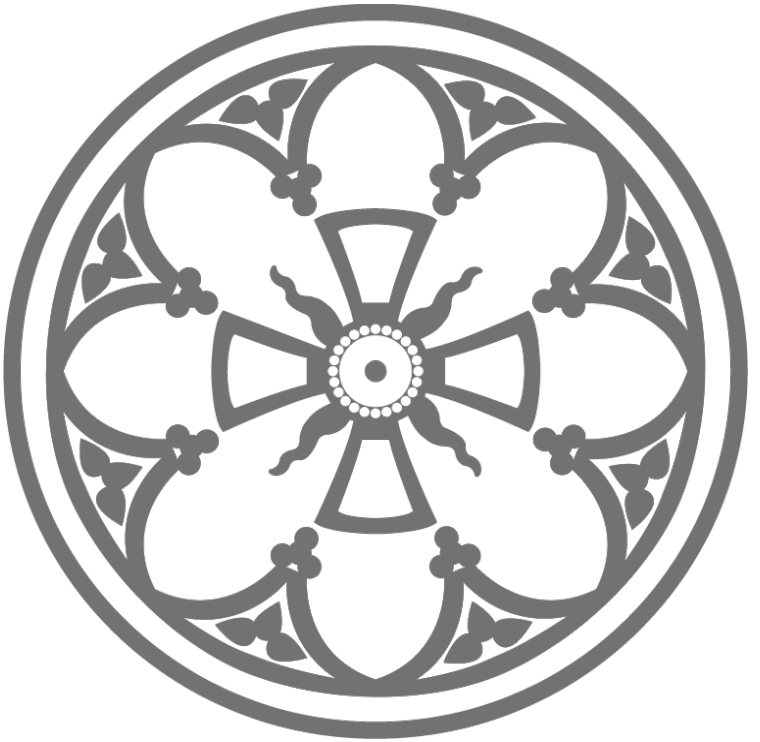


The Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27

November 8, 2026

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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

During Ordinary Time, we gather as the people of God, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. Christ's presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament, and in us, as members of Christ's Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

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

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) was organist at Notre Dame in Paris from 1900 to 1937. He composed six symphonies for organ, the Third Symphony, heard in today's opening voluntary was written in 1911 and premiered in 1912. This was a turbulent time in Vierne's life, due to a divorce and serious issues with his health. The Adagio portrays the angst of these events for Vierne, but also his hope and faith in God in the final moments of the Adagio.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERINGS

Childcare available every Sunday at 10:00.

Sunday School for children in PK-5th grade upstairs from the Parish Hall at 10:00.

Adult Forum and Adult Formation meet each week at 9:00 in the Vestry and Cadigan Rooms.

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: TBA, Doug Kelley (8:00)
Carol Panzer, Chandler Moran, Lindsay Korth (10:15)
Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Dewart (8:00)
Cynthia Miller, Nancy Andrus, Vicki Harrison
Crucifer: Andrew Ferrante
Altar Guild: Nancy Reale, Andrew Ferrante, Jackie Barnes, Jennifer Bleecker
Ushers: Floyd Bayley, Les Kernan, Lila Kennedy, Jane Newcomb (10:15)
ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)
Live-Stream Operator: Anita Chen (10:15)
Sexton: Dave McEntee

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Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God. After worship, speak to one another.

VOLUNTARY Adagio from Symphony No. 3 — Louis Vierne
The Bells of St. Mary's — Emmett Adams

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 436 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates — *Truro*

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**
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 (*spoken at 8:00, see pew card at 10:15)* John W.W. Sherer

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.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

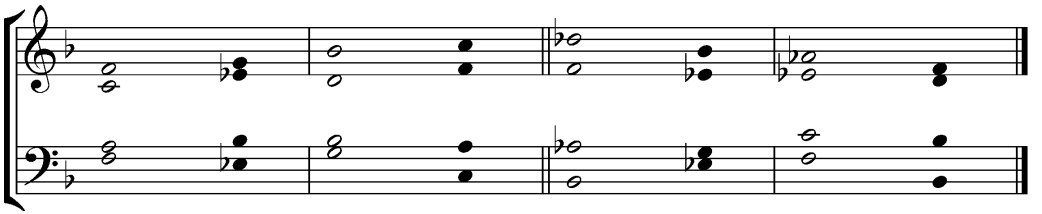
The Word of God

First Lesson — Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Psalm 70 *(Said at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15)* — *Chant:* Harrison



1 Be pleased, O God, to de-/ liver me; *
O Lord, make haste to / help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dis-/ mayed; *

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be dis-/ graced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn / back, *
because they are a-/ shamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in / you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the / Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and / needy; *
come to me speedily, O / God.

6 You are my helper and my de-/ liverer; *
O Lord, do not /tarry.

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

✠ HYMN 68 *(stz 1&2)* Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers *Llangloffan*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and

trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

✠ HYMN 68 *(stz 3)* Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers *Llangloffan*

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.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Kara our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, praying especially for…

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for…

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Fragrant the Prayer Curt Oliver

Fragrant the prayer, breath of the rose I air! Fragrant the prayer my child taught me, fragrant the prayer! The Son of Mary bought me, the Son of Mary craved me, the Son of Mary saved me. Fragrant the prayer of the child! Breath of the rose in air! In grey of morn Christ was forlorn! In grey of morn the birds call kindly, in grey of morn! Be not my eyes shut blindly. The Son of Mary wept me, the Son of Mary kept me, in grey of morn Christ was forlorn. O Countenance like the Ember, bid me remember the Lamb of God, sore taken, the Lamb of God forsaken, the Lamb of God under clay, three days till resurrection day! O Countenance like the Ember, bid me remember. Fragrant the prayer, breath of the rose in air! Fragrant the prayer my child taught me, bid me remember!

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 291 *(stz. 3, sung by all)* *Wir pflugen*

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
The gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,
But chiefly thou desirest our humble thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.

The Presider adds a proper preface, concluding…
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:

✠ SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*spoken at 8:00, see pew card at 10:15)* John W.W. Sherer

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 congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.
Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is 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 This is the Hour of Banquet Sidney Watson

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone, the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days thou still art here with us, our Shield and Sun. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to the glad feast above, giving us foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 BLESSING

✠ HYMN 596 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

The children and Deacon dismiss the people, saying,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Sortie César Franck

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 the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Incarnation, Penfield

Judith, Ellen Burhans, Donna Grear, Margi Moore, Tara, Bob, Sarah Wilson, Brendan Pressimone, Beverly Brooks, Walter Rohlin, Adele, Frank Holiday, Mallory, Claudius Scott, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Lois, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith, and Bill Dewart.

Those who have died.

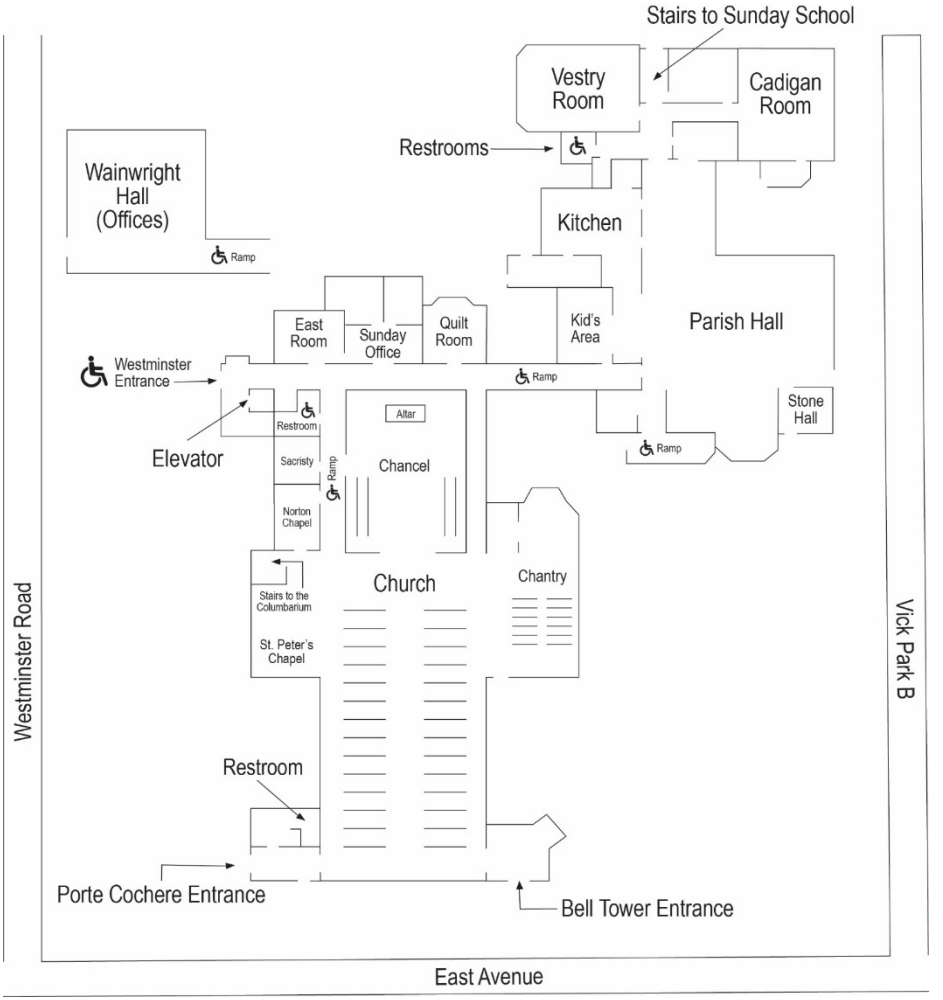
Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your Church, St. Paul's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 honor of Marie & Joe Zenner,
and Cyril Beveridge

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. • 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)
9:00 am: Sunday Forum — Confirmation/Reception Forum (Cadigan)
9:00 am: Sunday Formation —Visio Divina Bible Study (Vestry)
10:00 am: Sunday School & Nursery Care
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 am: Chorister's Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, November 9th
7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, November 11th
Veterans Day – Parish Office Closed
9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Youth Choir Room)
7:00 pm: St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, November 12th
6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, November 14th
10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room
8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

News and Notices

- **Search Committee Update:** We have completed our initial Zoom interviews and are in the process of completing reference checks. We will meet on November 16th to decide which candidates to invite to the next stage of our process. We appreciate your continued support and prayers as we undertake this important work.
- **All Are Welcome at God's Table**, our 2027 giving campaign, is underway. Your commitment sustains worship, learning, fellowship, and outreach at St. Paul's. Brochures are available throughout the church, or you may visit our website at StPaulsEC.org/donate. So far, we have received **90** commitments and look forward to the others still coming in!
- **Veterans Outreach Center:** During November, St. Paul's will honor our veterans by collecting much-needed supplies for our local Veterans Outreach Center. A supply list can be found on the shopping cart in the Parish Hall or at the back of the church.
- **Thank you to Bill Moore** for crafting the new boxes we used last week for our candles. They replace the previous plexiglass boxes, which we used for many years but are no longer usable.
- **Sunday Forum – Confirmation/Reception Forum:** This class is for those looking to be Confirmed, Received, or to Renew their Baptismal Vows during the Bishop's visit on December 6th. Classes will be held on Sunday, November 8-29 at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room. Please speak with the clergy if you have any questions.
- **Sunday Forum – The Visio Divina Sunday Formation:** This adult formation class meets every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Explore the artwork that has inspired their prayer this fall. Stop by the Parish Hall to view the images and learn more about this contemplative prayer practice.
- **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues Sunday, November 15th with Jesús Daniel Hernández, Lirico Spinto Tenor and Guitarist with Stephanie Paredes, Rochester Latino Theater Company, and Latina storyteller. Sponsored by Arts Connexions & the Rochester Oratorio Society. **Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at: www.rossings.org*
- **St. Paul's Family Luncheon:** Sunday, November 15th after the 10:15 am service. All families are invited to lunch & a time of fellowship after the service! We hope you can join us!

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