

Share in the Ministries at St. Paul's!

The St. Paul's Christmas Pageant

will be presented on Sunday, December 24, at 4:30 PM.

This year's Pageant is under the direction of Donna Beard. Vivian Meyers will be taking on the role of Baby Jesus with her parents, Elizabeth & Justin in the supporting roles. Three of our wisest members were invited to take on the roles of the Kings from the East – Mark Greenawalt, Paul Hydrean & Bil Longua – and they wisely accepted our offer. Jan Berry-Schroeder and Mark Greenawalt will serve as narrators.

This promises to be an exciting year for the angels as they are unusually ethereal, and our shepherds are very rugged, some of whom are growing beards for the occasion. The Men's Chorus, the Innkeepers, the Angel Gabriel & the Star Angel round out the cast and will be announced soon.

The Rehearsal Schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, December 10, following the 10:30 service: Angels and Shepherds
- Sunday, December 17, following the 10:30 service: Angels, Shepherds, the Holy Family and Innkeepers

The Men's Chorus & the Wise Men will schedule their practice with Kedron; the narrators will be working with Donna. The Dress Rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 23, at 11:00 AM and will be followed by a Cast Party.

If you wish to participate and have not yet signed up, just call the office. There is room for everyone who enjoys a good time.



Wreaths Across America at St. Paul's Cemetery

2 pm on Sunday, December 17th

St. Paul's has approximately 50 graves of veterans laid to rest in our cemetery. On Sunday, December 17th at 2:00, the Brandywine Squadron, DE Wing of the Civil Air Patrol will conduct a short ceremony and place a balsam fir wreath on each one of the graves here. If you'd like to sponsor a wreath (\$15) for one of the veteran's graves in our cemetery, please mark your gift and place it in the alms basins or send it to the church office.

Everyone is invited to the ceremony!



Sunday, December 24th Services



This year, Sunday, December 24th is both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Our three services on that day will be:

- * 10:30 am Worship service and Children's Chapel
(no Sunday School or Adult Forum)
- * 4:30 pm Christmas Pageant
- * 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service



St. Paul's Member Directory

Starting this December, St. Paul's will have a Member Directory available on our website *and* as a free app to your iPhone, iPad, iPad Mini, Android device or Kindle Fire! Search, email, call or text members right from your device. All of your information will be on secure servers. You will create a custom password to protect your directory. If you do not wish to be in the directory, contact Pastor Maxine at 610-363-2363. ~ Sarah Freed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vestry Mtg.	Monday, December 11 ~ 6 pm
Men's Bible Study	Saturday, December 16 ~ 7:30 am
MOVIE Night	Saturday, December 16 ~ 6 pm
Wreath Ceremony	Sunday, December 17 ~ 2 pm
Golden Girls Luncheon	Monday, December 18 ~ 12:30 pm



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton

The Reverend Maxine Maddox Dornemann, *Rector*
Don Strathy, *Rector's Warden* ~ Kedron Miller, *Organist & Choir Director*
Kathryn West, *Office Administrator* ~ Paul Heinmiller, *Treasurer*
Karen Adams, *Accounting Warden* ~ Greg LeBlanc, *Auditor*
Peter Schiller, *Property Chair* ~ Sarah Freed, *Communications*
Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 am—2:30 pm; Friday 9:30 am—1:30 pm



Second Sunday



Advent

December 10, 2017

Come in out of the cold for **MOVIE NIGHT** at St. Paul's

Saturday, December 16th, 6 to 9 pm in Getman Hall

featuring *A Christmas Carol* with Patrick Stewart

Admission is free for this great holiday date or family night out! Enjoy refreshments (hot dogs, walking tacos, beverages, popcorn & movie candy) Christmas gift wrapping (3 for \$5), child care (\$15 first child, \$10 each additional child) while watching this holiday classic with friends from St. Paul's! *All proceeds go to the St. Paul's Youth Group Pilgrimage.*



The Stewardship campaign is drawing to a close and there are still some people we have not heard from. If you plan to pledge, please let us know electronically or by snail mail. If you don't plan to pledge, I ask you to reconsider. Pledging is more than just a financial strategy so we can plan our budget. While Canon law requires pledging for full voting membership in the church, our community seeks your pledge as a declaration that St. Paul's matters to you. It is not the amount that matters; it is the commitment. Please pledge. ~Art Christensen, Chair

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*"How good it is to sing praises to our God!" Psalm 47: 1
Welcome, we are happy to have you worship with us today. Please fill out
a **Visitor Card** and place it in the alms basin or give it to an usher.
Be sure to ask an usher for our **Welcome Packet** before you leave today!*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I, 8 AM
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II, 10:30 AM

ENTRANCE HYMN *Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding* Hymnal 59

OPENING ACCLAMATION Rite I BCP 323
Rite II BCP 355

GLORIA Hymnal S278

COLLECT

~ Children leave for Children's Chapel ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-11

The first reading is a message of comfort and new hope to God's people. The time of exile in Babylon is coming to an end. A new way is made through the desert, and the mighty Lord comes, bringing peace and pardon to Jerusalem. Though all human powers fail, the Lord's word will stand. Like a shepherd, God will care for the people.

PSALM 85:1-2,8-13

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

This lesson is a reminder that the divine perspective on time can be very different from that of human beings. Many wonder why the Lord seems so slow to fulfill the promises of salvation and judgment. God, however, is patient and has divine purposes. Still, the day of the Lord will come suddenly, bringing a new heaven and earth. Christians must live both in patience and with a zeal for righteousness and peace in readiness for that judgment.

SEQUENCE HYMN *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* Hymnal 75
(vv. 1-2 before the Gospel, v. 3 after)

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

SERMON *The Rev. Maxine M. Dornemann*

NICENE CREED Rite I BCP 326
Rite II BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

THE PEACE Announcements

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Benjamin Harlan
Adult Choir

DOXOLOGY Hymnal 380 (v.3)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rite I BCP 340
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Rite II BCP 367

SANCTUS Hymnal S129

THE LORD'S PRAYER Rite I BCP 336
Rite II BCP 364

THE HOLY COMMUNION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD Rite I BCP 337
Rite II BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S154

COMMUNION HYMN *Creator of the Stars of Night* Hymnal 60

BENEDICTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Rite I BCP 339
Rite II BCP 366

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Prepare the Way o Zion* Hymnal 65

POSTLUDE

* Please return your nametags to the designated baskets.*

Listen live to Sunday worship; visit <http://stpauls-exton.com/stream/>



The altar flowers are given by Claire and Richard Patterson
in loving memory of their daughter Lisa,
and in gratitude for their many loving memories of her.



SERVING AT THE LITURGY

Officiant: The Rev. Maxine M. Dornemann
Organist: Kedron Miller



Ushers

Joe & Missy O'Keefe, 8:00
Cyndi Carter & Pat Ashton, 10:30

Acolytes

Paul Heinmiller, Kedra Miller,
Kate Greenawalt & Cora Van Aken

Eucharistic Ministers

Peggy LaGarde, 8:00
Mark Greenawalt, Karin Schwenk
& Joe Kubera, 10:30

Lectors

Missy O'Keefe & Peter Schiller, 8:00
Dindy Liebert & Susie Banet, 10:30

Breakfast Team

St. George
Gayle Lindsay & Sarah Freed (Nancy Long, Team Captain)

Flower Guild

Nancy Long & Gail Yard

Counter

Gail Yard

Communion Bread Baker

Peggy LaGarde

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Gracious Lord, through your messengers the prophets you have called your people to prepare the way of the Lord and to welcome the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: Speak tenderly to your people that we may wait for and hasten the coming day, saying: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Gracious Lord, you have baptized your Church with the Holy Spirit: Inspire us to lead lives of holiness and godliness as we prepare for new heavens and a new earth. Guide our leaders, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops Daniel, Rodney and Edward, all Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers and those working with the Seaman's Church Institute. Keep safe our companion Diocese of Guatemala and the Church of the Ascension in Patulul. Mercy and truth have met together: **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Holy Lord, we pray that the power of your holy presence may clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. Open the ears and eyes of the leaders of all the nations that they may listen to your words of peace. Mercy and truth have met together: **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Compassionate Lord, look upon the needs of all humanity: Feed your flock like a shepherd; gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom, gently leading the mother sheep, that all may know the comfort of your strength. Mercy and truth have met together: **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Ever-present Lord, lift up your voice with power to herald good tidings to the people of the community of St. Paul's. Free us from fear and make us bold as we work to be good stewards of your creation and carry your message of love to all peoples. Mercy and truth have met together: **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Glorious Lord, reveal your glory to all who look to you in hope, as we pray especially for those on our prayer list _____. Now I invite your own petitions, either silently or aloud. Bring into your everlasting rest those who have died. We remember especially Lisa, daughter of Claire Patterson and in whose memory today's altar flowers are given. Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Look upon your creation and comfort your people, Holy Lord. Let every valley be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low; let the uneven ground become level and the rough places a plain, that all people may see the revelation of the glory of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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Please include the following parishioners in your prayers:

Petra Drauschak on the loss of her mother Ingeborg Liedl, Veronica Grosch, Alex, Dotty McAfoos, Dolores Berridge, Peter Liebert and Diane Hydrean

Please keep these families & friends of our parishioners in your prayers:

Candy Jones, Jackson Lance, Logan Dayton, Billie, Patricia, Debbi J., Jane Ireland, Hank Buckwalter, John, Ed Schmid, James Balch, Lou Teti, Pastor Ebot Jumo, Belinda Snyder, Lois Egan, Jeannine Clark

If you would like to add a loved one or friend to the prayer chain, please contact Peggy LaGarde at marlag56@gmail.com or 610-458-7125.