

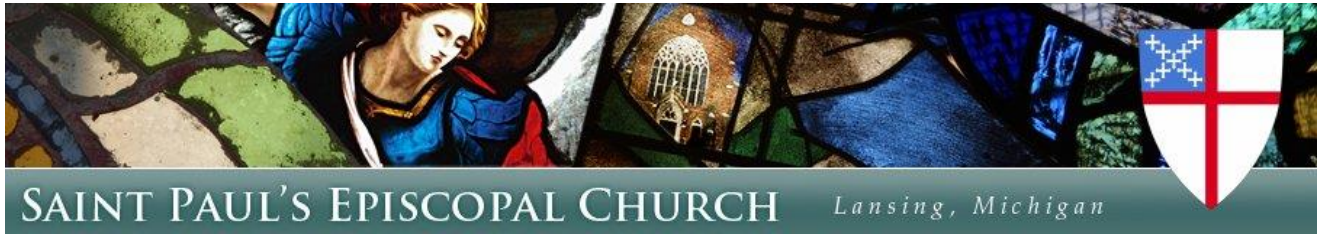
“Our Welcome”

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 29, 2024
Holy Eucharist - Rite II 10:00 am

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 McNeil, 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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Opportunities for Worship – Sundays: 10:00am

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

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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.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 HOLY BAPTISM DECEMBER 29, 2024

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realm 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).

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**
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 sit for the readings

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:10—62:3

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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

Reader A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

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.**

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 throng - 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).

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. Karen C. Lewis

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Officiant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Ziley-Ann Marie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Officiant Ziley, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

Then the Officiant asks the following questions of the candidate

Officiant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Officiant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Officiant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Officiant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer **I do.**

Officiant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer **I do.**

Officiant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer **I do.**

Officiant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Officiant Let us join with Ziley who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The People all stand

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Officiant Let us now pray for Ziley who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Officiant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Ziley-Ann Marie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant Ziley-Ann Marie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Ziley the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
Amen.

Officiant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Officiant and People say together

We receive Ziley into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

All stand. The Officiant says to the people

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 HYMN

Good Christian friends, rejoice

HYMN 107

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

It is right and our joy, Creator God, to give you thanks and praise. For in the beginning you created the heavens and the earth. Out of darkness and chaos, you brought light and order. You have given life to every living thing and made us in your image, male and female. Even when we turned away from you, loving darkness rather than light, you did not turn away from us. You sent prophets to show us the way. And so you draw us to the company where your angels gather around your eternal throne, singing their hymn of unending praise.

The people sing together

SANCTUS

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel, as the Officiant continues

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to be Immanuel, God with us. At his birth, the night sky lit up with heavenly host and a guiding star. Shepherds and magi found their way to you. Women and children, tax collectors and lepers continued to find their way to you. The darkness of Gethsemane, the cross, and the grave could not overcome you; for you are the light of the world, shining still.

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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

The Officiant and People say together

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

The Officiant continues

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. In this feast, make us one with you and with each other. Enflame us with your Spirit, that we may be united in ministry in every place. Send us, in your marvelous light, into the world, ready to serve others and work for peace. Through Christ, with Christ, and 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

S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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THE INVITATION

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.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'cr Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

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

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Amanda Ross
Prayers of the People	Amanda Ross
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Lyn Zynda
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood (chair), Carrie Freeman, Marti Narezo
Ushers	Joe Lehning, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Recycling Team	Jim Milne
Vestry Person of the Day	

Assisting next Sunday, January 5, 2025

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Lectors	Brad Deacon, Lyn Zynda, Amanda Ross, Steven Kandow, Greg Wortley
Chalice Bearers	Greg Wortley, Lyn Zynda
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	
Greeters	
Recycling Team	Allan Boron
Vestry Person of the Day	

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

St. Paul's Christmas Season Services
January 5, 2025, 10:00am – Epiphany Lessons & Carols & Antecommunion

**Opportunities for Prayer
December 29, 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, Ian, Leigh, and Diane. **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: Jamal Dillman-Hasso and Marilyn Earley.

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 worshipping communities: Church of the Incarnation, Ann Arbor; St. Matthew's, Jalongo, DR.

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

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 29, 2024 - January 5, 2025**

Lansing Symphony Orchestra will be performing their Winterlude concert at St. Paul's at 3:00pm on Sunday, February 2nd. Tickets are free but you must have a ticket to attend. This is one concert you will want to be present for as the sanctuary's acoustics are perfect for this type of music. This year's concert will feature woodwinds. Through the graciousness of the Tom and Jean Shawver Fund, we are able to provide this gift of music to the community. If you wish tickets, please email (rector@stpaulslansing.or) or leave a note for Karen+ in her mailbox.

Annual reports are due in the office by Monday, January 13th.

St. Paul's Annual Meeting is January 26th at 11:30am. Please plan to attend.

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.

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.

The service of Compline will not be provided or recorded for December 25th or January 1st because of the holidays. It will begin again Wednesday, January 8th. Please keep an eye out for the Zoom invitation and bulletin.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to 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.

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.

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.

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.

<p>This Week at St. Paul's December 29, 2024 - January 5, 2025</p>

<p>Sunday, 12/29:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">10:00am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">11:15am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">11:15am</p>	<p>Donna McNiel Away</p> <p>Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p> <p>Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch</p>
<p>Monday 12/30:</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday, 12/31:</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
<p>Wednesday, 01/01:</p>	<p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>Thursday, 01/02:</p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>No Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Friday, 01/03:</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
<p>Saturday, 01/04:</p>	
<p>Sunday, 01/05:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9:00am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9:45am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">10:00am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">11:15am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">11:15am</p>	<p>Donna McNiel Away</p> <p>Noisy Offering</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>Epiphany Lessons & Carols & Antecommunion</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p> <p>Take down trees & Christmas decorations</p>

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