

Mark Your Calendar

Labyrinth Dedication **today** after the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to assist in dedicating this special St. Paul's ministry. Reception to follow in Getman Hall.

November 19th—Celtic Service

November 23rd - Stewardship Sunday

November 24th—Book Club, 7:00 p.m. in Library
(The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon)



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



November 16th, 2025
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



AND THEY SHALL BUILD HOUSES, THEM:
AND THEY SHALL INHABIT THEM: "AND TH PLANT VINEYARDS;
AND EAT THE FRUIT OF THE FRUIT OF THEM.

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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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Campus Projects

We are preparing for St. Paul's two hundredth anniversary with several major construction projects. Two are nearing completion and we are planning to celebrate the completion of each very shortly.

Today, we will celebrate the dedication of our beautiful new, more accessible labyrinth on November 16th after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us!

The second is the renovation of our beautiful steeple with a new spire that will also serve as a lightning rod. The tiles are also being replaced. This much-needed work is being done thanks to a generous gift from Barbara Painter, who is both the oldest and longest-serving member of our church. We will be celebrating the completion of this major project on December 7th. Stay tuned for more details.

~ St. Paul's Community ~

St. Paul's Garden Update

We are pleased to announce that our final donation total for the Chester County Food Bank is a little more than 632 pounds of fresh produce. This donation helps our community by providing healthy, delicious, organic food to help feed our neighbors who have food insecurity. Our thanks to the Garden Committee whose hard work through all kinds of weather made this donation possible.

Soup Sale Results

Thanks to everyone's incredible effort, we made 230 quarts of soup and chili and raised \$2,588 for St. Paul's!



This event wouldn't be possible without our chefs' generous support, tireless effort, and good-humored flexibility—especially as the team navigated the challenge of limited freezer space in the kitchen!

We are also grateful for everyone who helped to distribute the soup at the church, manage online and in-person orders, and spread the word. And of course, thank you to everyone at St. Paul's who purchased our delicious soups!

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

MARCH PONTIFICALE

ORGAN

Gordon Young

ENTRANCE HYMN

HYMNAL 371

THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father, Son, 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

S280

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 ISAIAH 65:17-25

In this prophetic reading, we hear of a blessed time when God will overcome many of life's shortcomings and frustrations. A prophet probably wrote these words in a period after the people had returned from exile, but while there was still much cause for discouragement. A new order will come for Jerusalem. No longer will children die young or workers not know the fruits of their labor. Even the animals will enjoy the new age.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its
people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a
youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be
considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

~ St. Paul's Community ~

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

Bridge Academy

This Christmas Season, our St. Paul's community is partnering with The Bridge Academy Community Center to bring joy to families in Coatesville by purchasing gifts for children and teens, ages 5-17. Please keep gifts new, unwrapped, and \$25 or less and deliver to the library in Lockwood Reilly by December 9th.

There is a list of suggested gifts by age in the back of the sanctuary or you can email stpaulsexton@gmail.com for a list. Teens especially appreciate gift cards and practical items (water bottles, room lights). Thank you for considering this opportunity to share God's love.

~ St. Paul's Community ~

Welcome to Keshar Israel!

Please welcome members of the Keshar Israel congregation who are joining us in worship at the 10:30 a.m. service. We are so pleased to have this interfaith celebration! Rabbi Sam Yolen will give a blessing.

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.

Looking for Ways to Help at St. Paul's?

Please consider volunteering to be an usher, lector, acolyte or eucharistic minister during Sunday services. If you are interested, please send an email to stpaulsexton@gmail.com.

they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy
the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

Canticle 9

CANTOR Janet Grashof

Refrain:

Sing the praises of the Lord.

RCL Proper 28C (C Track) Canticle 9

Sing the praises of the Lord.

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Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great
things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of
Israel.

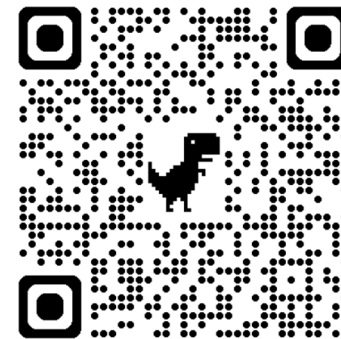
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

SECOND READING: A READING from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

In this lesson, Paul deals with the problem of those who are so expectant that the Lord will come soon and are so meddlesome in the affairs of others that they have given up their daily work. These individuals may have believed that they were already exalted to such a spiritual plane that mundane matters were no longer a concern for them. This may seem like piety on their

You can make your pledge online using the QR code below, through the St. Paul's website, at stpaulsexton.com/stewardship-3/, by leaving your pledge form in the collection plate on Sunday, or by mailing your pledge form to the Church office.

THANK YOU!!



Stewardship Campaign:

We have had 42 participants in our small discussion groups. Thank you to all who participated. Our findings will be summarized for the Vestry and Rector to review in January, followed by a presentation to the Parish as a whole. There is still a week left to sign up for a group; sign up through the St. Paul's website. Contact Doug Pusey if you have questions or are not able to find a time slot to fit your schedule at doug@sterlingkitchens.com

Did you know? St. Paul's operating expenses are primarily funded through contributions from parishioner pledges. The Vestry relies on pledge commitments to help set the operating budget for the coming year.

So far, through your generosity and prayerful commitment, we have received 29 pledge commitments for a total of \$121,000 or 64% of our goal of \$190,000. We are deeply grateful for every gift and every act of faith that has made this possible. Each pledge represents not just financial support, but a shared vision for what God is doing in and through our congregation.

If you haven't yet had a chance to make your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so by Sunday, November 23rd. Every contribution - large or small - makes a real difference. If you are currently set up for automatic payment, we still need your pledge commitment for next year.

part, but it means they have become a problem for others. Paul reminds them of his own example and bluntly rules that such people should either work or else not eat.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Sequence Hymn

HYMNAL 598

LORD CHRIST, WHEN FIRST CAM' ST TO EARTH
(VV 1-2 before Gospel, VV 3-4 after)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them."

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Officiant	The Rev. Maxine Dornmann
Music Minister	Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Minister	Rite I: Peggy LaGuarde Rite II: Calhoun Thrasher Joanne Frybarger
Lectors	Rite I: Art & Cindy Christensen Rite II: Regis Turocy Bill Munday
Ushers	Rite I: Lydia Toscano Rite II: Paula Turocy Lanita Kemezis
Acolytes	Shane McDonald Kristy Wright Dave Kissane
Altar Guild	Nancy Pollock Tracey Listmeier
Flower Guild	Patti Glassey
Bread Baker	Sandi Detwiler
Livestream	Josh Albert
Counters	Greg LeBlanc

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMNAL 615

THY KINGDOM COME! ON BENDED KNEE

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 607

O God of Every Nation

POSTLUDE

ORGAN

TOCCATA FRANCAIS
GORDON YOUNG

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.
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

Holy God, our hearts exult in you. Hear the petitions of your servants that we may find favor in your sight as we pray. May your reign come.

Lord; hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church that it may always be a sign of your loving presence and a sign of hope even in the darkest times. Open our hearts to your grace and truth that we might support one another in Christ. Especially lift up the leaders of our Church: our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishop Daniel, all Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers, especially those who serve on Diocesan Wellness Committee. Be powerfully present to the leaders of our companion Diocese of Guatemala and the Church of St. Andrew. May your reign come

Lord: hear our prayer.

Illumine the minds of the leaders of the world and help us and them to remember that the future is in your hands even when it is hidden from human view. May your reign come.

Lord: hear our prayer.

In this time of wars and rumors of war, earthquake and famine, and of nation rising against nation, we pray for the welfare of the world and for the faith to see that these troubles are but the birth pangs of your coming reign of peace. Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit. May your reign come.

Lord: hear our prayer.

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

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S164

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.

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.**

Put your laws in the hearts of this community of St. Paul's. Write your laws in our hearts and minds, that we may approach one another with true hearts in full assurance of faith. Help us to be bold in serving you and taking on those ministries you would have us accomplish. May your reign come.

Lord: Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers for those who suffer or are in need, especially those on our prayer list: Gary, Connor Munday, Laurie Grashof, Gayle, Debbie Markowitz, Billie, Kim Brown, Kathy Guilin, Cassie Bowers, Kate Travis, Kat Harting, Jennifer Christian, Iris, Amy, Mark Emmons, and Dawn Lowe. I invite your own prayers of intercession at this time, either silently or aloud. We commend to you those who have departed before us and who now rest in your loving arms. May your reign come.

Lord: hear our prayer.

Holy God, you have inscribed your holy will upon our hearts and minds: Grant us grace to hold fast to the confession of our hope, without wavering, in the assurance of your faithfulness. Send the members of St. Paul's Church in witness to your love. **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.

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

OUR HOPE IS IN JESUS

MARY McDONALD

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

HYMNALS130

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.