



St. Paul's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200  
FOUNDED IN 1827

April 27, 2025  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude:** *Voluntary in C- Traditional*

**Processional Hymn:** *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness*

H-492

*Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest, sweetest strain,  
With the praises of your Savior let his house resound again;  
Him, let all your music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.*

*Sing how he came forth from heaven, bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
Stooped to wear the servant's vesture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
Passed within the gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.*

*So he tasted death for mortals, he, of humankind the head,  
Sinless one, among the sinful, Prince of life, among the dead;  
Thus he wrought the full redemption, and the captor captive led.*

*Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's throne the Son  
Rules and guides the world he ransomed, till the appointed work be done,  
Till he see, renewed and perfect, all things gathered into one.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP, p. 299

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** **One God and Father of all.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**The First Reading:****Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 150** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)**BCP, p. 807**

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 **Praise him for his mighty acts; \***  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

4 **Praise him with timbrel and dance; \***  
**praise him with strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 **Let everything that has breath \***  
**praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

**The Second Reading:****Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***H-209, vs 1-3**

*We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear  
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near*

*We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;  
But in his promise we rejoice; and cry "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,  
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:*

**The Holy Gospel****John 20:19-31**

*Celebrant:*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:**        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark

of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

## HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation of the Candidates

BCP, p. 301

*Hugh Wallace Hart*

*Myla Katherine Johnson*

Baptismal Covenant

BCP, p. 304

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* 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

BCP, p. 305

(People respond *Lord, hear our prayer*)

Baptismal Hymn to the Font: *Descend, O Spirit, Purging Flame*

H-297

*Descend, O Spirit, purging flame, brand us this day with Jesus' Name!*

*Confirm our faith, consume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, within, without.*

*Forbid us not this second birth; grant unto us the greater worth!*

*Enlist us in your service, Lord; baptize all nations with your Word.*

The Baptism

BCP, p. 307

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

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:** *Do You Believe This?* – Evelyn R. Larter  
(Donna Stokes-Rogers, Holli Scholz, and Rebecca Percy)

**Presentation Hymn:** *Love's Redeeming Work is Done*  
*Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.*  
*Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.*

H-188, vs 1 and 3

*Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted head;*  
*Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

### 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

Hymnal, S-130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.*  
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.*  
*Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*  
*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
*Hosanna in the highest. 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 that 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

**Fraction Anthem** *Christ our Passover*

S-154

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Music During Communion:** *Bright and Beautiful*- arr. Mark Hayes  
(Rebecca Percy, flute and Holli Sholtz, piano)

*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.  
If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please 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:** *At The Name of Jesus*

H-435, vs 1-2, 5-6

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a Name  
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.*

*In your hearts enthroned him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;  
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.*

*Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With his Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** *Fugue*- Handel

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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:**

**Sunday:** Gerard Helper, Shay Hall **Monday:** Catherine Mayhew, Laura Kinnard, Louise Thurman **Tuesday:** Mary Kate Brandon, Hattie Lambert **Wednesday:** Ruth Travis, Will Miniati, Jeannie Jones, Jake Martini **Thursday:** Laurie Austin, Suzanne Robertson, Robert Walter **Friday:** Marida Stearns, Jim Haddon **Saturday:** Dylan Paschal, Remy Martini

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Wednesday:** Tony and Sheila Morreale

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

**10:00 am**

Ushers:	Chris Oberholtzer
Usher:	Tom Sharpe
Chalice Bearer:	Lucinda Dyer
Chalice Bearer:	Frank Baugh
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	Pamela Bradley Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	Mary Hill
Prayers:	Judi Culver
Crucifer:	Andy Peterson
Torch Bearer:	
Torch Bearer:	
Altar Guild:	Karen Garfield
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Angela Lassiter
Musicians:	Rebecca Percy, flute

### **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, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Lois Nagy, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Kathy Miller, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Iain Macpherson, April Wellikoff, Debbie Moucka, George Gibson, Will Boggs, Marty Ligon, Terry Cross, Kathy Germain, Cassy, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Mackenzie, Sara, Benji, Sam, Brad, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Candace, Kortnie, Jack, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Jim, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Bill, Garrett, Ron, Tevis, Elizabeth, Ellie, Jenn, David, and Elizabeth

### **Military**

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, and Jacob

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



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**TODAY – April 27, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am and 4:30 pm at Parish Picnic**

11:00 **Seekers Class** in Barnabas Conference Room  
11:00 **Youth Confirmation Class** in Barnabas Lounge  
12:00 **Mountain TOP Training** in Barnabas Lounge

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

“News From the Pews”



**Including: Building Updates and exciting photos, Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!**

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### Capital Campaign 2025 Update

It's not too late to pledge for the second phase of the Capital Campaign. We have raised \$843,176 and are about \$54,000 short of our goal. We sent information out via email earlier this week. You can pledge to the campaign by filling out the form sent in the mail or through the website:

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/capital-campaign-2025/Christian>

### Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00

Adult Formation • Founders Hall • Resumes May 4

Youth Formation • Donna Stokes-Rogers' Office • Resumes May 4

**May 4 & 18:** We'll be wrapping up our Got Questions series!

Children Formation • Godly Play • Barnabas • Resumes May 4

Youth Confirmation Classes • Sunday • Rectory

**April 27 at 11:00 AM** in the Barnabas Lounge

**May 4 at 10:00 AM** at the Rectory

Seekers Class 2025 • Sundays • Barnabas Conference Room

**Apr 27 at 11:00 AM & May 4 at 10:00 AM**

## Churchwide Events

**Parish Picnic and Holy Eucharist • Sun, April 27 • 4:30 • Berry Farms Pavilion • 332 Hughes Lane, Franklin**  
Come join us for a short Eucharist followed by dinner and fellowship at Berry Farms. Families with last names beginning with A-R: Bring a side dish to share, and S-Z: bring a dessert. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a chair! **(April 27<sup>th</sup> Service Schedule: 10:00 am in Sanctuary, 4:30 pm at Berry Farms, no 6:00 pm service)**

**Gathering for Good • Nashville Sounds Game • Evening of Wed, May 7**

How good does an evening outside sound right now? Bring the whole family and join us at First Horizon Park on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to see the Nashville Sounds take on the Norfolk Tides! Tickets are \$20 per person, and you can reserve your seats by emailing [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com). We hope to see you there! Deadline to buy tickets is Wed, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Sunday • May 11 • 8:45 and 11:00 services**

As always, Mother's Day is also Youth Sunday! Both morning services will be lead by our youth, from readers and ushers to the sermon! Join us in between services for a Youth Breakfast from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the Barnabas Lounge with a special time to celebrate our Seniors! To participate, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2025youthsunday>

## Parish Life

**Education for Ministry (EFM) • Open House • Tuesday • April 29**

St. Paul's Education for Ministry (EfM) group will hold an open house in this week. You're invited! EfM is an adult formation program for the laity, administered by the University of the South. It examines the bible, church history, and Christian theology. We will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm, September through May.

Questions? Contact Jean Larson at [jam.larson@gmail.com](mailto:jam.larson@gmail.com) or 847-987-6949 or Kelly Pitsenberger at [pitz@bellsouth.net](mailto:pitz@bellsouth.net). Preregistration is required. We hope you can join us at the end of April.

**Upcoming Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) Events**

The youth still have hashbrown casseroles (\$15) and beignet mix (\$10) for sale in the Corner Shop in Founders! Casseroles can be picked up in the deep freezer in the Barnabas kitchen.

**April 26:** Car Park Fundraiser from 10AM – 12PM in the Barnabas parking lot. Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) to RSVP!

**May 4:** EYG will meet in Barnabas! If you would like to bring dinner, please sign up at [bit.ly/EYGVolunteer](http://bit.ly/EYGVolunteer)

**May 18:** EYG End of the Year pool party at 555 Ploughmans Bend Drive! All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited!

**Mountain TOP Training Day:** If you are registered for MTOP, please join us for training in Barnabas on April 27 from 12 – 1:30. Also mark your calendars for May 18 and June 8 for our next training days.

**Young Adults**

All college students and young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join us for any of our events! Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) to be added to our GroupMe and visit [www.stpaulsfranklin.com/young-adults/](http://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/young-adults/) for our full calendar!

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

WITS will not meet again until May 1<sup>st</sup>. On May 1, we will meet at Bicentennial Park in Franklin – bring a lawn chair. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

**Coffee Club • Wednesdays • Barnabas • 6:45 am**

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am in the Barnabas Conference 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, May 7 & 21 • 9-10 am • Barnabas**

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 offers a morning Grief Support Group on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com)

**Bicentennial Backroads Spring Excursion • Friday • May 2 • 10:30**

For our next adventure, we will be heading to Sewanee on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for two historic tours. We will begin the day at 10:30 for a tour of Confederate and Lost Cause memorials on Sewanee's historic campus. After lunch at McClurg Dining Hall, we will walk the St. Mark's Heritage Trail to learn about the Roberson Project's efforts to preserve and tell Sewanee Black history. Everyone is invited! You will need comfortable walking shoes as well as cash or a credit



card for lunch. For those who would like to carpool, we will meet at Barnabas at 8:30 am. Email [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

### Social Graces • Save the Date • Tues, May 13 • 11:30 • Barnabas

Join us for our next Social Graces event: Lunch and Program

(11:30 am – Catered Lunch & 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Program on Brain Health and Dementia): 10 Ways to Love your Brain & 10 Warning Signs of Dementia Program is offered by Tiffany Cloud-Mann with AgeWell Middle Tn. Tiffany will answer questions on these topics, as well as share the resources at AgeWell Middle Tn for older adults and caregivers. \$10 for lunch --- RSVP by Thursday May 8 (Note any dietary restrictions - Pay for lunch at the event. RSVP to Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527)

### Vacation Bible School • Save the Date • June 9-12 • 9:00-12:00

Save the Date for St. Paul's Week of Wonder at Jim Warren Park! We will gather to play, sing, and share stories in God's Creation at the covered pavilion. The whole church is invited to a potluck dinner and celebration on Thursday, June 12th from 5:30-7. We hope to see you there!

## Outreach

### Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month • May 13

If you like a party, and if you have a heart for visiting people, then we have an opportunity for you that combines the two. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, join with parishioners to visit Charter Senior Living of Franklin, to celebrate the birthdays of the Charter residents for that month. We will plan to meet there from 12:40 pm -1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too! Interested? Contact Monna at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

## General Announcements

### 2025 Graduates

If you or your child are graduating in 2025, we would love to recognize them in our takeout on Youth Sunday! Please fill out this form by May 4: <https://bit.ly/StPaulsGrads>

**Blind-Date-With-Book • Sold in Corner Gift Store • WSP Fundraiser** Wrapped books (No titles!) with little treats will guarantee a cozy evening at home with a delightful story! Adult and children's books are available.