



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

Proper 29, Year B

November 25, 2018 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 14 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Center at 10am for the opportunity to explore the Bible, express their faith through art and discuss important questions. They join us for Eucharist.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude

*Praeambulum
To Greet the King*

*Heinrich Scheidemann
David Paxton*

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Processional Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God's 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A Reading from the Book of Daniel.

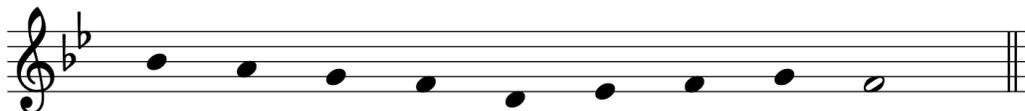
As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93

*The choir will sing the Psalm today.
 The choir will lead the Antiphon first, followed by the congregation singing the Antiphon.*

Antiphon



Might - y is the LORD who dwells on high.

- 1 The LORD is King;
 he has put on splendid apparel;
 the LORD has put on his apparel
 and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure
 that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

Antiphon

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' Name (v. 1-5)

Hymnal 450

All stand to sing.

Holy Gospel

John 18:33-37

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Reverend Susan Bek

Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

BCP p. 358

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

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As we reflect on the meaning of Jesus' reign over our hearts, let us pray for ourselves and the world, saying: May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

We pray for those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word, we may always worship in spirit and truth. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer, for the sick and the infirm, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those recovering from the recent fires and floods. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Paul Beason *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.)* and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfillment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus our King; to him be glory and power forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

BCP p. 377

Offertory Anthem

Jesus is the Lord of All

Felix Eisenhauer

Presentation Hymn

Alleluia! sing to Jesus (v. 1-3)

Hymnal 460

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosana in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit, in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest. Hosana in the highest.**

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" – Holy, holy, holy
"Benedictus qui venit" – Blessed are those who come

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

Our Lord In Majesty Doth Reign

G.F. Händel

Edited and Arranged by Robert Preston

Voluntary

G.F. Händel

Auf meinen lieben Gott

John N. Hanff

Post Communion Prayer:

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and grant you peace. And may the blessing of God, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more.

Recessional Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymnal 436

Please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal/Jesus Shall Reign

Thygerson/Haan

Many thanks for our guest musician, Hayley King, trombone.

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

Check out next Sunday's readings at www.lectionarypage.net



St. Paul's GO

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

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Serving This Week
10:15am

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| Acolytes | India Howeth, Judy Wareham, Henry Rose |
| Chalice | Larry Myers, Maggie Kennedy |
| Lay Readers | Ernie Fickerson, Janet Koehn |
| Prayers of the People | Maggie Kennedy |
| Eucharistic Prayer Minister | Ruth McCool |
| Pastoral Care Team | Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens |
| Ushers | Steve Jones, Dan Wakelee |
| Welcome Ministry | Rob Butler |
| Sunday School Leaders | Elena Kennedy, Bridget Wareham |
| Hospitality | Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Judy Wareham |
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| Altar Guild | Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith, Rob Butler |
| Flower Guild | Valerie and Allie Ortiz, Rose Hayden-Smith |
| Counters | Marcia Semple |
| Facility Lock Up | Woody Bretz |

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

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| Today 11/25 | 8:00 am | Rite I Sunday Service |
| | 9:30 am | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
| | 10:30 am | Rite II Service |
| | 4:30 pm | Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall) |
| Monday 11/26 | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall) |
| | 1:00 pm | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall) |
| | 6:30 pm | Exploring Our Faith (Room 13) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall) |
| Tues. 11/27 | 6:30 pm | Altar Guild (Library) |
| Wed. 11/28 | 9:00 am | Healing Service (Chapel) |
| | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Library) |
| | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall) |
| | 1:00 pm | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall) |
| | 6:30 pm | Vestry Meeting (Room 13) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
| Thurs. 11/29 | 5:30 pm | Meditation Workshop (Library) |
| | 6:30 pm | AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
| Fri. 11/30 | 6:30 am | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
| | 9:15 am | Women's Bible Study (Library) |
| Sat 12/1 | 6:45 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |

Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 25, 2018

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179; La Famiglia Preschool and VCSAGE.
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2018 vestry members and officers are Paul Angelo, Kay Armstrong, Peter Bowers (Junior Warden), Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby, Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Bob Gold, Sarah Lamola, Ruth McCool, Ian McEwan, Miles Sexton (Senior Warden), Greg Jackson (Treasurer), Paula Robertson (Clerk).
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, AnLac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM: Paul Beason



St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting
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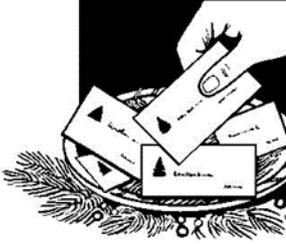
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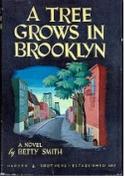
*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*

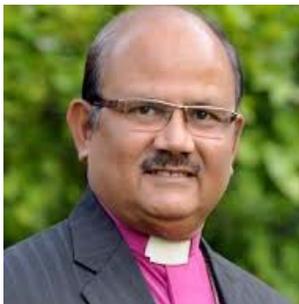


Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am **Vicki Paul**
10:15 am **Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Judy Wareham**
(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Dela Parker, Bill Brewer
10:15 am – Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens, Renee Bower)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

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|  <p style="text-align: center;">MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</p>  | <p>TODAY: St. Paul's hymn <i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!</i>, the choir chanting the psalm, and original composition by St. Paul's Music Minister Dr. Felix Eisenhauer will all create a festive atmosphere as we celebrate Christ the King! (10:15)</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY: Guest musician, Caitlin Boruch, will play the flute at both services, as we begin the waiting and sing, <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel.</i></p> |
|  | <p>GIVING TUESDAY Celebrate the international day of giving and support St. Paul's many ministries and reach into the community. Donate through our website www.saintpaulsventura.org, send in a check or..... *New* Text StPaulsVentura to 73256 to give to Mission & Ministry using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.</p> |
|  | <p>ALTAR GUILD MEETING – Tuesday, November 27, 6:30pm Let's get ready for Advent and Christmas. Meet in the Library at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening, November 27.</p> |
|  | <p>YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED! Your generous donations help us in so many ways, and we are very grateful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donations for Christmas Flowers & Music - Christmas Offerings - End of the Year Gifts <p>Donate via our website www.saintpaulsventura.org or by check or by text. Your gifts and those before you continue to keep our mission and ministry thriving for over 129 years. Thank you so much!</p> |
|  | <p>Thank you! Thank you to Elena, Jim, Linda, John, Amanda, Joseph, Larry, Shirley, Ian, Dan, Joanne, Gloria, Bery amd Julie!!! We had a great time getting the space ready and preparing and serving lunch to our hungry neighbors! 250 plates were served. Thank you to the Subway on Thompson (Von's shopping center) for the Chicken Breast sandwiches. If you have questions about this rewarding local ministry, contact Elena Kennedy, volunteer coordinator. December 17th is the next serving opportunity.</p> |

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|  | <p>UNITED THANK OFFERING – MONTH OF NOVEMBER</p> <p>Your thanksgivings unite with others’ prayers and thankful quarters, dimes and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God’s mission around the world. At the end of the month, when your box is full, bring in the coins or put a check in a UTO envelope (made out to St. Paul’s with UTO noted on the memo line) and we will forward to UTO. UTO Box/Envelope are available in the church lobby and Kahler Hall. Find the UTO Gratitude Challenge at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/november-2018-gratitude-challenge-united-thank-offering</p> |
|  | <p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – November Selection</p> <p>The November selection is <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> by Betty Smith. This classic focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York City, during the first two decades of the 20th century. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on December 3rd at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King.</i></p> |
|  | <p>DIOCESE FIRE AND MUDSLIDE RELIEF FUND – Donations may be made online at www.edlagives.org to provide aid to the region’s low-income and otherwise most vulnerable who might not otherwise receive relief amid the disaster of the recent fires.</p> |



ANNUAL BISHOP’S VISIT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

A BISHOP IS COMING!

The Right Rev. Samuel Azariah will be with us for the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 9. Those who seek baptism, confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church office. Stay for after the service for Fellowship & Formation to meet the Bishop.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Presents

Exploring our Faith

*For those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church,
newcomers who are curious
and anyone who wants to join us in exploring our faith.*

Monday Evenings
2 sessions remain
11/26, & 12/3
6:30-8pm in the Library

***Confirmations and Receptions will be Offered at St. Paul’s
During the Bishop’s Visit on Sunday, December 9, 2018***



You’re welcome to bring your dinner with you.

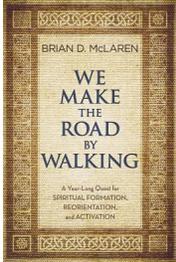
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| 11/26/18 | Session 4 | The Episcopal Church – What do we do? God the Holy Spirit: the breath of new life |
| 12/3/18 | Session 5 | The Episcopal Church – How do we view the Bible? Our lives as 21 st Century Christians |

Advent Season

Events

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|  | <p>PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: December 16 Bring your friends and neighbors and join us on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Kahler Hall for a Christmas Carol Sing-Along & Cookie Decorating Party. All are welcome!</p> |
|  | <p>4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT SERVICE: December 23, One Service Only at 9am Join us in the church this morning before the great celebration begins.</p> |
|  | <p>ALL HANDS ON DECK TO DECK THE HALLS: GREENING OF THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: December 23 Join us for a continental breakfast and then help us to transform the church in preparation for Christmas. The Greening takes place Sunday after the 9am service from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and in Kahler Hall. We need your help!</p> |
|  | <p>THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE: December 23 Come and enjoy the peace and beauty of the church on the night before Christmas Eve. We will gather at 7 pm for quiet music, bedtime stories and prayers. Children are invited to come in their jammies and bring pillows and blankets. Come get centered and connect with the spirit of Christmas before the festivities begin.</p> |

Opportunities

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|  | <p>ADVENT REFLECTION AND GROUP STUDY: Wednesday Mornings 10:30am Library The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will be meeting weekly using the book <u>We Make the Road by Walking</u> by Brian McLaren. This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. All are welcome to join us. Those who are interested are also invited to join us for the Healing Service offered at 9am on Wednesday mornings. Together or separately, these are wonderful spiritual practices, and we would love to have you join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.</p> |
|  | <p>ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC: If you would like to contribute to the flowers and music for our Advent season & Christmas Eve services, please place your donation in the offering plate with 'Flowers & Music' noted in the memo line of your check or offering envelope. You may also send it to the office or donate via the website/PayPal/Text no later than December 17. Be sure to note whether the donation is in memory or honor of a loved one and whether you would like it included in the service bulletins.</p> |
|  | <p>LAST CALL - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE by Action: We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the shoppe. For gift ideas, choose a tag from the tree in the lobby. The toys will be picked up December 5. There are many volunteers needed the day of the event- to set up the day before and to serve during the shoppe on December 15 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. Sign up at: http://actionvc.org/community-christmas-shoppe/ or call (805) 647-3757. The event will be held at Orchard Community Church 8180 Telephone Rd., Ventura.</p> |
|  | <p>COATS FOR ALL We are collecting new or gently used coats and jackets of all sizes now through the end of the year! Coats will be cleaned and distributed to people in need through local churches and non-profits. The drive is sponsored by the Downtown Chapter of the Rotary Club. The donation box is located in the narthex (church lobby).</p> |

Christmas Services



Christmas Eve at St. Paul's

4:00 p.m. Family Service

This is a friendly service that is especially appropriate for families and children of all ages.

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Carols begin at 10 p.m., the service begins at 10:30 p.m. This service includes: traditional Christmas lessons, candlelight, choir and Eucharist.

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Join us for a beautiful service on this holy day.

Your Advent & Christmas Calendar

December

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| 2nd | Sunday, Advent 1 | |
| 5th | Wednesday | Advent Study Begins-10:30am Library Deadline to donate new toys to Community Christmas Shoppe |
| 9th | Sunday, Advent 2 | Bishop Azariah visit. Confirmations (10:15am) Fair Trade Chocolate Stocking Stuffers Sale-11:30am Kahler Hall |
| 15th | Saturday | Community Christmas Shoppe by Action-8:30am Community Orchard Church |
| 16th | Sunday, Advent 3 | Parish Christmas Party-11:45am Kahler Hall |
| 17th | Monday | Family to Family-9:30am, 303 N. Ventura Ave. Deadline for Music & Flower Donations |
| 23rd | Sunday, Advent 4 | Service with Eucharist-9am Greening of the Church, 10:30am The Night Before Christmas Eve, 7pm |
| 24th | Christmas Eve | Family Service-4pm Candlelight Service-10pm Carols & Music, 10:30pm Service with Eucharist |
| 25th | Christmas Day | Service with Eucharist-9am Sanctuary |
| 30th | Sunday, Christmas 1 | Services-8am, 10:15am |