

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

Welcome to St. Paul's, Montrose, PA. We are so thankful that you are worshipping with us on this day. We have served Montrose and surrounding communities with God's love through Jesus Christ since 1831; and invite you to join with us in this long tradition of service. Please accept our hospitality; any member can assist you to our Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the worship service. Thank you for joining us this day. We invite you to come again and, with God's love, be a part of St. Paul's.

OUR VISION: To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR MISSION: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

The Prelude

Joy,

by David Paxton

The Gathering Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above Hymn 408

THE WORD OF GOD

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

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

S 280

The Collect of the Day

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The First Lesson:

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;

he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response:

Psalm 54 BCP Page 659

The Epistle:

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get

on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *Blest are the pure in heart* Hymn 656

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God our helper, the Lord, the sustainer of our life saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may imitate the example of Jesus, not seeking to be first but becoming servants of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on the people of St. Paul's as we anticipate and prepare for the person you will raise up for us to be the next rector of our parish. May we receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this Parish Family that we may become servants of one another and to those who are in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who serve the children of our community in Christ's name, that they may teach us how to welcome Christ in simplicity of heart, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For healing among the daughters and sons of Abraham, that God will bring reconciliation and greater cooperation among the followers of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those affected by storms and floods, for refugees and asylum seekers, and the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Margaret, Brad, Rick, Becky, Kathy, Joe, Esther, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Charlotte, Alice, Jean, Charlotte, Esther, Susan, Jeanette, Jeanne, Bart, Steve

.....; that they will find strength and healing in the ministry of others, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those suffering from addictions, that they may desire a clean and sober life, and find the resources for their bodies, minds and spirits that will allow

them to do so; for all those who love someone who is addicted, that comfort and support be provided in their journeys; for all in the healing community assisting recovery, that the Holy Spirit will refresh and strengthen them; for ourselves, that we share the power of God's healing and transforming love with all touched by this addictions epidemic; for St. Paul's that a spirit of unity in witness and action will be among us. Merciful God, accept the fervent prayers of your people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, remembering especially.....that they may be welcomed to share in the joy of God's presence forever, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Mary the God-bearer, Michael and All Angels, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, strengthen us with your wisdom from above, and bring forth in our lives a harvest of humility and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution
The Peace

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> ; Runyon, arr. Jane Marshall	Choir
The Doxology:	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	Hymn 380, v3
The Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP page 367
The Sanctus		S124
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		
The Fraction Anthem		S161

The Communion

Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.

Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.

The Hymn during Communion

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Hymn 343 v. 1-3

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Parting Hymn

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Hymn 292

The Dismissal

The Postlude

Maestoso,

by J. G. Sachs

Altar Flowers this week are In Memory of Loved Ones.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. John Wagner

Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Carol Marker & Sandy Seeger

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Lector: Dan Graham

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Morning Prayer

If we want Morning Prayer at Meadow View to continue, we need some helpers. Esther and Jane have served in this ministry faithfully for years, but they need some volunteers to share the joy of reading and singing with the residents on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin prayer by 9:30 am and are finished by around 10:15 am.

This monthly event is something the residents really appreciate. It's informal and gives us an opportunity to reach out in a meaningful way to our shut in neighbors. Please prayerfully consider how you may help. If you cannot commit to once a month, we could work out a yearly schedule with several volunteers. Peggy, who works with the residents in the activities room, is a delight and very helpful with our program. She'll welcome you!

Please contact Esther if you would like to be part of this fulfilling ministry.

It's that time of year again!

The Country Store will be held on Saturday, December 1 and we're gearing up to make it a success. Please start to bring in any items for the New and Nearly New table. Look through your closets and drawers for those forgotten items that you can part with. We gladly accept trinkets large and small, jewelry, ornaments, house wares, linens of the decorative variety, and things unusual and different to name a few. Your "cast off" may be someone else's special "find".

We will need all hands on deck to help prepare for and work at the Country Store. You don't need an invitation—just jump in where you feel you'd like to participate. All proceeds go to local ministries. It's a worthy cause so invite your friends to work with us. We can all have fun together. Lynne