



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

December 29, 2024
First Sunday after Christmas Day
8:00 am & 10:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Processional Hymn (10:00 only): *O Come, All Ye Faithful* H-83, vs 1 and 6
*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of Angels:*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP, p. 355
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord
People: **Amen.**

Gloria (*Spoken*): BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

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 First Lesson:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring

up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21 (*Spoken responsively*)

BCP, p. 805

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 satisfies 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 Reading:

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

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn (*10:00 only*): *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

H-82 , vs 1 & 2

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!*

*O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!*

The Holy Gospel:

John 1:1-18

Priest 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

The Peace*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.***(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)***THE HOLY COMMUNION****Offertory Anthem:** *Christmas Joy*- Mark Schweizer (Donna Stokes-Rogers)**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP, p. 361

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

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Spoken*)BCP, p. 367 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and**

might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.**Christ is risen.****Christ will come again.***The Celebrant continues*

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread*Celebrant* *Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.**People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.****Music during Communion** (*10:00 only*)*In Dulci Jubilo*- arr. Ian Higginson (Maddie and Donna Rogers)

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.
If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.
To receive a gluten-free host, extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.*

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn (10:00 only): Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! H-107, vs 1 & 2

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;

Ox and ass before him bow, and He is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blessed forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Holli Scholz, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Rachel Shoaf, *Nursery Coordinator*

BIRTHDAYS:

Monday: Dannie Latture, Sharon Collins, Zaida Butters **Tuesday:** Gains Humphreys **Wednesday:** Mary O'Mara, Duncan Knopf, Kathy Watkins **Friday:** Brent Hughes **Saturday:** Ann Van Dervoort

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday: Duncan and Virginia Callicott, John and Mandy Nickerson, Chris and Carrie McBrayer, Sam and Christy Hilley **Monday:** Burns and Donna Stokes-Rogers **Tuesday:** Kayla and Jay Sheridan

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Usher:	Bill Brandon	Laurie Austin
Usher:	Mary Kate Brandon	Michael Austin
Chalice Bearer:	Becky Gengler	Fletcher Robinson
Chalice Bearer:	Katie Faulkner	Ann Denson
Crucifer:	Katie Faulkner	Susan Miller
1 st Reader:	Mary Kate Brandon	Cindy Tumblin
2 nd Reader:	Kathy Ulezelski	Chris Oberholtzer
Prayers:	George Bishop	Mary Hill
Torch Bearer:		Juliette Blackwelder
Torch Bearer:		Margot Blackwelder
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ulezelski	Karen Montefiori
Altar Guild:	*	
Vestry Person of the Day:	Mary Emilie Acklen	

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Lois Nagy, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Duncan Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Bob Carpenter, Kathy Miller, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Beth Sheller, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Ethan, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Alister, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Chuck, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Sam, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Suzanne, Robin, Carola, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Mackenzie, Sara, Lisa, Benji, Sam, Brad, Victoria, Michael, Candace, Bill & Judy, Kortnie, Michael, Jack, Wendi and Steve, Isabel, David, Dee, Sara, Smith, Julie, Rita, Jim, Mickey, April, Bill, and Leda

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Jake, and Billy

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Pete, Roy, Amanda, and Zach



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TODAY – DECEMBER 29, 2024
Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 8:45, 11:00, & 6:00

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

January

- 5 Epiphany Brunch in Barnabas
 - 26 Annual Parish Meeting
 - 30 Gathering for Good – Jumbalaya and Jeopardy
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Food Pantry Needs

Stewardship

Still time to pledge!

Our Stewardship Campaign is ending...we are currently at \$1,026,171 – 214 pledges! We are approaching our financial goal and could easily achieve it with 10-20 more pledges. Pledge here: <https://bit.ly/stewardship-2024>

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00

Resumes in January 2025

Youth Formation

Youth Christian Formation will only meet on January 12 in the Barnabas conference room for the month of January.

Churchwide Events

Jumbalaya and Jeopardy • Thurs, Jan 30 • Barnabas • 5:30-7:00

Bring the whole family for good food and lots of fun! Dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family max. Sign up soon – there is only enough space for 40 at dinner at 5:30. All are welcome for Jeopardy at 6:00! Sign-up here:

<https://bit.ly/JumbalayaAndJeopardy>

Parish Life

Women In Theological Studies • Thursdays • Barnabas • 9:30-11:00

Resumes Jan 9th

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • Barnabas • 6:45 am • Resumes Jan 2025

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am in the Barnabas "board room" to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Grief Support Group • Wed, Jan 15 • 9-10 am or 6-7 pm • Barnabas

Loss comes in all shapes and sizes. Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The pain of grief can often cause you to want to withdraw from others and retreat into your shell. But having the face-to-face support of other people is vital to healing from loss. The key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's is offering a morning Grief Support Group, as well as an evening one, beginning in December.

Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • Upcoming Events

Mountain TOP sign up link - Deadline January 31: bit.ly/MTOP

Email our Youth Minister, Brett Smith, with any questions: brett@stpaulsfranklin.com

January 5 from 5-7 PM: High School (9-12th grade) night out! We will meet at Barnabas and walk to Mellow Mushroom. After dinner we'll stop at Sweet CeCe's for a treat!

Young Adults Calendar

All college students and young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome! Click on the calendar link for event details! <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/young-adults/>. Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more info.

Brown Bag Bible Study • Sun, Jan 12 to Mar 4 • 12:30-1:30 • Barnabas

Join us for a Brown Bag Bible Study - "Included in Christ; Living a New Story from Ephesians" by Heather Holleman, PhD. Open to all ages, high school & up; max of 15 ppl; bringing your own "brown bag lunch" is optional. Sign up by Jan 5 – study booklets provided and available Jan 5: <https://bit.ly/BrownBagBibleStudy>

Outreach

January Spring Street

The next Spring Street event is January 23rd. We will have bingo, visit with friends and share a lunch.

General Announcements

About Women of St. Paul's

All women who attend St. Paul's are part of the Women of Saint Paul's and are welcomed and encouraged to join us for our bi-monthly meetings – otherwise known as "Socials" – held in members' homes throughout the year. These are a great way to get to know each other.

The WSP have several fundraisers through the year. These fundraisers are times to connect with each other and our local community, while raising money in support of the church's in-reach, outreach and historic preservation.

Want to learn more about the Women of Saint Paul's? Follow us on Facebook, call the church office, or contact Cyndy Howes – cyndyh@comcast.net to find out how!

WSP Board

President – Cyndy Howes

Vice President – Cindy Tumblin

Secretary – Kathy Berry

Treasurer – Pat McCracken

At large members – Suzanne Dibble, Mindy Boggs, Becky Grimes, Cassie Gilchrist, Susi Trabue, and Jackie King