



Christ the Good Shepherd, Catacombs of Priscilla (ca. early 3rd century), Rome.

ANCIENT AND MODERN WORSHIP

Whether you have been attending St. Paul's for years or this is your first time, we are glad you are here! We hope you'll feel God in this place. In our church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion regardless of age or denomination. If you have not been baptized but would like to receive a blessing, just cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar Rail and the priest will know that you'd like to be blessed. If you would like to hear more from us or learn about getting connected, please fill out a visitor card that can be found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

The Nursery is open for children six weeks to 5 years old. Our trained nursery staff provide a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for your children. The Nursery is through the doors at right side of the Nave (worship space). Children's Church is a liturgical worship experience especially for children ages 3 ½ through 8. It is located upstairs, just off the elevator. An usher will be happy to help you find your way! Children are also more than welcome to remain for the entire service. Feel free to decide what works best for your family.

If you are new to the Episcopal Church, you may find parts of the service unfamiliar – that is perfectly fine! Many of us did not grow up in this tradition but were drawn to the way that our worship feels ancient and yet still relevant today. Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. You'll notice that we draw from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymnal. These are found in the pew rack and you're welcome to use them!

The Word of God

PRELUDE

We Are Your People

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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The people stand.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Give Him The Highest Praise

Give Him the high - est praise! For He is wor - thy to be lift - ed up!

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Give Him the high - est praise! For He is wor - thy to be lift - ed up! He is wor -

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- thy, wor - thy, wor - thy. He is wor - thy to be lift - ed up! He is wor -

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- thy, wor - thy, wor - thy. He is wor - thy to be lift - ed up!

We Are Your People

We are your peo - ple, made for your glo - ry, and we wor - ship you. Yes we

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wor - ship you. We are your peo - ple made for your glo - ry, and we

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wor - - ship you. Yes we wor - - ship you.

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

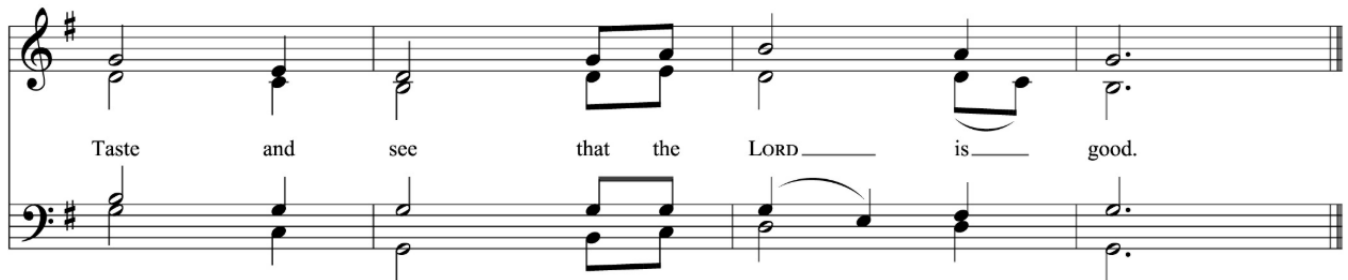
⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for 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



¹I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
²I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice. **ANTIPHON**
³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror. **ANTIPHON**
⁵Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
⁶I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles. **ANTIPHON**

⁷The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him! **ANTIPHON**
⁹Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
²²The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him. **ANTIPHON**

GOSPEL SONG
The people stand.

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart; Give thanks to the Ho - ly One; Give

6 thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, His Son. Give Son. And now let the

12 weak say, "I am strong;" Let the poor say, "I am rich;"— be - cause of what the Lord has

17 done for_ us. And us. Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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. ¹²Rejoice 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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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The people stand. The Celebrant first addresses the people in these words,

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

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 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.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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The people kneel or stand. The leader and people pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Colin, our Bishop-elect; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald our President and Bill our Governor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Celebrant bids the people to the confession of their sins against God and neighbor. The people kneel as able.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant says

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

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The people stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Alabaster Box
Joel Perry, vocal solo

Janice Sjostran

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. When you come to the altar rail, you may kneel or stand. 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. An intercessory prayer team is available in the sacristy hallway to pray with you.*

DOXOLOGY

The people stand.

Old 100th



THE NECROLOGY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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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

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Oh, the Blood of Jesus

Oh, the blood of Je - sus. Oh, the blood of Je - sus. Oh, the blood of

6

Je - sus. It wash - es white as snow

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Oh, the blood of Je - sus. Oh, the blood of Je - sus. Oh, the blood of". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 6 measures, then continues with the melody and lyrics: "Je - sus. It wash - es white as snow".

I Worship You Almighty God

I wor - ship you Al - migh - ty God, there is none like you. I

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wor - ship you O Prince of Peace That is what I want to do. I

10

give you praise, _____ for you are my right - eous - ness. _____ I

14

wor - ship you, Al - migh - ty God, there is none like you!

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "I wor - ship you Al - migh - ty God, there is none like you. I". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 6 measures, then continues with the melody and lyrics: "wor - ship you O Prince of Peace That is what I want to do. I". The third staff starts with a measure rest of 10 measures, then continues with the melody and lyrics: "give you praise, _____ for you are my right - eous - ness. _____ I". The fourth staff starts with a measure rest of 14 measures, then continues with the melody and lyrics: "wor - ship you, Al - migh - ty God, there is none like you!".

Hallelujah

Ha - le - lu - jah! Ha - le - lu - jah! O Lord we praise your name.

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All the glo - ry, all the prai - se, O Lord we praise your name!

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Ha - le - lu - jah! Ha - le - lu - jah! O Lord we praise your name.". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, then continues with the melody and lyrics: "All the glo - ry, all the prai - se, O Lord we praise your name!".

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People, standing.

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 blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

For all the saints (verses 1 and 4)

Hymnal 287

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!____

thee____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

Name, O____ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
all are____ one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Please join us for Christian Education for all ages after the service.

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The Rev. Josh Wilson, Pastoral Resident
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Lector: High Garst
Intercessor: Joan Kleinlein
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Prayer Team: Kim Baumann, Alice Gibson
Acolytes: George Carlson, James Wood, Audrey Studenberg, Macie Peek
Ushers: Matt Uhles, Fant Smith
Altar Guild: Gina Garner, Jim Calder, Holly Cunningham, Mary Hooper, Krystal Marsh, Macie Peak
Flowers by the Flower Guild

We give thanks for our Baptismal Candidates

Ruby Cate Fournier
Anthony Jeremiah Miller

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.

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).

