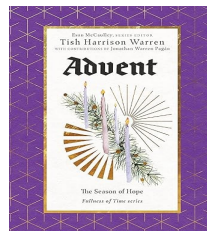


UPCOMING EVENTS . . .



2024 Stewardship Campaign

You're Stewardship letter and Pledge Card will be mailed to you soon.



Book Club

Monday, November 27 - 7:00 pm

We will be discussing *Advent: The Season of Hope* by Tish Harrison Warren.

Women's Bible Study & Discussion Tuesday November 28 - 7:00 pm



Our focus will be on the lessons and the sermon we heard on the previous Sunday.



Qigong Class, Thursday, November 30 - 6:30 pm

Qigong is a moving meditation combining breathwork, intention and slow, gentle motions. *For more information please contact the church office or Susan Mislick at 610-246-5269.*

Living Well Through Advent

December 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 10:30 am

The theme is *Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind*. This focus on practicing wonder is a way of helping us prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. Books are available in the church office.

Contact Pastor Maxine for a zoom invitation.



Start your Christmas shopping at St. Paul's
Christkindl Artisan Christmas Market
on Sunday December 3rd.

Chocolates, Ornaments, Jewelry, Holiday
Keepsakes and more!



Christmas Pageant News

It's official pageant time! We need angels, shepherds, and manger animals for our annual Christmas Pageant. All children are welcome to participate in the Pageant which will be held on December 24th at 4 p.m. To participate your child or children will need to attend a minimum of one regular practice and the dress rehearsal. Costume fittings will take place after church on the Sundays in December-it is important to make sure we have costumes in order so the pageant on the 24th will run smoothly.

A sign up sheet will available on the website soon!

Practice Dates:

Dec 3rd 9:15-9:45

Dec 10th 9:15-9:45

Dec 17th 9:15-9:45

Dec 23rd Dress Rehearsal 10-11:30 (Lunch will be provided).

The Mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton

is to create many doors by which people are invited to enter the Church and to exercise hospitality by welcoming all persons who seek a closer relationship with the sacred: those who have much faith and those who have little; those who have tried to live their faith and those who have struggled.



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Miranda Hodgkins, *Rector's Warden* ~ Michael Dillon, *Treasurer*
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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023



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The Reverend Maxine M. Domemann, Rector
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Welcome! We are happy to have you worship with us. Please be sure to ask an usher for a **Guest Information Card** before you leave today. If you have restless little ones, you may make use of the rocking chair and soft toys in the Narthex.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I: 8 AM Rite II: 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *O God Our Help in Ages Past* Croft, arr. Berry

ENTRANCE HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only You* Hymnal p. 423

OPENING ACCLAMATION I: BCP 323 II: BCP 355

GLORIA Hymnal S 280

COLLECT *See Insert*

~ Children leave for Children's Chapel ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7 *See Insert*

In this lesson from the Hebrew Bible the Israelites prove unfaithful to the Lord, going after foreign gods and doing what is evil in God's sight. In consequence, they fall under the oppression of the Canaanite King Jabin and the commander of his army, Sisera. The Lord raises up for the Hebrew people Deborah, a prophetess, to arbitrate for justice among them. Deborah, a gifted leader, is inspired to liberate the Israelites from their Canaanite overlords and summons the warrior Barak. Deborah commands Barak in the name of the Lord to gather warriors against the superior chariots and troops of Sisera, confident that God will grant the Israelites success.

At the end of the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Give us ears to hear God's word.

PSALM 123 *See Insert*

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *See Insert*

In this reading Paul counsels the new disciples to be alert as in the daylight, for the day of the Lord will come swiftly and unexpectedly, although at a time unknown to mortals. Many early Christians believed that the course of world history would soon come to an end. Paul urges the Thessalonians not to live like people of the night, but soberly and expectantly. Whether they first die or remain alive they may look forward, not to God's wrath, but to a salvation that has been gained through Jesus. Paul's central point remains valid for us: we do not know when the consummation of history will take place, but are to live always prepared for judgment.

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SEQUENCE HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be* Hymnal p. 707

(v.1 before the Gospel, v. 2 after)

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 *See Insert*

SERMON The Rev. Maxine Dornemann

NICENE CREED I: BCP 326 II: BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *See opposite page*
CONFESSION I: BCP 331 II: BCP 360

PEACE I: BCP 332 II: BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Maxine Dornemann

OFFERTORY HYMN *A Jubilant Song* Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Adult Choir

DOXOLOGY Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B I: BCP 340
II: BCP 367

SANCTUS Hymnal S 130

LORD'S PRAYER I: BCP 336 II: BCP 364

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

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S 164

HOLY COMMUNION
Everyone who is hungry for spiritual food is welcome to be fed at this altar.

COMMUNION HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* Hymnal p. 178

POST COMMUNION PRAYER I: BCP 339 II: BCP 366

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus* Hymnal p. 561

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Prichard arr. Hayes

Please return your nametags to the designated baskets.

SERVING AT THE LITURGY

Officiant The Rev. Maxine Dornemann
Organist Steve Canale
Ushers 8:00 Barbara & Michael Dockery
10:30 Miranda Hodgkins & Mona Khalil
Acolytes Andrew Dangin, Nancy Pollock,
Joanne Frybarger & Tommy Soule
Lectors 8:00 Peggy Lagarde & Barbara Cassell
10:30 Melissa & Rob Zack
Eucharistic Ministers 8:00 Dave Devenney
10:30 Joanne Gillespie & Mark Greenawalt
Altar Guild Nancy Pollock & Sandi Detweiler
Flower Guild Pat McDonald
Bread Baker Molly Handal
Livestream Josh Albert
Nursery Brighton Kopey
Breakfast St George - Nancy Long & Dave Kissane,
Leaders
Counter Susan Pigott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious and generous God, you have given to your creation all things necessary for our abundant life. As children of the light and the day, let us await the coming of the Lord in prayer in behalf of the human family around the world saying: O God for the sake of Christ, have mercy upon us.

Awaken your Church, O God, that we may encourage and build up one another to serve as instruments of your compassion and justice. Guide our leaders, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops Daniel, all Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers especially those who serve on our Diocesan Youth Council. Guide the ministry that is being done in our companion Dioceses of Navajoland and guide their leaders that may be a conduit of your love and grace. For the sake of Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

Loving Lord, inspire our leaders, with wisdom and discipline, and rescue all people from the scorn of the indolent rich and the derision of the proud. For the sake of Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

Compassionate Lord, protect the vulnerable of the earth from economic abuse. Grant that all who work may receive a proper return for their labor and that every person may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of your creation. With your help, let us work together to see that none of our children are scared by the ravages of poverty. For the sake of Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

Loving One, bless this community of St. Paul's with wisdom, healing and honor, that we may be bearers of faith, hope and love. As we continue to pray for a successful Stewardship Campaign, help us to trust that you will bless and multiply our gifts that we might serve by being the conduits of your love and grace in this corner of the world. We thank you for the gift of family and the answered prayer of healing. For the sake of Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

We commend to your mercy those for whom we pray, especially those on our prayer list: Michael Borst, Astrid King, McKenna Rose, Ava Karinja, Bill McAden, Wendi, Jack, Vivian Miller, Elaine Spangler, Connor Munday, Liz Clarke, Billy Galloway, Janet Grashof, Laurie Grashof, Peter Schiller, Danny Finnegan, Gayle, Morgan West, Debbie Markowitz, Billie, Patricia Patton and Elizabeth. I invite your own petitions at this time, either silently or aloud. We remember those who have entered the gates of larger life ahead of us, especially Tom Belle who passed away last Wednesday evening, and those who will welcome us home when it is our turn to take that journey. For the sake of Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

O compassionate God, in Jesus, your child of promise, we know and await the life and peace of which you have assured us. We look forward to that life of peace with hope for ourselves and for those whom we have remembered, in the name of the same child who now lives with you in community with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.



If you would like to add a loved one or friend to the prayer list, contact Peggy LaGarde at marlag56@gmail.com or 484-459-8078.