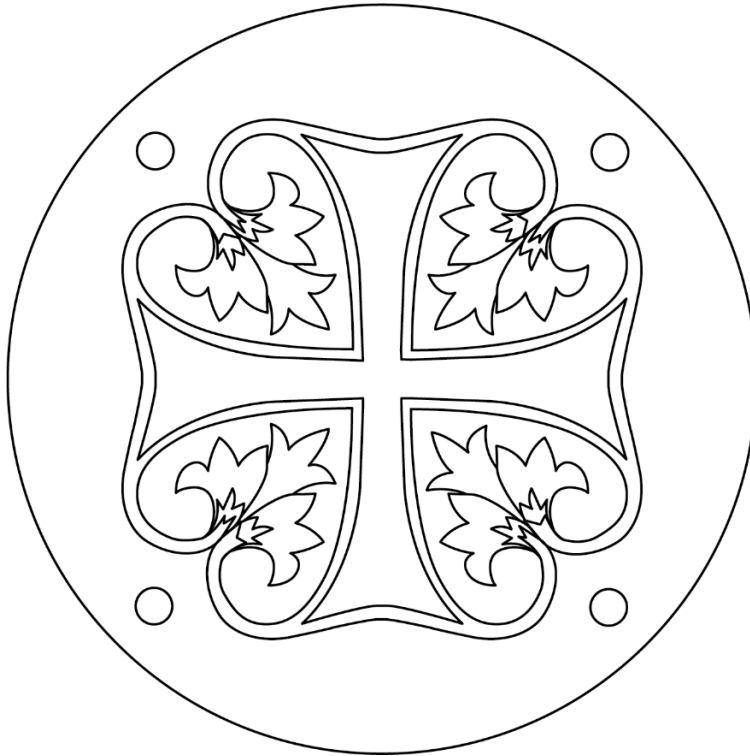




THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together.

*Isaiah 40:5*

**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.

In Advent we find that our worship looks to things which at first seem to be contrasting: light and dark; joy and sorrow; beginning and end; and, especially, chronological time and God's time. The worship we participate in transcends our understanding of time when we remember God's saving acts from the past and find those past acts becoming present reality that we participate in. Within our liturgies, we are always looking ahead to the end of time even as we find a foretaste of God's kingdom which is yet to come.

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 offertory anthem is accompanied on the portativ organ which was dedicated in 1996 to honor the faithful service of Dr. David Fetler and Dr. David Craighead. David Fetler served as Choirmaster at St. Paul's from 1954 to 2007 and David Craighead as Organist at St. Paul's from 1955 to 2003.

During the Advent season we are singing metrical settings of the psalms based on familiar hymn tunes and if you want to see the hymn tune being used, please go to the Index of Tune Names in the back of the hymnal.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

*Readers:* Tim Dewart, Doug Kelley (8:00)

Kevin Frisch, Kitty MacDowell, Melinda Johnston (10:15)

*Eucharistic Ministers:* TBA (8:00)

Chari Krenis, Judy McGrath, Pat Moran (10:15)

*Crucifer:* TBA

*Altar Guild:* Jane Newcomb, Lindsay Korth, Jackie Barnes, Carey Wilcox,  
Judy McGrath

*Ushers:* Bonnie Martin, Diane Healy, Jane Newcomb, Jennifer Bleecker

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

*Live-Stream Operator:* Nancy Gear (10:15)

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

*After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

Partita on

Michael Burkhardt

“Blest Be the King Whose Coming”

1. Maestoso—2. Andante—3. Allegro—4. Largo

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 74

Blest Be the King Whose Coming *Valet will ich dir geben*

✠ 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.**

✠ KYRIE (Hymnal S-96) (*said at 8:00, sung by all at 10:15*)

Franz Schubert

*Presider* Lord, have mercy

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Presider* Lord have mercy.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

**T**he word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

*Truro*

- 1 Jerusalem: with what great joy I heard them say, "Let us go there!" \*  
And now at last we take our stand within her gates to make our prayer.
- 2 Jerusalem: a city built to be a place of unity; \*  
The tribes go up, the tribes of God, to praise God's name eternally.
- 3 Jerusalem: within your walls the thrones of justice serve God's will; \*  
The ancient thrones of David's house stand and unite God's people still.

- 4 Jerusalem: pray for her peace: “May all who love you find success; \*  
Peace be to all within your walls, and in your towers be quietness.”
- 5 Jerusalem: for comrades’ sake my prayers for you will never cease; \*  
Because God’s house is standing here, I pray forever for your peace.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

**Y**ou know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*at 10:15 am*)

## Soon and Very Soon

Andre Crouch (b. 1942)

Soon and ve - ry soon - We are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_ Soon and ver - y soon - we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_

Soon and ve - ry soon \_\_\_ We are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_ Hal-le-lu - jah -, Hal-le - lu - jah - we're goin' to see the King -! Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**esus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Sue Ouellette, PhD.

*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

*Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.*

*Deacon:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(additional prayers are offered here)* Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy *(additional prayers may be offered here)* all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

*Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.*

✠ 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. (*Psalms 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prepare Ye the Way

Michael Wise

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places shall be made plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. And the voice said, cry. What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and the goodliness thereof is as a flower that is in the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of the Lord shall stand forever. O Zion, that bringest glad tidings, get thee up into the mountains; O Jerusalem, that bringest glad tidings, lift up thy voice with strength, and say unto Judah, behold thy God.*

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

✠ SUNG AT 10:15: HYMN 112 (*stanza 4*)

*Cranham*

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

✠ 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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 (Hymnal S-130)

Franz Schubert

**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.*

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 his 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.

*The congregation comes 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    The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee                      Jean Berger  
*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION                                              BCP p. 365

**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 57                      Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending                      *Helmsley*

✠ 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.**

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                                         "Blest Be the King Whose Coming"  
                                         5. Toccata

## 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: The Anglican Church of Australia

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Church, Wellsville

Bob Hamilton, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, William, Matthew, Larry, Donna Gear,  
Gwen Cheney, Betty Ann Conlon, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha  
Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Bob Potter, Sr., Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson,  
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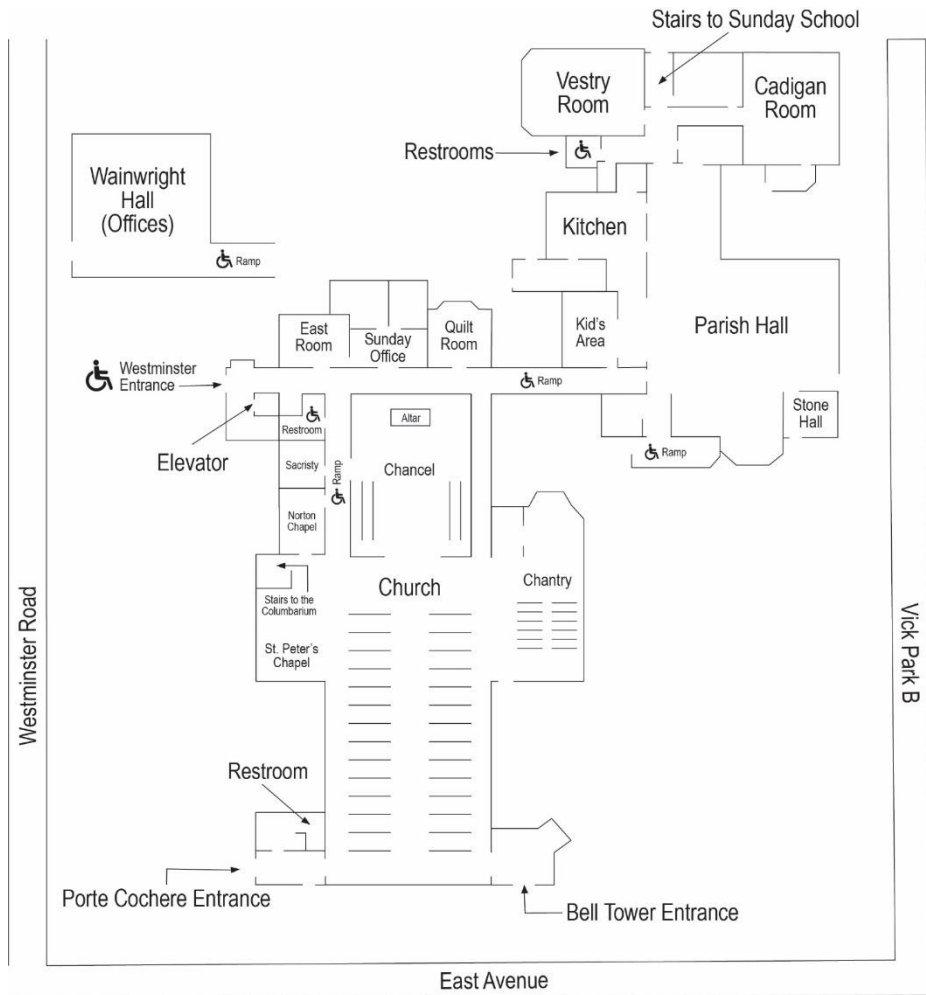
Those who have died:

*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 Deborah Hazzard and in thanksgiving for the Wallingford  
family and for the people of St. Paul's Church

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)  
9:00 am: Bible Study (Vestry Room)  
10:00 am: Sunday School  
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)  
11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)  
11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)

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

### **Monday, December 1st**

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

### **Tuesday, December 2nd**

10:00 am: HLAA Meeting (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday, December 3rd**

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)  
Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)  
6:00 pm: Monthly Potluck Supper (Parish Hall)  
8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)  
6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)  
7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### **Thursday, December 4th**

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)  
8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

### **Saturday, December 6th**

9:30 am: St. Joseph's Sandwich Making (Parish Hall Kitchen)  
10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)  
8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge cards for 2026!** We are pleased that we have received \$344K in pledges to date. Over 62% of the pledges were increases over 2025. We also have 10 new pledges. You may use the card in your pew or visit [www.stpaulsec.org/donate](http://www.stpaulsec.org/donate) to pledge today.
- ❖ **Name Tags:** To help give a warm welcome to Rev. Dan and to make all visitors and newcomers feel welcome, we invite everyone to wear name tags on Sundays and at other church gatherings.
- ❖ **The School 9 Giving Tree** has been set up in the Parish Hall! Pick up a card, fill out the sign-up sheet, and enjoy shopping to spread some holiday cheer to the students at School 9. All gifts should be returned by Sunday, Dec. 14th, so we can ensure they're delivered before winter break. Any questions, please reach out to Rev. Jay!
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House of Hospitality:** Throughout December, we will be gathering essential items to support our Rochester community. The most helpful donations currently include **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.** If you can contribute, please place your donations in the baskets at the back of the church.
- ❖ **Sunday 9:00 am Bible Study** meets in the Vestry Room each Sunday. Join your fellow parishioners in a prayerful and structured conversation about the Sunday Scripture lessons. Led by one of the clergy.
- ❖ **The St Paul's Christmas Pageant will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>** within the 10:15am service. All children are encouraged to participate! Costumes will be distributed on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and you can show up the day of the pageant and still participate! Contact Amy with questions: [awelker@stpaulsec.org](mailto:awelker@stpaulsec.org).

## SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am  
Bishop Kara Visits St. Paul's  
Christmas Stocking Blessing

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm  
Advent Service of Light & Hope

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

The Reverend Dan Burner  
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The Reverend Sue Ouellette, PhD  
*Deacon*

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*Director, Children & Youth Faith Formation*

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## ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

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