St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
*Forming People into the Body of Christ*

# ALL SAINTS' DAY
# WITH HOLY BAPTISM

11:00 A.M. | NOVEMBER 1, 2026

## The Word of God

**PRELUDE** | *O God of Life's Great Mystery* setting by K. Kosche

**ENTRANCE HYMN** | *For all the saints (Sine Nomine)* Hymnal 287
*The people stand and sing verses 1-4.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. BCP p. 299
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*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.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect*
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

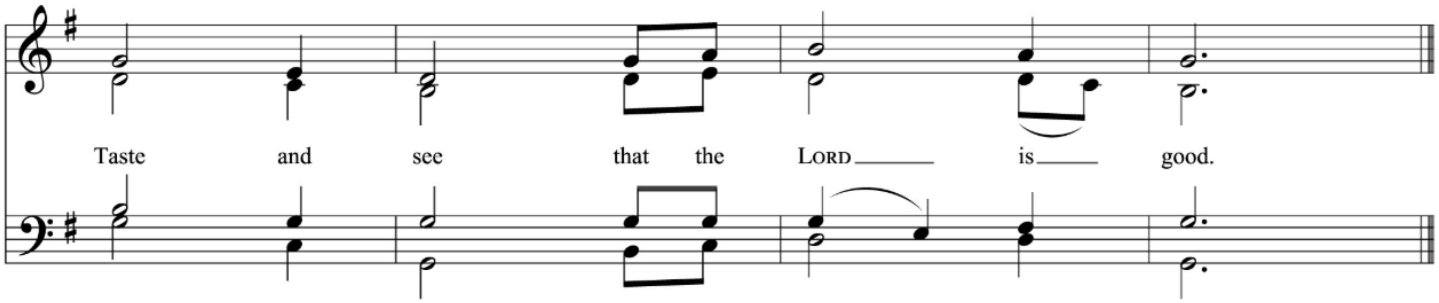
**FIRST LESSON** Revelation 7:9-17
*The people sit.*

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and
peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who
are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he
said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun
will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will
guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God

**PSALM** Psalm 34:1-10, 22

**ANTIPHON**




[1]I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
[2]I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice. *ANTIPHON*

[3]Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
[4]I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror. *ANTIPHON*

[5]Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6]I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles. *ANTIPHON*

[7]The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
[8]Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him! *ANTIPHON*

[9]Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
[10]The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
[22]The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him. *ANTIPHON*

**SECOND LESSON** 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** | *I sing a song of the saints of God (Grand Isle)* Hymnal 293
*The people stand.*

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-12

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**
*The people sit.*

**THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES** BCP p. 301

*The Celebrant says*
The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows*

*Sponsors* I present *N*. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant then asks each candidate when presented*
Do you desire to be baptized?
*Candidate* I do.

*Once all the candidates who are able to answer for themselves have been presented, then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents*
I present *N*. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all who cannot answer for themselves have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*
Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*
I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
*Answer* I do.

*The people stand. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
*People* We will.

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** BCP 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 the 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 305

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*
Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions, first saying*
Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant concludes*
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER** BCP 306

*The baptismal font is prepared. The Celebrant then blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*
Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE BAPTISM** BCP 307

*The people may be seated.*

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate saying*
*N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

*The Celebrant then places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, and saying*
*N.*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

*A candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and presented to the family for each baptismal candidate.*

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant prays over them, saying*
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

*The Celebrant says*
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*The people stand. Celebrant and 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** BCP p. 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People* And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

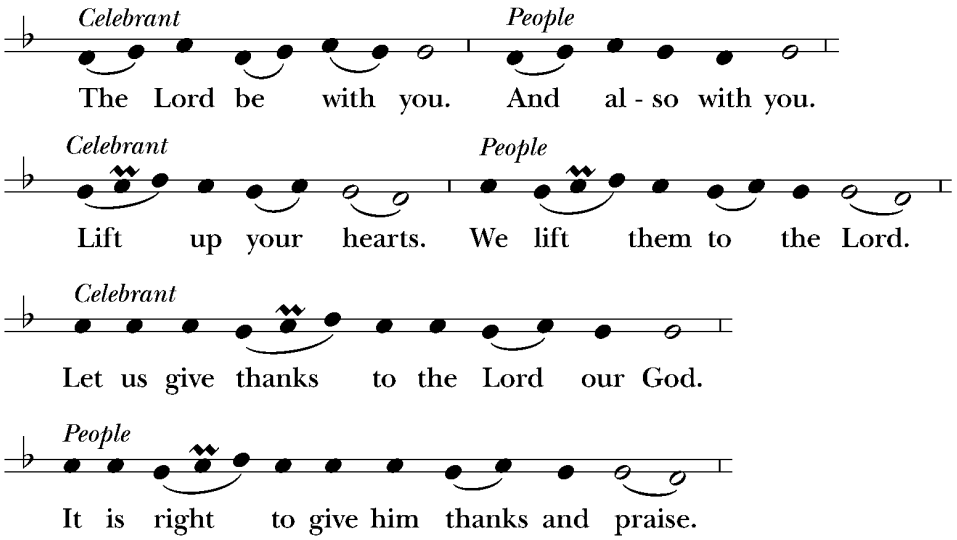
**OFFERTORY** | *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. Alice Parker
*The people sit.*

**THE DOXOLOGY** *Lasst uns erfreuen*
*The people stand.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
Praise God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**THE NECROLOGY**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** BCP p. 367




*The Celebrant proceeds*
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 in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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**SANCTUS** *(Robert Powell)* S 129

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.

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*
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.

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,

*Celebrant and People*
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

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*.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** BCP p. 364

*People and Celebrant*
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, forever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** S 155
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you at the back of the nave.*

**COMMUNION** | *Brother James Air* arr. D. Wood

*Jerusalem, my happy home (Land of Rest)* Hymnal 620
*Shall We Gather at the River* LEVAS 141

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP p. 366
*The people stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together*

Almighty and everliving 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 for ever. Amen.

*The celebrant gives the blessing.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN** | *Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst uns erfreuen)* Hymnal 618
*The people stand.*

*The Priest dismisses the People with these words*
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** | *Lobe den Herren* J.G. Walther

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Prayer Team: David Rowe, Sandy Clemmon, Jennifer Handy, Jeff James
Acolytes: George Carlson, Lucas Duchacek, Veronika Duchacek, Margaret Stewart
Ushers: Ruby Gaither, Tom Neff
Altar Guild: Gina Garner, Jim Calder, Holly Cunningham, Mary Hooper, Krystal Marsh, and Macie Peak
Tech Team: Adam Thrash, Jeanne Potter
Flowers by the Flower Guild

**We give thanks for our Baptismal Candidates**

Ruby Cate Fournier
Anthony Jeremiah Miller

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**FLOWER DEDICATION**

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and

in celebration of the baptism of Anthony Jeremiah Miller, by Joshua and Stefanie Miller;

in celebration of Ruby Cate Fournier, by Charlies Fournier and Lindsey Jennings;

in loving memory of Aunt Francis Robeson & Uncle Bob Robeson by Tom Neff; and

in memory of Samuel Ruthven Williamson by his nieces and nephews, Collier & Fant Smith, Sally, Fant and Helen Smith.

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**For those with cancer**: Ann, Anna Dean, Barbara, Betsy, Doug, Mandy, Mary Beth, Sage, and Zanie.

**For those in cancer remission:** Andie, Mark, Sherry, Jim, and Vicki.

**For those healing from surgery:** Edward.

**For those with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers.**

**For those experiencing mental health issues.**

**For those with other needs:** Bobby & Martha, David, Ed & Connie, Linda, Sara, and Theresa

**For those imprisoned, including:** Charlie, Corinio, Michael, and Tyrone.

**For those experiencing homelessness, including:**

**For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including**: Benjamin, Chris, Christian, Evan, Gaven, Grace, Josh, Nate, Topher, Sean, Walker, and Zachary.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 7:30 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite I**, Gospel Piano
- 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | **Nursery available**
- 8:45 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, Ancient and Modern
  - **Children's Church**, Parish Hall, 2nd floor
- 10:00 a.m. | **Christian Education**
  - **Rector's Forum |** Today, 10:00 a.m., Parish Hall
    *The Book of Common Prayer,* join us for three weeks of discussion on the American edition of the Book of Common Prayer featuring its ancient historical roots, its scriptural foundations, and explore the riches of the rites and ceremonies within its pages.
  - **Parents' Group "Choosing Life: Hard Conversations." |** Wise Room, 2nd floor
    Join us for a special 4-week series with guest speakers addressing some of the more difficult, but necessary, conversations parents need to have with each other and with their children. Guest speakers include, Keith and Lauren Gamble, Vanessa Bentley, and Nancy and David Loucky.
  - **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** | Kindergarten and 1st graders, Atrium Level I; 2nd and 3rd graders, Atrium Level II; 4th and 5th graders, Atrium Level III; Parish Hall, 2nd floor
  - **Youth Sunday School**
    - Middle School (CGS IIIB) | Sewanee Room, Parish Hall 2nd floor
    - High School (Jesus' Sermon on the Mount) | Christian Education Rooms, Parish Hall, 1st floor
- 11:00 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, Choir, Organ, and Livestream
- 5:00 p.m. | **SNL**, Youth Room, St. Margaret's Hall, 2nd floor

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

- 7:00 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, St. Andrew's Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. | **Evening Prayer,** St. Andrew's Chapel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Stewardship**
Thank you to all who joined us on Gratitude Sunday to bless our pledge cards and celebrate God's abundant provision! So far 93 households have pledged a total of $622,458 of our goal of approximately $1 million. If you were unable to attend, or haven't yet turned in your card, it isn't too late — pledge cards may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office at any time. Your commitment, whatever its size, is a meaningful step in your journey as a disciple.

**Farewell Dr. Blaess | Friday, November 13, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Parish Hall**
Come help us celebrate Kristine's ministry at St. Paul's!
This is a chance for us to give thanks for all that God has done through Kristine during her tenure as our Rector. St. Paul's throws a great party, and this one is sure to be special. Let's send her off in style to her next adventure with great food, some brief remarks, and wonderful fellowship…you don't want to miss it! If you'd like to help with food and hospitality, find the link in the e-Newsletter to sign up.

Our tradition is also to provide departing clergy with a financial "Love Offering" as they leave. You may give gifts or cards directly to Kristine, or you may send them to the church marked "Kristine Love Offering." Any gifts processed through the church are *not* considered tax-deductible or charitable giving**.**

**Congratulations to the Reverend Colin Ambrose, elected 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee**
Please pray for Father Colin, Trisha, and their children. Father Colin will be consecrated on April 10, 2027.

**Rector's Forum |** Sundays, November 1, and November 8, 10:00 a.m., Parish Hall
The *Book of Common Prayer*, since its first publishing in 1549 and its various iterations since, has shaped the religious lives of countless millions of men, women, and children from birth and baptism, through marriage, and on to illness and death and burial. Join us for three weeks of discussion on the American edition of the Prayer Book featuring its ancient historical roots, its scriptural foundations, and explore the riches of the rites and ceremonies within its pages.

**Parents' Group |** Sundays, through November 15, 10:00 a.m., Wise Room, 2nd Floor
"Choosing Life: Hard Conversations"
Join us for a special 4-week series with guest speakers addressing some of the more difficult, but necessary, conversations parents need to have with each other and with their children.

- November 1 - Keith and Lauren Gamble speak on the necessity of making a will and estate planning.
- November 8 - Vanessa Bentley, a counselor based in Nashville, speaks on building resilience and honest communication, especially considering issues around substance abuse.
- November 15 - Nancy and David Loucky speak about caring for elderly parents and young children during the same season of life.

This series is for parents of all ages, with children of all ages, as these are timeless yet vital questions. Please join us!

**Food Drive - Red Bag Turn In | Today**
Please return your red bags holding your donations today, November 1. Items needed are canned protein, pasta and tomato sauce, fruit cups, energy bars, baking goods, and snacks. Monetary donations can be made as well. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "Foodbank" in the memo line or donate online through Realm.

**Angel Tree** |
The 2026 St. Paul's Angel Tree is here! We still have 30 Angels up for adoption. Stop by the Angel Tree table between services or during the Christian Ed hour to pick up your packet. Gifts should be brought back to St. Paul's by November 22. If you plan to adopt more than 1 Angel, please consider adopting siblings. Questions? Contact DeAnna Bartsch at dsimms514@comcast.net or Ben Bartsch at benbartsch55@gmail.com.

**Men's Club |** Thursday, November 5, Fellowship at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Newt Malloy will bring the entree. Please contact Newt (615-429-3340) for side dish recommendations.

**Newcomers' Brunch | Sunday, November 8, 9:45 a.m.**
Newcomers, we are so pleased you are here and want to get to know you. Please join our newcomers team for brunch, where we will visit and share about St. Paul's mission. RSVP to Joyce Adkins at joycea1010@gmail.com.

**Ladies' Night Out** | Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. | at the home of Libby Willis
Join us for fun, food and fellowship. Bring an item to share. For questions, please contact Libby Willis at 615-545-0220 or willis2010@bellsouth.net

**Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee Youth Retreat** | Sunday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
6th - 12th graders across the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee are invited to join us for a day retreat in Sewanee! A day of adventure, learning, eating, celebrating, and celebrating Eucharist together. Bring a friend and sign up today to join us! *This event is going to be indoors and outdoors. Please dress in casual layers.* See the Youth page on our website, band, or the e-Newsletter to sign-up. Please sign up no later than Sunday, November 2 and email Fr. Josh at josh.wilson@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org to RSVP. St. Paul's Youth will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to drive to Sewanee. We will return around 5:00 p.m. to St. Paul's.

**Official Youth Presence at General Convention 2027** | Application Deadline, November 20
The 67th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 1982 resolved that "a youth presence" should be invited to all future conventions. The Official Youth Presence comprises up to two young people from each of the church's nine provinces who go through a rigorous application and training process. They have seat and voice on the floor of the House of Deputies during General Convention and can testify at hearings held before and during the triennial church legislative gathering. The voices and perspectives of the Official Youth Presence are an invaluable part of the church's work as we focus on current concerns and look toward the future. The deadline for applications is November 20, 2026. See the Youth page or the e-Newsletter for the application link.

**Annual Craft & Bake Sale |** Sunday November 22

- *What we do*: This year's Annual Craft & Bake Sale will be held after each service on Sunday November 22.
- *What we need*: Both shoppers and contributors with their homemade items.
- *What to expect*: beer bread, fruited breads, cookies, pies, cakes, jewelry items, hand knitted or crocheted items, handmade greeting cards, and handmade wood items. We will have local honey from our own St. Paul's Beekeeper Association. We never know exactly what else to expect, and that is part of the fun … seeing what we receive. What new talents may we discover this year? I look forward to finding out.
- If you have larger items, such as artwork, events you are willing to coordinate or a meal you can host, we will use those for our silent auction. Please contact Alice Gibson now at the number below.
- *What this event does:* The proceeds of the sale go to the clergy discretionary funds and the CONNECT Ministry fund.
- *Any questions:* Please contact Alice Gibson at 615-972-4890.

**Coldest Nights Needs**
St. Paul's is once again hosting the Coldest Nights emergency shelter for local unhoused women on the first floor of St. Margaret's Hall on evenings when the temperature falls below 32 degrees. Current needs are food donations of individually wrapped snacks, fruit cups, packets of instant oatmeal, bottled water, and microwavable cups of macaroni and cheese. Other items needed include: ChapStick, hot hands and feet warmers, Depends underwear, protein drinks for diabetics, cough drops, and women's socks and underwear. Single ride Rover cards and $5 McDonald's gift cards are also welcome. Donations can be left at the Parish Hall in the Coldest Nights basket or in the church office. Financial contributions may be made by check payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Please write Coldest Nights in the memo line, or donate online through Realm. For more information, contact Lisa Eveleigh at 919-265-4526 or lgeveleigh@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

**Offering**
To make an offering online with your debit/credit card, scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. A link will appear, click on it to open our website's giving page. You can select the fund you want to give to (i.e. pledge fulfillment, general offering, CONNECT, etc.) and leave a note in the memo line, if desired. Text giving is also available, text GIVESTPAULS along with giving amount to 73256 (ex., GIVESTPAULS $10).