



### ***"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.

**First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024**  
**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. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; The Rev. Dr. Donna McNiel, Associate for Liturgy and Pastoral Care; The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, Priest 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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**For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.**

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**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.

**The Nursery is open** in the Music Wing near the Choir Room. Temporarily, we do not have a nursery attendant.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY COMMUNION  
 DECEMBER 1, 2024

PRELUDE

*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 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* HYMN 66

1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
 2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spi-rit rule in all our hearts a-lone;

from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.  
 by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

*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

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

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)  
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*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

*The people are invited to sit for the readings*

#### FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

*Reader*          A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader*          Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 25:1-9

- 1      To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;\*  
        let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2      Let none who look to you be put to shame;\*  
        let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3      Show me your ways, O Lord,\*  
        and teach me your paths.
- 4      Lead me in your truth and teach me,\*  
        for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5      Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,\*  
        for they are from everlasting.
- 6      Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;\*  
        remember me according to your love  
        and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7      Gracious and upright is the Lord;\*  
        therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8      He guides the humble in doing right\*  
        and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9      All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness\*  
        to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*Reader*            A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

HYMN 616

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Donna McNiel

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,  
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

Merciful God, you call us to goodness and lead us on right paths. You encourage us with signs of your coming and urge us to keep watch, that we might greet you with heads raised high when you come to restore all of creation. Watching and waiting, we pray for this world that needs your saving power.

For nations at war, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine,  
in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**  
For all who suffer from violence, in the streets or in their homes.  
in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**  
For all who live in worry or fear,  
in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**  
For those who have never heard of your rescuing love,  
in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**



For all those who have lost hope, or never had it at all,  
in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**  
For Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop,  
in your mercy, Lord, save us.  
For this community, especially those on our parish prayer list,  
in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**

*The Officiant closes the prayers by saying*

We gather up our prayers and offer them to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now and at the close of this age. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

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

**God of all 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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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 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    *Alleluyas of St. James (Let All Mortal Flesh)*        arr. A. J. Greening

*Introduction*



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -  
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.  
earth shall know the (Lord.)

*Final Ending*



Lord.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

How can we thank you, O God? For sun and moon and stars, for breath and life and all things good, for your steadfast promise and your faithful love, for the day that is surely coming when all things will be made new. With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation, we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

*The people sing together*

SANCTUS

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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 -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system has the vocal line starting with a whole note rest, followed by the lyrics "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with "in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

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We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus, who came to be your living Word, to baptize us with Spirit and fire, to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty, and to announce the good news of your coming realm. With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come, Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles. He said to them, I will not eat this Passover again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Then Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took a cup, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal, remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come Lord Jesus!

*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 – this bread, this cup, these people -- Christ's body and blood, given in love for the world. Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord. Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **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

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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.

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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. Please do not instinct (dip) 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 ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Timothy Flynn

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the silence

HYMN 333

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty  
 hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea  
 Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing  
 Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing  
 Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful  
 cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs  
 Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's  
 vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y  
 Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Officiant and People say together:*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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.**

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE



**Assisting in today's service**

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Libby Richardson
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Theresa Milne, Greg Wortley
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood (chair), Carrie Freeman, Marti Narezo
Ushers	Melissa Blood, Justin Alexander, David Parks, Debbie Parks
Coffee Hour	Katie Alexander
Greeters	Carol Thomas
Recycling Team	Jim Milne
Sunday School Mentors	No Sunday School
Vestry Person of the Day	Josh Freeman

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

**Assisting next Sunday, December 8, 2024**

Crucifer	Debbie Parks
Subdeacon	Henrie Parks
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	Margaret Schulte
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Debbie Parks
Counters	Margaret Schulte
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (co-chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne, Sue Le Duc
Ushers	Joe Lehning, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany
Vestry Person of the Day	Jane Bryce

**Opportunities for Prayer  
December 1, 2024**

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Joanne, Mike, Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, Robin, Samantha, and Ian. *\*Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

**We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members:** Diane Clark and Larry & Larissa Clark.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** It's a Breast Thing, PO Box 743, East Lansing, MI 48823

**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 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills; St. Matthew's, Nizao, DR.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**We pray for:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, 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 bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNiel, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for the Week of  
December 1, 2024 - December 7, 2024**

**Canterbury MSU is hosting dinner this semester!** Would you like to feed our student leaders on a Thursday evening? We need a main dish we can reheat in a microwave, slow cooker, or toaster oven plus a salad or side, for 6 - 8 people. Meals can be dropped off at Canterbury (225 MAC) on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Contact the Rev. Donna McNiel at [canterburymSU@gmail.com](mailto:canterburymSU@gmail.com), for all the details, or go to the Sign Up link: <https://bit.ly/FeedCanterburyMSU>

**Mission and Outreach:** Forty Thanksgiving bags, chock full of all the fixings for a wonderful dinner, were picked up by CEICMH case workers on Monday and delivered to families. Thank you for making this possible. Next is our Samaritas Christmas project. Please bring your items for the children into the Merrifield Room by next Sunday, December 8, to be delivered to Samaritas on Monday morning.

**Advent Series - Limping with God:** Save Tuesday evenings of December 3, 10 and 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00pm. The sessions on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> will be on Zoom; the 17<sup>th</sup> will be in person. Please have a Bible with you for class (preferably not KJV). Learn little known facts in the Bible. We'll look at some of the stranger stories in the Hebrew Scriptures and discern why they are there and what might they mean for us. Sodom & Gomorrah - what was the real sin? Learn why Er and Onan were slain by the Lord. Sign up to receive the Zoom link.

**Faith & Film on December 6<sup>th</sup>!** Join us at 6:30pm to watch that Christmas classic: *The Christmas Story*. Remember the leg lamp? Remember the mashed potato fight? How about the bully whose tongue stuck to the metal pole? Let us gather for some laughs, tears, and joy as we once again join Ralphie and his family. Sign up!

**St. Nicholas Sunday is coming! Remember to bring your slippers to wear as you leave your shoes in the Cloister for a possible visit from St. Nicholas.** December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours:** All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

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

**Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification:** Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding class December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Choir Room from 10am-3pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. Please check the schedule and sign up in the Merrifield Room. Questions? Please contact John David Hawkins [h012T@comcast.net](mailto:h012T@comcast.net).

**The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm** on Zoom. The service will be posted on the St. Paul's Facebook page after being recorded. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

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

**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.

**St. Paul's Recycling:** Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

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

**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.

**Altar flower requests:** 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.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto: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 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 November 24, 2024, St. Paul's received **\$3,221** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	<b>\$2,826</b>
Operating Income	<b>\$395</b>
Specified	<b>\$80</b>
Loose Offering	<b>\$1</b>

<p><b>This Week at St. Paul's</b>  <b>December 1, 2024 - December 8, 2024</b></p>
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Sunday, 12/1:		Noisy Offering
		No Sunday School
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	5pm-7pm	Riverbend Voices Rehearsal
Monday 12/2:	2:30pm	Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Financial Committee Meeting - VanAtta Room
Tuesday, 12/3:	6:15pm	Advent Series - Limping with God - Zoom
Wednesday, 12/4:	8am-3pm	End Gun Violence Lobby Group - Merrifield Room
	12:00pm	Noon Book Study - Zoom
	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Thursday, 12/5:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 12/6:	6:30pm	Faith & Film - The Christmas Story
		Office Closed
Saturday, 12/7:	3pm-7pm	Riverbend Voices Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Sunday, 12/8:		St. Nicholas Sunday
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	1pm-3pm	Riverbend Voices Rehearsal
	3pm-6pm	Riverbend Voices Concert & Reception

**QR Code for giving. Scan the code with your phone to be taken to options for giving.**



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**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" on 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 16, 2024)*

***St. Paul's Christmas Season Services***

*December 8, Advent II/St. Nicholas Sunday: 10:00am – Worship/Holy Communion*

*December 15, Advent III: 10:00am – Worship/Holy Communion*

*December 22, Advent IV: 10:00am – Worship/Holy Communion*

*December 24, Christmas Eve: 7:00pm – Christmas Music*

*December 24, Christmas Eve: 7:30pm - Festal Christmas Eve Service*

*December 25, Christmas Day: 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion*

*December 29: 10:00am Baptism & Holy Communion*

*January 5, 2025, 10:00am – Epiphany Lessons & Carols & Antecommunion*