

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 25, 2026

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

*Isaiah 49:6*

**W**ELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

As we continue through this season after the Epiphany, we continue to be reminded of the theme of the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. We receive these reminders not just in the words of scripture that are read, but in the very act of gathering together to sing, listen, speak, and celebrate the Eucharist. Each time we gather together, we are both called and revealed to be the Body of Christ in the world.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

## MUSIC NOTE

The composer of this morning's opening voluntary, Alec Rowley, was born in London, England in 1892. Throughout his active musical career, he was composer of over 250 works for solo piano, also an organist, pianist, lecturer and writer on music. *Benedictus* was written in 1931, and Rowley drew inspiration for the work from these words of Christina Rossetti inscribed at the beginning of the score – "I bring refreshment, I bring ease and calm."

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

*Readers:* Tim Dewart (8:00)

Brent Johnson, Chandler Moran, Carol Panzer (10:15)

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Suzy Spencer (8:00)

Erin Glanton, Joan Flint, Judy McGrath (10:15)

*Crucifer:* Septimus Scott

*Altar Guild:* Lila Kennedy, Linda White, Jackie Barnes, Andrew Ferrante,  
Lindsay Korth

*Ushers:* Ingrid Stanlis, Jane Newcomb, Les Kernan, Lindsay Korth

*ASL Interpreter:* Luane Haggerty (10:15)

*Live-Stream Operator:* Leif Johnson (10:15)

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.*

*After worship, speak to one another.*

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

## ✠ HYMN 304

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

*Land of Rest*

## ✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* 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.**

## ✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

8:00 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:15 WLP 900

John Rutter

## ✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

**T**here will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

*Gardiner*

- 1 My light, my Savior is the Lord, of whom should I have any fear?\*
- He is the stronghold of my life, whom should I dread if he is near?**
- 2 When evildoers sought my life and in their malice drew around,\*
- My adversaries and my foes stumbled themselves, fell to the ground.**
- 3 Though hostile tents encircle me, my heart will never be dismayed;\*
- Though war rise up against my life, I will trust God, not be afraid.**
- 4 One thing alone I ask of God: to dwell in his most holy place,\*
- To seek him in his holy court and see his beauty face to face.**
- 5 For he, when times of trouble come, shall hide me in his secret place\*
- And set me high upon a rock above my foes and keep me safe.**

# SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

**N**ow I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung twice before Gospel and once following* Celtic Alleluia



✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**W**hen Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

*A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.*

✠ NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A CHURCH

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*The people respond, We Thank you, Lord.*

*Additional prayers are offered by the Intercessor, and then the Presider concludes with,*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory,  
and the majesty;

*People* For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*Presider* Yours, O Lord, is the Kingdom;

*People* And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Presider pronounces the Absolution*

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.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Deacon says:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalm 96:8*)

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth    Felix Mendelssohn from *Elijah*

*And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and your health shall speedily spring forth then; and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord, our creator, how excellent thy name is in all the nations!. Thou fillest heaven with thy glory.  
Amen.*

✠ SAID AT 8:00    All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

✠ SUNG AT 10:15: HYMN 705 (*stz 3*)

*Forest Green*

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.  
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

From *A Mass for a Soulful People*

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.

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*The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [\_\_\_\_\_, and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

## AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

*All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

I Want Jesus  
to Walk with Me

African American spiritual  
arr. David Schelat

*I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.*

### ✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ✠ HYMN 533

How Wondrous and Great,  
Thy Works, God of Praise

*Lyons*

### ✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The children and Presider invoke God's blessing with the people repeating before the dismissal concludes:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### VOLUNTARY

A Tune for the Tuba

Eric H. Thiman

## PRAYER LIST

*We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...*

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the  
Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Pittsford

Jack Worboys, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Edward Scott, Eric Beach, Shelia Eiss,  
Cheri Potter, Jean Rodman, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Matthew,  
Donna Gear, Gwen Cheney, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha  
Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

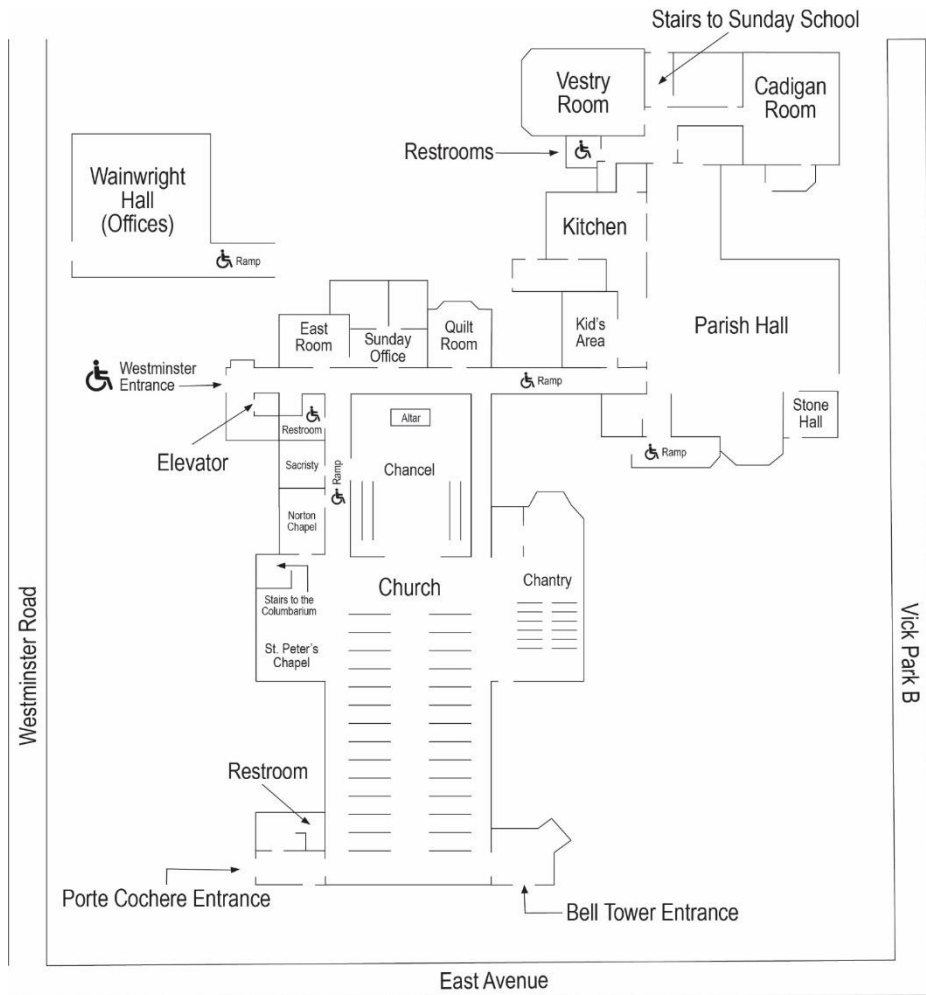
Those who have died.

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Joan Atwater, James P. Atwater, & Andrew M. Atwater

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.  
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your  
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants  
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.  
Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:  
 As the plate is passed, • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at [stpaulsec.org/donate](http://stpaulsec.org/donate). • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.  
 Thank you for your generosity!

## **TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S**

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

10:00 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Hall)  
*(Childcare Available)*

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

### **Monday, January 26th**

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

### **Wednesday, January 28th**

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### **Thursday, January 29th**

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

### **Saturday, January 31st**

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held TODAY in the Parish Hall following the 10:15 service. We will be electing the new slate of vestry members, receiving the annual budget, and hearing an update on the search process, including how you can participate and share your hopes for our new rector.
- ❖ **Ballots are available in the Quilt Room** for the warden and vestry elections. This is only for those who are not attending the Annual Parish Meeting.
- ❖ **Nominees for Warden and Vestry** include: Erin Glanton (Warden); Doug Kelley; Swing Harre; and Christopher Moore (Vestry). Bios appear in the latest edition of The Epistle. Additional nominations may be made in advance of the meeting; please speak with Erin Glanton, Warden, for more information.
- ❖ **Pledge Envelopes** for 2026 are in the back of the church if you requested them on your pledge card. If you'd like to request pledge envelopes, please email Lisa at [lwerner@stpaulsec.org](mailto:lwerner@stpaulsec.org).
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House of Hospitality:** Throughout January, we will be gathering donations of men's underwear (all sizes), men's and women's travel-size deodorant, coffee, sugar, coats, gloves, hats, bath towels, laundry detergent, and men's boots. Please place your donations in the baskets at the back of the church.
- ❖ **St. Joe's Sandwich Making** - Due to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality's February schedule, St. Joe's Sandwich Making will be held on the second Saturday in February (the 14<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 am in the Parish Kitchen. Starting in March, it will resume on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Meredith Halter at [meredith5@myyahoo.com](mailto:meredith5@myyahoo.com).

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

The Reverend Dan Burner  
*Interim Rector*

The Reverend Sue Ouellette, PhD  
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Amy Welker  
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Augustine Sobeng  
*Organ Scholar*

Sonja Slother  
*Director of Communications & Digital Ministry*

Natosche Holt  
*Parish Office Administrator*

Lisa Werner  
*Accounting Assistant*

Susan Hall & Dorrie Champlin  
*Sunday Childcare*

## ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

### Officers

*Wardens:* Erin Glanton & Ingrid Stanlis  
*Treasurer:* Rick Harrison • *Clerk:* Judy McGrath

### Class of 2025

Swing Harre  
Mara Hazzard-Wallingford  
Christopher Moore

### Class of 2026

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Laura Carr  
Chari Krenis

### Class of 2027

Lila Kennedy  
Les Kernan  
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