



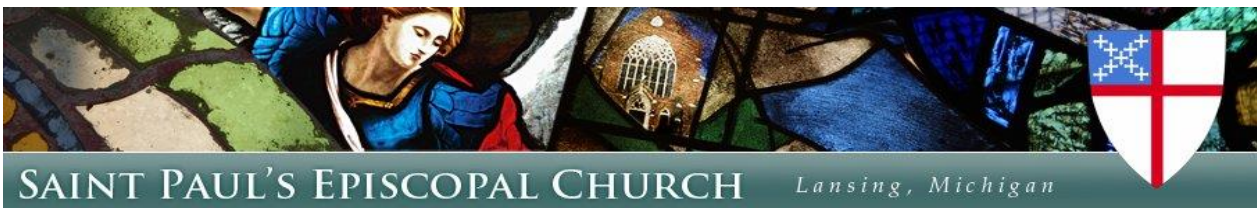
“Our Welcome”

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 22, 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 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.

Closed on Fridays.

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

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY COMMUNION
DECEMBER 22, 2024

PRELUDE

The Angel Gabriel

Robert Lau

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 v.1-3

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!

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

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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

MICAH 5:2-5a

Reader A reading from Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

The People stand for the singing of the canticle

CANTICLE 15

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!



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!

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SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:5-10

Reader A reading from The book of Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Hark! The glad sound

HYMN 72

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)
 Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);
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Then, all standing, the Gospel is read, first saying

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. 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,
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

Holy God, you reveal yourself in so many ways, especially in your Son, Jesus Christ. We gather up the prayers of this community for the church, the world, and all in need, confident that you know our deepest thoughts and will refresh our spirits. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who gather as we do on this day all over the world in house churches and storefronts, on reservations, in townships and base communities, among immigrants, in hospital chapels and prisons, and with persons who are dying. Wherever the church is found, empower its witness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing and nurture of all that you have given us; for water and air, soil and stars; for creatures that roam the seas and those that fly thousands of miles in migration; for mammals and reptiles, insects and microbes in swamps and forests and in our own homes. Show us their beauty and our need for them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who sing with Mary a song of joy for deliverance; for all people who long to hear your promise of good news; for all peacemakers; for governments that hold at the heart of their work the needs of people otherwise invisible; for all people left homeless and destitute by the greed of others. Lead your people from darkness to light. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for everyone who is in any need today; for the lonely; for all people who are anxious at this time of year; for our elders in the nursing home; for all on our parish prayer list and those we now name either aloud or silently in our hearts _____; for people who cannot find work and those whose work is not life-giving for them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray that Mary's song of joy and Joseph's loyalty will be magnified in us. Fill us with the breath of Advent. Stir us to extend ourselves beyond what we thought possible. Show us that like Mary, we need not fear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember with thanksgiving the faithful who have gone before us. As your light shines on us through them, guide us to so enlighten others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Officiant closes the prayers by saying

Surely, God, we can trust in you and not be afraid. Lead us in songs of praise and shouts of joy, for you are in our midst. We pray through the one who baptizes us not only with water but with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **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

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

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

arr. Evelyn R. Larter

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - cr - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

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
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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, gave it to them, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me. 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 safeguards 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

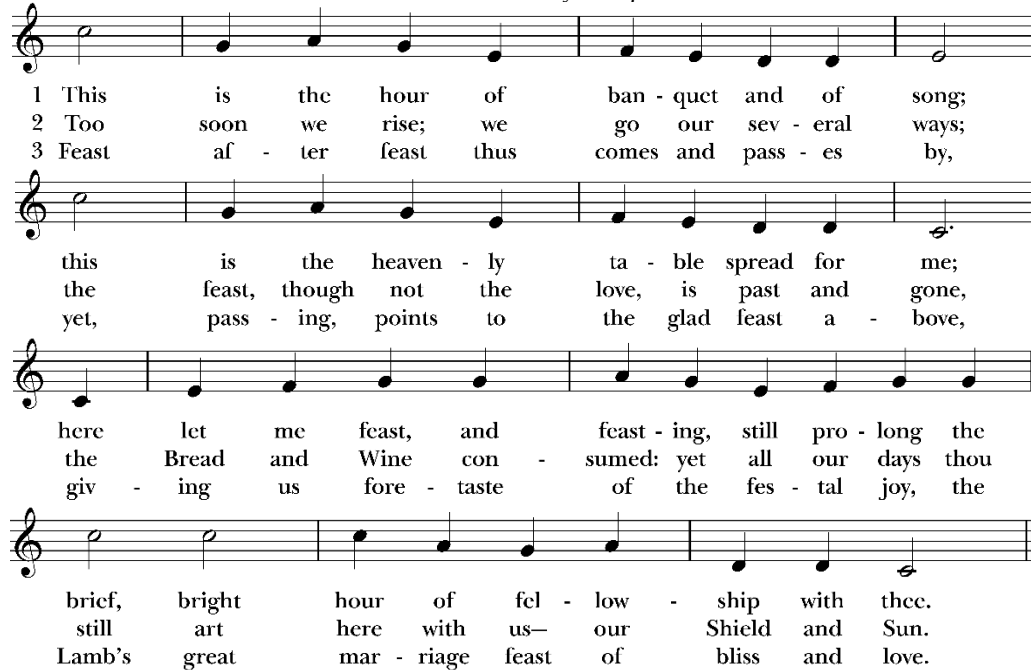
What Shall I Render

William Knapp

COMMUNION HYMN

This is the hour of banquet

HYMN 316



1 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
 3 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 this is the heavenly table spread for me;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
 yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
 here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the
 brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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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.**

CLOSING HYMN

People, look East

HYMN VF 34

1 Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who
crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley
a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.
East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Charles Callahan

St. Paul's 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: 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion

December 29: 10:00am Baptism & Holy Communion

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

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Jim Milne
Prayers of the People	Martha McKee
Chalice Bearers	Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Recycling Team	AJ & Hillary Walilko
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Justin Alexander

Assisting Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Greg Wortley
Prayers of the People	Larry Clark
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Theresa Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (co-chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne, Sue Le Duc
Ushers	Melissa Blood, Justin Alexander, Joe Lehning, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd

Assisting Christmas Day, December 25, 2024

Crucifer	Barb Heany
Lector	Barb Heany
Prayers of the People	Barb Heany
Chalice Bearer	Barb Heany
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (co-chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne, Sue Le Duc
Usher	John Hawkins

Assisting next Sunday, December 29, 2024

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	

<p>Opportunities for Prayer December 22, 2024</p>

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: Mark Diedrich and Jamie Diedrich.

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

We pray for our 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: St. Michael & All Angel's, Lincoln Park; Church of the Incarnation, La Romana, DR.

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

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 22, 2024 – December 29, 2024**

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.

Mission & Outreach: Toilet paper, Blessing Box, Fretail, Souper Sunday, Easter basket supplies, school supplies, Thanksgiving dinners, bicycles, Christmas gifts, sack lunches, drumming circle ... we have truly had plentiful opportunities to reach out to our community in love and kindness this year. Thank you so much for your generous support.

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.

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.

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.

**This Week at St. Paul's
December 22, 2024 - December 29, 2024**

Sunday, 12/22:		Advent IV
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Decorate Sanctuary after service
	11:30am	Lunch for decorating crew
Monday 12/23:		
Tuesday, 12/24:		Christmas Eve
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Pre-Service Music
	7:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship & Holy Communion
Wednesday, 12/25:		Christmas Day
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
Thursday, 12/26:		Office Closed
		No Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 12/27:		Office Closed
Saturday, 12/28:		
Sunday, 12/29:		Donna McNeil Away
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch

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