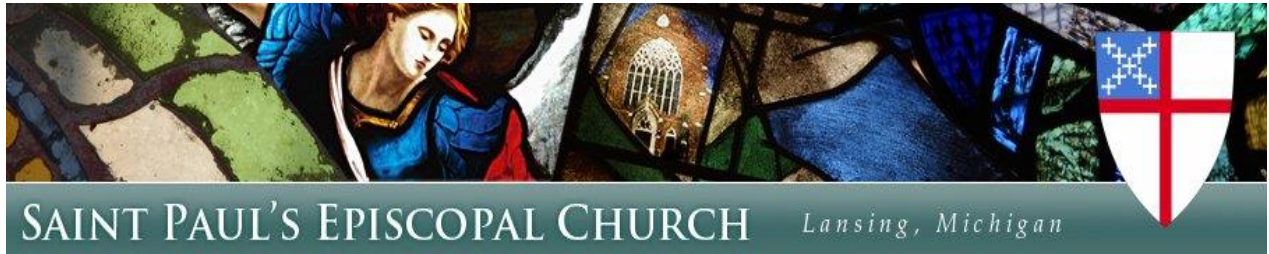
“Our Welcome”

In the light of God’s unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

The First Sunday after Christmas – December 26, 2021
Holy Eucharist 10:00am

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Office: 517-482-9454

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www.stpaulslansing.org



St. Paul's Staff: The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis, Associate; Ms. Stephanie Gewirtz, Minister of Music; Ms. Theresa Milne, Parish Administrator; Ms. Barbara Heany, Sunday School Director, Mr. Chad Albers, Sexton/Custodian; Ms. Ciera Hart, Nursery Attendant; Mr. Conrad Moyer, A/V Technician

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Visitors and Guests: Please fill out a visitor card and give it to an usher or place it in the offering box. As you are leaving, we would like you to take a moment to sign one of the guest books located by the church doorways.

Opportunities for Worship

Sundays: 8:00am & 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion

Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays

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For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

Baptism or Marriage: If you would like more information please contact the Rector at 482-9454 or by email: rector@stpaulslansing.org.

Church School: Our church school for elementary through middle school ages begins at 9:45am. If you would like more information please speak to Barb Heany.

Nursery: Due to Covid restrictions, our nursery is not open at this time.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 26, 2021

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

OPENING HYMN

Joy to the world

HYMN 100



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
repeat the sound - ing joy, as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are invited to sit for the readings

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;*
 praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;*
 he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders;*
 he satisfied you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth,*
 and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool;*
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;*
 who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them;*
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob,*
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation;*
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian; but when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Good Christian friends, rejoice

HYMN 107

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day;
 now ye hear of end-less bliss; Je-sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be-fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He hath o-pened hea-ven's door, and we are blest for ev-er-more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev-er-last-ing hall.

Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. W. RICHARD HAMLIN

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**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Confident in the word made flesh and dwelling among us, let us bring to our loving God the petitions in our hearts this day saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the community of believers through the world, especially Michael our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop and others in position of leadership and authority, that they might direct us toward the service of God's glory and the spread of God's light to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this congregation gathered here and on-line, that our worship of the word made flesh might take on flesh in our living the gospel message, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all refugees, and for the victims of war, violence, and injustice, that they might know the power of the newborn Savior, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all our sisters and brothers in any need especially those struggling with COVID and those who care for them; for those who are hungry and homeless or dealing with mental illness, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who dwell in the darkness of ignorance and disease, of poverty and loneliness, of division and hate, that the light of Christ might work its wonders this day and this season, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the dying among us, especially those on our parish prayer list and whose we now name either silently or aloud _____; for all God's own who are suffering, and for those who care for them, that each might behold the salvation of our God and be blessed by the Prince of Peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant closes the prayers by saying

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for taking flesh among us in the Lord Jesus Christ. Trusting in a power beyond ourselves, trusting in your enduring love, we have offered our petitions. May you hear and answer them in that same Love, who is Jesus, your Son and our Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then the Officiant and people say together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Work of Christmas
Savannah Hegyi, soloist

Dan Forrest

OFFERTORY HYMN

In the bleak midwinter

HYMN 112

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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,

Officiant and people say together

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Officiant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread

Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrifice for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Patrick Liebergen
 Savannah Hegyi, soloist

COMMUNION HYMN

Away in a manger

HYMN 101

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Copyright © by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Officiant and People say together:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Angels, from the realms of glory

Hymn 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

DISMISSAL

Officiant God's Word has come to earth to bring us together in love.

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Paul Laubengayer

Assisting in Today's Service

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Hope Milne
Lector	Sue Le Duc
Prayers of the People	Sue Le Duc
Counters	AJ Walilko, Theresa Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale, Carol Thomas
Ushers	Larry Clark, Gary Ashby
Greeters	Martha McKee

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting in Next Sunday Service, January 2, 2022

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood (chair), Diane Clark, Marti Narezo
Ushers	Melissa Blood, Justin Alexander, Jack Baker
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	Samantha Uria

St. Paul's Christmas Season Services

*January 2, 2022, 8am & 10am – Worship & Holy Communion
January 9, 2022: 10am – Epiphany Lessons & Carols & Ante-Communion
January 9, 2022: Epiphany Party @ Coffee Hour*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER
December 26, 2021

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Sebastian Cuesta, Clint Hogue, Julie, Van Anderson, Marian Boulus, Meadow Rawlins, Anna Hayward, Harvey Clark & Mary Armstrong, Michelle Levenick, Norma Lindholm, Audrey & David, Pat Bellinger, Joanne Boulton, Ronda Peters, Erica, Marta & Venancio, Mike Jacobs, Rick Wendorf, Paul Doersam, Robert Madrigal, Chris Krupka, Joy Brewer, William Gabel, Pat Seger-Krawczynski, Doug, Jeff Waters, David Hemingway, Max Pierce, Michael Crouch, Michael O'Toole, Penny, Peggy, Eric, Amy Crabtree, Patricia McMartin, Doug Boor, Craig, Leonard, Sarah, Delaine Counsellor, Ellie Doersam, Gail & Bill Kendall, Lynn Dayton, Margo Rudd, Barb Webb, Jim Ewing, David Kovac, Caroline Thomas, Irene Correia, John Giordano, Evelyn & April Baker, Stacey O'Toole, Ray Wawro, Sue Millar, Georgene Snyder, Fred Campbell and Shirley Meyer, Allan Boron, Lonnie Shelton, and Judy Manson.

We pray and remember those in the Military, and those who are serving in dangerous areas: Brendan Moody, Zachariah Reeves, Zachary Bellinger, Conrad Laurion, Amy Peryea, Suzette Bauman, John Bellinger, Doug Laurion, McKenzie Counsellor, and Josh Cramer.

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Kate & Keith, Sam & Joey Hayes; Stephanie Gewirtz & Gary Ashby; Clela Gray; and Shirley Gray.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Tri-County Office on Aging, 5303 S Cedar St., Lansing MI 48911.

We pray for our worshipping communities: Church of the Redeemer, Southfield; Good Samaritan, San Francisco, DR; St. Paul's, Brighton.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of the Central American Region.

We pray for: Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Linda Farmer-Lewis, our associate clergy person; our worship ministers, and staff at St. Paul's.

**Announcements for the Week of
December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022**

Altar flower requests: The cost of flowers have increased. There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and \$120 payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers. If we don't have \$120 per week for flowers, there will be no flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org

Help for Tornado Victims: On Friday and Saturday, December 10 & 11, a line of severe weather spread across the central United States, spawning over 50 tornadoes. Many lives were lost in the storms, and homes and business were severely damaged or destroyed. Episcopal Relief and Development is in contact with the affected dioceses as they assess the needs in their communities and stands ready to assist in the coming days and weeks. Please pray for the people impacted by the deadly tornadoes. Donations to the [US Disaster Fund](#) will support Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners as they respond.

Annual reports are due in the office by Monday, January 10, 2022. The annual meeting and potluck will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022, following the 10:00am service.

St. Paul's "E-blasts": The bulk emails that are sent from the office are often found in your junk/spam email. Please check there and move the email to your inbox.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

In case of inclement weather during the winter months, please call the office at 482-9454 after 11:00am to check on cancellations. If you receive a recording stating the office is closed, then all events for that day are cancelled. If the Lansing School District is closed, all church events for that day will be cancelled.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets available at the information table in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings with the office. We want to assure that there is a space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. **Please** notify the office when you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lifts our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room**
- Need for two greeters at the back door
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags, and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room

Parking for weekday evenings at St. Paul's: Parking is available in the parking ramp (immediately north of our parking lot) after 5:30pm during the week. Should you arrive and the parking ramp is not open, please call the number posted at the entrance of the parking ramp. DTMB Building Operations Parking Service **517-284-7943** or the House Business Office **517-373-6339**.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
December 26, 2021 - January 2, 2022

Sunday, 12/26:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away No Sunday School/No Choir No 8am Service 10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
Monday, 12/27:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away Office Closed
Tuesday, 12/28:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away
Wednesday 12/29:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away
Thursday, 12/30:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away No Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 12/31:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away Office Closed
Saturday, 1/01:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away
Sunday, 1/02:	The Rev. Karen Lewis Away No Sunday School/No Choir 8:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:15am Children's Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room 11:15am Coffee Hour - Merrifield Room