



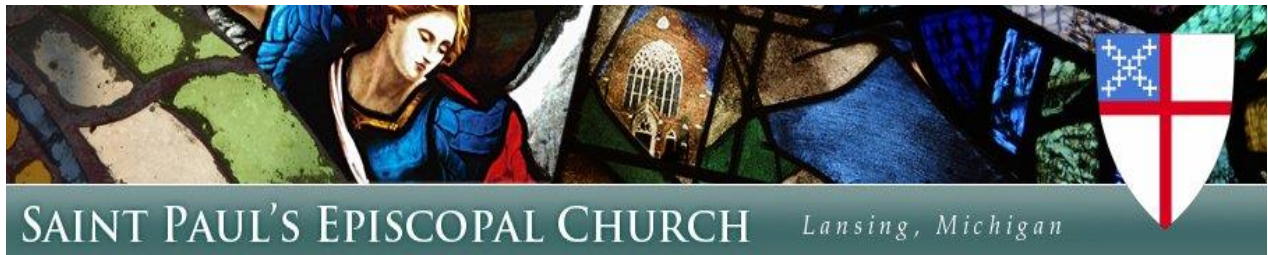
“Our Welcome”

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022
Holy Eucharist 10:00am

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
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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; Ms. Katie Alexander, Nursery Attendant; Mr. D'Kwon Guerrero, Sexton/Custodian; 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: 10:00am

Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed on Fridays.

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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 Care is available in the Nursery in the Music Wing near the Choir Room.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY COMMUNION
DECEMBER 18, 2022

PRELUDE

Carol for Advent

Don Besig

Hannah Bancroft & Deborah McMartin-Finkel, vocalists
Anya Heany, flute

The people gather in silence as they wait patiently with expectation for the coming of our Lord.

INTROIT

Wait for the Lord

(Taizé)

Lento (♩ = 48)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Officiant

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

People

Go through the gates, build up the highway,

Officiant

Clear it of stones, remove any obstacles.

People

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Officiant

Come, let us journey to the Bethlehem manger.

People

Hear of God's promises, witness God's faithfulness.

Officiant

Sing with Mary, rejoice with Elizabeth.

People

Prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

HYMN 56 v1-3

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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.

The people sing together

KYRIE

S96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; 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

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 7:10-16

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;*
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,*
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts,*
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts,*

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;*
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,*
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;*
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,*
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
 17 And so will we never turn away from you;*
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;*
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 1:1-7

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Savior of the nation come

HYMN 54

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

 Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

 heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Then, all standing, the Gospel is read, first saying

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis

THE NICENE CREED

**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

Mary, the mother of Christ, is a sign to the church of faithful obedience to the will of God. As we come to the commemoration of the birth of Christ, let us pray that we, like Mary, hear God's word and respond in obedient faith to the coming of Christ.

Let us pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Bonnie, our bishop and for the church, that every member may manifest Christ in the world. O God, who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the leaders of government in every nation that they may have wisdom to choose what serves the common good. O God, who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are in need, remembering all who are sick, the elderly, those on our parish prayer list, those who are alone, and all who minister to them, that we all may be strengthened by the presence of Christ as the sign of God's love. O God, who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those with whom we share our daily lives, our families, friends and neighbors, and those with whom we work and play, that we may all be strengthened and sustained by God's presence with us. O God, who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died, that they may rest in peace. May we wait in hope for the promise of resurrection with them. O God, who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant closes the prayers by saying

Hasten, O God, the coming of your dominion. Come to us in Christ, that we who live by faith in this world may see our faith confirmed in the world to come, through our risen Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

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 unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* setting Austin C. Lovelace

OFFERTORY HYMN *Tell out my soul* HYMN 437

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

People The Lord be with you
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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing together

SANCTUS

S130

The musical score for the Sanctus is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes or measures.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.

Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

The Officiant and People say together

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Officiant continues

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with 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

S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:', and 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' The score ends with a double bar line.

THE INVITATION

Officiant The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

After you have received communion and returned to your seat, you are invited to silently offer the following prayer or another of your choosing to God. Remember that others are still receiving communion and your quietness will assist in this most holy experience.

Gracious God, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let all mortal flesh

HYMN 324

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man -
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
 and in memory of Uncle Lawrence; Aunt Millie,
 Don, AnnaMae, Ben & Jeff Baldus
 By Jane Bryce.*

St. Paul's Advent & Christmas Season Services

December 24, Christmas Eve: 7:00pm - Christmas Music
December 24, Christmas Eve: 7:30pm - Festal Christmas Eve Service
December 25, Christmas Day: 10am - Worship & Holy Communion
January 1, New Year's Day: 10am - Pre-recorded Worship & Ante-Communion
January 1 - NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP
January 8, Baptism of Jesus: 10am - Epiphany Lessons & Carols & Ante-Communion

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Bill Lewis
SubDeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Deborah McMartin-Finkel
Prayers of the People	Jim Milne
Chalice Bearers	Amy Wortley, Lyn Zynda
Counters	Larry Clark, Leslie Hall
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman- Hasso, Bob Merriman, Laurie Nevin
Coffee Hour	Carol Thomas/Sue Le Duc
Greeters	Chris Davis
Sunday School Mentors	Debbie Parks, Maria Wawro
Vestry Person of the Day	Diane Clark

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
SubDeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	Nancy Rudd
Prayers of the People	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Chalice Bearers	Theresa Milne, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood (chair), Diane Clark, Marti Narezo
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman- Hasso, Bob Merriman, Laurie Nevin, Melissa Blood, Justin Alexander
Greeters	Carol Thomas

Assisting next Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Lector	Susan Kendall
Prayers of the People	A.J. Walilko
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Barb Heany
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood (chair), Diane Clark, Marti Narezo
Ushers	John Hawkins
Greeters	Carol Thomas

**Opportunities for Prayer
December 18, 2022**

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Marsha Macholz, Sebastian Cuesta, Clint Hogue, Marian Boulus, Meadow Rawlins, Anna Hayward, Harvey Clark & Mary Armstrong, Michelle Levenick, Audrey & David, Pat Bellinger, Joanne Boulton, Ronda Peters, Erica, Marta & Venancio, Mike Jacobs, Robert Madrigal, Joy Brewer, William Gabel, Pat Seger-Krawczynski, Doug, Jeff Waters, David Hemingway, Max Pierce, Michael O'Toole, Penny, Peggy, Eric, Patricia McMartin, Doug Boor, Craig, Leonard, Sarah, Lynn Dayton, Margo Rudd, Barb Webb, David Kovac, Evelyn & April Baker, Stacey O'Toole, Lonnie Shelton, Barb Petrowsky, Dave North, Curtis Jackson, Karen Clarke, Julie Bellinger Foltz, Pam Irwin, Ron O'Connor, Ray Chase, Mary Ann Austin, Rose Hayes, and Hannah Plunkett.

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Max Pierce, Joyce Renfrew, and Tom & Martie Repaskey.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Meals on Wheels, 5303 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48911.

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: Christ Church, Pleasant Lake; St. Andrew's, Livonia; St. Michael & All Angels, Lincoln Park.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

We pray for: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishops, Wendell Gibbs and Stewart Wood; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Linda Farmer-Lewis, our associate; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for the Week of
December 18, 2022 – December 25, 2022**

Please join us after church to decorate the church. Chili and other lunch fixins' will be provided to give sustenance to those working.

Confirmation or Reaffirmation or Reception Class: In June 2023, Bishop Perry will be confirming folks into the Episcopal Church. If you were baptized but never confirmed, this might mean you! Confirmation is simply your reaffirmation of the baptismal vows someone else took for you when you were baptized as an infant. Confirmation is required for certain ministries or if you wish to discern ordination to either the diaconate or priesthood. Then . . . if your life is in a significant transition, you might want to consider publicly reaffirming your baptismal vows. Also . . . if you have come to the Episcopal Church from another faith tradition, you might need to be received into the Episcopal Church. Only bishops can confirm, reaffirm or receive you. This is your chance next June. We will gather to discuss all good things about the Episcopal Church and its life. If you are interested, please contact Karen+.

Mission and Outreach Thank-You!! Your generosity is overwhelming. Thanks to all who signed up to purchase Christmas gifts for our two Riddle Elementary School families. All gifts are due today, but if you forgot, just give Carol a call and she will arrange to pick up your gift. 517-410-9091. The school social worker will pick gifts up this week. We will continue to gather new or gently used coats, size 7-14; snow pants, size 4-14; and winter boots, size 2-6, through the month of January. Winter outer clothing is much needed for Riddle School children. Bless us all as we provide for those in need this Christmas season.

St. Paul's Annual Meeting & Potluck is January 29th immediately following the 10:00am service in the Merrifield Room. Sign up in the Merrifield Room so we have an accurate count. There is also a sign up for clean up immediately following the meeting.

Annual reports are due in the office by Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

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 in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

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

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.

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 (\$60 for the summer) 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

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 lift 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

Contributions Last Week: For the week of December 11, 2022, St. Paul's received **\$5,791** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$2,899
Operating Income	\$969
Catering Rent	\$1,200
Noisy Offering	\$166
Loose Offering	\$12
Christmas	\$150
Christmas Flowers	\$395

<p>This Week at St. Paul's December 18, 2022 - December 25, 2022</p>

Sunday, 12/18:	9:15am 9:45am 10:00am 11:15am 11:15am 2:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal Sunday School - Classrooms Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary Children's Choir Rehearsal Coffee Hour - Merrifield Room Lange Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary Lange Ensemble Concert - Sanctuary Advent Church School Devotions - Zoom
Monday, 12/19:	6:15pm	Vestry dinner & meeting @ 6:45pm - Hill Room
Tuesday, 12/20:	12:30pm	Staff Luncheon
Wednesday 12/21:	10:00am 7:00pm	VanAtta's poinsettia delivery Bible Study - Zoom
Thursday, 12/22:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 12/23:		Office Closed
Saturday, 12/24:	6:15pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal Pre-Service Music - Sanctuary Festal Christmas Eve Service & Communion - Sanctuary
Sunday, 12/25:	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

I would like to contribute \$ _____

This contribution is from: _____

In Memory of: _____

OR

In grateful Thanksgiving for: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and write "Flower Fund" in the memo line. Checks and this form can be placed in the collection plate, mailed to the church office at 218 W. Ottawa, Lansing 48933, or placed in the Parish mailbox outside of the Parish office. (Deadline: Monday, December 19, 2022)

