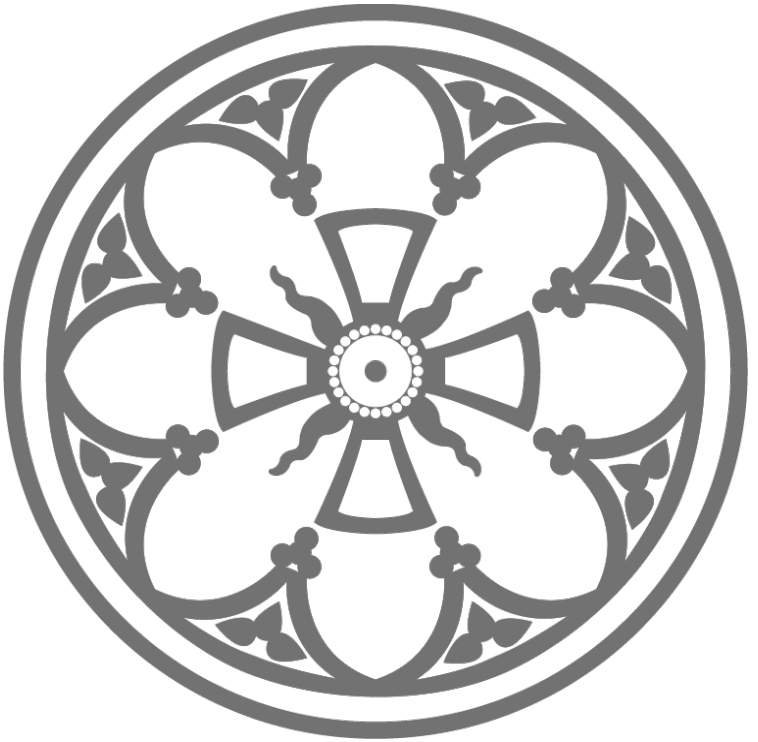


The Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 28

November 15, 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

This morning's opening and closing voluntary was written in 1948 by George Oldroyd (1886-1951). Oldroyd was organist for 31 years at St. Michael's Church, Croydon, and was a noted composer of organ and choral music. Three Liturgical Improvisations, his last piece written for organ, begins with two meditative movements heard in our opening voluntary and a joyful third movement heard in our closing voluntary.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERINGS

Childcare available every Sunday at 10:00.
In place of Sunday School, children are encouraged to remain in church for the service, including a children's sermon and Communion Anthem.
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: Steve Chepiga, Tom Holiday (8:00)
Angie Jones, TBA, Julie Gedro (10:15)
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA (8:00)
Angie Jones, Grace Henshaw (10:15)
Crucifer: Dan Wright
Altar Guild: Nancy Reale, Andrew Ferrante, Jackie Barnes, Jennifer Bleecker
Ushers: Floyd Bayley, Susan Dow, Phil Bleecker (10:15)
ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)
Live-Stream Operator: Carmen Liberatore (10:15)
Sexton: Bob Potter

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

VOLUNTARY Three Liturgical Improvisations George Oldroyd

1. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord.
2. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 574 Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel *St. Petersburg*

✠ 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. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

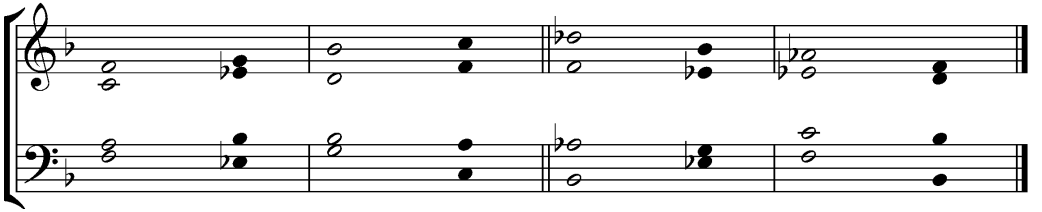
THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

PSALM 90: 1-8, 12 *(Said at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15)* *Chant:* Harrison



1 Lord, you have been our / refuge *
from one generation to a / nother.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were / born, *
from age to age you are / God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and / say, *
"Go back, O child of / earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is / past *
and like a watch in the / night.

5 You sweep us away like a / dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the / grass.

6 In the morning it is green and / flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and / withered.

7 For we consume away in your dis-/ pleasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig-/ nation.

8 Our iniquities you have set be-/ fore you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your / countenance.

(repeat second part of chant)

12 So teach us to number our / days *
that we may apply our hearts to / wisdom.

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

✠ HYMN 655 *(stz 1&2)* O Jesus, I Have Promised *Nyland*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ HYMN 655 *(stz 3)* O Jesus, I Have Promised *Nyland*

SERMON The Rev. Jay Burkardt

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 Hallelujah, Amen G. F. Handel
from Judas Maccabaeus

Hallelujah, amen. O Judah rejoice in songs divine, with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join. Hallelujah, amen.

As the offering is brought forward, the children of the congregation are invited to gather around the High Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.

✠ 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:

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

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 Rejoice in the Lord Always Evelyn Turner

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

✠ 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 598 Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st *Mit Freuden zart*

✠ 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 Three Liturgical Improvisations George Oldroyd

3. Pour light upon us from above and fire our hearts with thy strong love.

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: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Garrett Chapel, Penn Yan

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

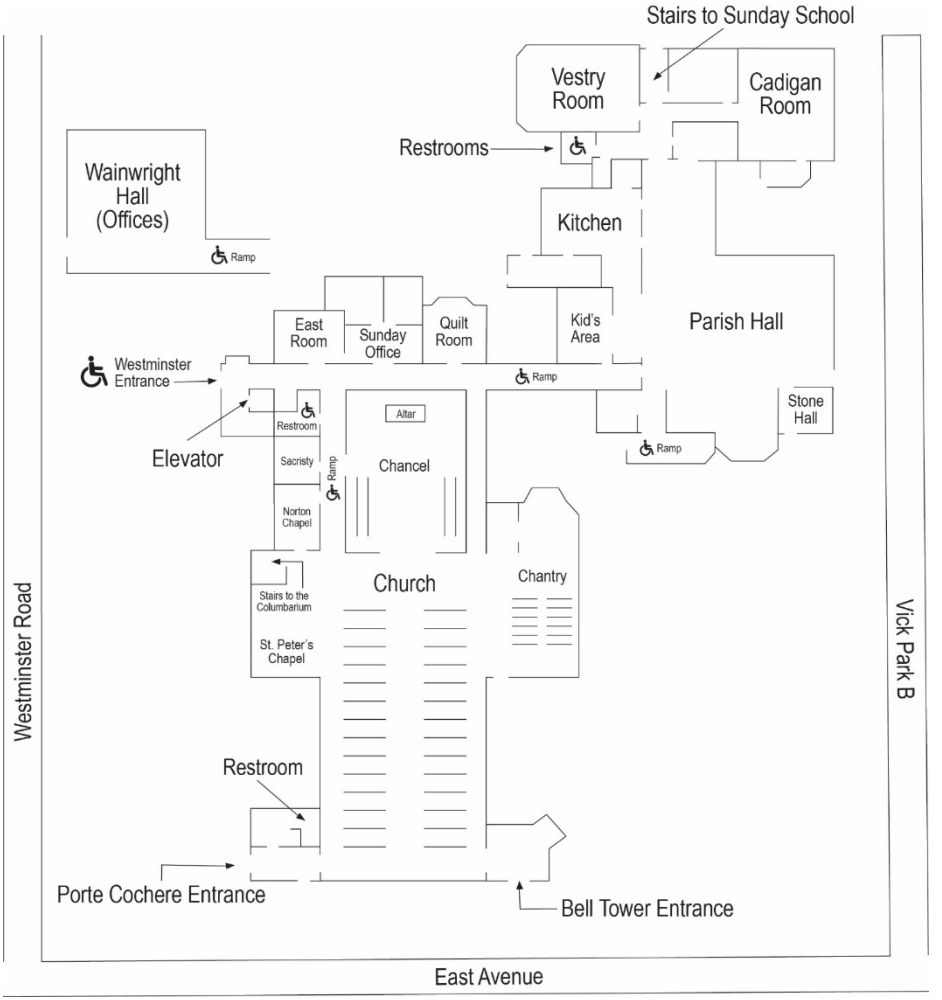
Those who have died.

Almighty 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 Donna Nash Bayley, Christine K. Moorhead, J. Upshur Moorhead, Elizabeth D. Knapp, and Elizabeth Knapp

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)
No Sunday School – Family Sunday
10:00 am: Nursery Childcare available
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 am: Chorister's Rehearsal (Church)
11:30 am: St. Paul's Family Luncheon (Cadigan)
3:00 pm: Third Sunday@3pm Concert (Church)
3:30 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Stone Hall)
4:30 pm: Youth Group (Stone Hall)

Monday, November 16th
10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)
7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, November 18th
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 19th
6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, November 21st
10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room
8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

News and Notices

- **All Are Welcome at God's Table**, our 2027 giving campaign, is underway. Your commitment supports all we do at St. Paul's. Brochures available throughout the church, or by visiting StPaulsEC.org/donate. So far, we have received **98 commitments** and look forward to the others still coming in!
- **St. Paul's Family Luncheon:** TODAY - following the 10:15 am service in the Cadigan Room.
- **Kindness Bags** are available to put together today following both services. Join in making these bags and in sharing them with people who are unhoused.
- **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues TODAY with vocalist Jesús Daniel Hernández, and Guitarist with Stephanie Paredes, 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 Child Care Center:** The Annual Wreath Sale Fundraiser is underway. Order forms are available at each entrance. Orders are due TOMORROW. Please mail to the office or place in the collection plate.
- **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 held thru November 29 at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room. Please speak with the clergy if you have any questions.
- **The School 9 Giving Tree** will begin next Sunday, November 22. Take an ornament from the tree that will be in the Parish Hall and help provide holiday spirit to children in need.
- **The RMM Harvesting Justice Dinner** fundraiser is on November 19th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Dan.
- **The Sunday Formation – Visio Divina:** This class meets every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Explore the artwork that has inspired their prayer this fall on display in the Parish Hall to view the images and learn more about this contemplative prayer practice.

Save the Dates

Wed., Nov. 25th at 5:30 pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service with Hymns

Sat., Dec. 12th at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Advent Quiet Day

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