

Mark Your Calendar

October 27th Book Club 7:00 p.m. — “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt

November 2nd—All Saints Day

Annual Soup Sale: Pick up November 7th and 8th.

November 19th—Celtic Service



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton
The Rev. Maxine Dornemann, Rector
Mary Davis, Rector's Warden
Lisa Hartman, Music Minister
Luther Detweiler, Treasurer ~ Greg LeBlanc, Auditor



October 26th, 2025
Twentieth Season after Pentecost



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Our Mission at St. Paul's

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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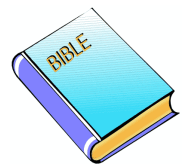
Winter Coat Drive

Many thanks to our wonderful St. Paul's community for donating 54 winter coats along with winter accessories! They have been delivered to Kesher Israel Congregation and will be distributed to those in need in Philadelphia. Kesher Israel greatly appreciates St. Paul's participation and generosity.



Children's Bible Study

On Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., we will be holding a children's bible study for grades 4 and up. The class will be studying the gospel of Mark.



Jim Davis is the Sunday School teacher leading this program, which will be held in the library.

Regular Sunday school will resume as soon as we confirm the teacher.

~ St. Paul's Community ~

Campus Projects

There are two main construction projects beginning on the St. Paul's Campus. Our beautiful steeple is being renovated with a new spire that is designed to also serve as a lightning rod, as well as replacement of all the slate tiles. The other project is the conversion of the St. Paul's Labyrinth to a more permanent, accessible, and easier to maintain outdoor prayer space. Check the church's website (www.stpaulsexton.com) for updates.



Supper Clubs

Supper Clubs at St. Paul's will start up again in January and new groups of eight are being formed. This is a great opportunity for you to have fun, socialize, and get to know your fellow parishioners even better.



Please sign up on the forms available at the back of the church sanctuary or contact Sandi Detweiler to be assigned to a group.

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, please make use of the rocking chair and soft toys in the Narthex.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I: 8:00 AM

Rite II: 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

HOLY SPIRIT, FAITHFUL GUIDE
Arr. Robert Hughes

ORGAN

ENTRANCE HYMN

HYMNAL 398

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

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 his inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

GLORIA

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THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

~ Children's Chapel Dismissal ~

FIRST READING; A READING FROM Joel 2:23-32

In our Hebrew Bible reading, the prophet pictures a time of great abundance and gladness. All plague and famine are in the past. The Lord will be present to the people of God, and they will never again be put to shame. God will pour forth the Spirit on all peoples, creating prophecies, dreams, and visions. There will be signs in the natural world as well, on earth and in the sky, for this will be a time of great transformation—a day of judgement as well as opportunity for salvation.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I,
the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Stewardship Campaign:

As part of our stewardship campaign, we will be meeting in small groups. Groups have already begun meeting. Please use this QR code to sign up for a convenient time.



We would be grateful if you would include our stewardship prayer in your daily prayers:

Creator God, be present with us as we enter a new season of growth for St. Paul's. Give us the courage to ask, "God, what do You want to do through me at St. Paul's?" Fill us with your life-giving and purifying Spirit and recreate us and this space according to your Will. Enlighten our community and show us the way to honor, improve and enhance this sacred place in honor of You. Let St. Paul's Exton continue to be a beacon of Your love, grace, peace, hospitality and community for generations to come. In Your Name, we pray. Amen.



Officiant	The Rev. Maxine Dornmann
Music Minister	Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Minister	Rite I: Peggy LaGarde Rite II: Mark Greenawalt, Joanne Gillespie
Lectors	Rite I: Art and Cindy Christensen Rite II: Luther and Sandi Detweiler
Ushers	Rite I: Paula Turocy Rite II: Rob and Melissa Zach
Acolytes	Nancy Pollock Emily Lindsay Tommy Soule
Junior Acolyte	Calla Longua
Altar Guild	Karen Marlo
Flower Guild	Nancy Long
Bread Baker	Karen Marlo
Livestream	Pat Gray
Counters	Chad and Kate Adelhardt

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Give us ears to hear God's word.

Psalm 65

CANTOR Mark Chamberlain

Refrain:

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

RCL Proper 25C (C Track) Psalm 65

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- 1 *You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; **
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 *To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, **
because of their transgressions.
- 3 *Our sins are stronger than we are, **
but you will blot them out.
- 4 *Happy are they whom you choose*
*and draw to your courts to dwell there! **
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 *Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,*
*O God of our salvation, **
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 *You make fast the mountains by your power; **
they are girded about with might.
- 7 *You still the roaring of the seas, **
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 *Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at*
*your marvelous signs; **
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 *You visit the earth and water it abundantly;*
*you make it very plenteous; **
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 *You prepare the grain, **
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 *You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; **
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its in-
crease.
- 12 *You crown the year with your goodness, **
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 *May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, **

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

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HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

HYMNAL 561

Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus

POSTLUDE

ORGAN

MAJESTIC POSTLUDE

MARK L. WILLIAMS

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

and the hills be clothed with joy.

*14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.*

SECOND READING: A READING from 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

In this lesson, Paul, believing that his death is near, closes his letter to Timothy and looks forward with great faith to the heavenly kingdom. Paul is in prison in Rome, having already been put on trial once and barely escaping the lion's jaws. Although he may only be speaking figuratively, some form of martyrdom appears close at hand. Even his friends have deserted him. Still, he proclaims the gospel and is ready to be sacrificed, trusting that the Lord will soon appear. His perseverance becomes a pillar for the continuing faith of the church.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Give us ears to hear God's word. Amen.

Sequence Hymn

HYMNAL 637

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION
(VV 1-3 before Gospel, VV 4-5 after)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

SERMON

Rev. Maxine Dornemann

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.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, use your Church, as a beacon to those who want a more loving and enfolding world. Our faith is centered on Christ, who is revealed to us in the healing touch of God's justice and mercy. We now call on God to continue that same healing and justice in our lives and in our world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Forgiving Lord, fill our leaders with the faith that makes them humble in the service of your Church. We ask your guidance especially for our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishop Daniel, all Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers especially those who lead the work of our Diocesan Youth Committee. Guide the leaders of our companion Diocese of Gua-

temala. Help them to make your presence known to those who worship in their Parishes. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Generous Lord, look with kindness upon this congregation of St. Paul's. Help us to never forget that you are the source of all our strength. Help us to make this place of worship a welcoming home to those who search for a closer relationship with you. We are grateful for the earth, not only because it sustains us but also because its beauty feeds our souls. Give us wisdom and vision as we strive to be faithful stewards of your creation and help us to see your hand in the world all around us so that we might care for it as we would care for you. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Patient Lord, as the election for new political leaders grows near and rhetoric gets inflamed, breathe your spirit of wisdom, humility and understanding into candidates and voters alike. Use us as your conduits of grace and understanding in a hurting world as we work toward a solution to permanent world peace. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, bring your healing love to everyone who suffers in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list: Gary, Connor Munday, Laurie Grashof, Gayle, Debbie Markowitz, Billie, Kim Brown, Kathy Guilin, Cassie Bowers, Kate Travers, Kat Harting, Jennifer, Christian, Iris, Amy, Mark Emmons, Dawn Lowe, sister of Beth Chamberlain, and Trent Patrick McDonald, brother of Shane McDonald, for whom the gates of larger life have opened. Keep them in your merciful care, and bless everyone who comforts and assists them in their time of need.

I invite your own petitions at this time, either silently or aloud: Bring your comfort and light to all who grieve the loss of loved ones. Comfort them with the knowledge that their loved ones are resting with you. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we seek your face in our lives. Strengthen our prayer lives that we might communicate with you faithfully and honestly. Touch us with your Spirit of justice and healing, through Christ your Son, in whom we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

In the name of our crucified and risen Lord; The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

CHOIR ANTHEM

TRUST IN THE LORD
MARY McDONALD

DOXOLOGY

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