

# 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            *See Amid the Winter's Snow,*            by Douglas Wagner  
The Gathering Hymn    *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*    Hymn 76

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

*Celebrant:*    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

***People:*        His mercy endures forever.**

The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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### **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**The Response: Please respond by the half-verse to our reading of Psalm 29 found on page 620 in your prayer book.**

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

***People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

**The Epistle Lesson:**

**Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

The Sequence Hymn

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Hymn 448 v. 1-2

**The Gospel**

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

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

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

*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

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: By your holy baptism, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us.

**By your holy baptism, 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.

**By your holy baptism, Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this Parish Family, that we who are baptized may open our hearts to God's presence in surprising places.

**By your holy baptism, Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that those who strive for peace may not tire, and that God will open new pathways for all who are at odds to recognize the good in one another.

**By your holy baptism, Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who suffer from the cold, those who lack the physical and financial resources they need, and for all who are in need of a shepherd's care, remembering especially Margaret, Brad, Kathy, Joe, Esther, Charlotte, Alice, Jean, Charlotte, Esther, Jeanette, Jeanne, Bart, Steve, Kristina, Richard, Jane, Martha .....; that they may hear God's affirmation that they are beloved.

**By your holy baptism, 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.

**By your holy baptism, Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that they may receive the fulfillment of that blessed hope bestowed in baptism.

**By your holy baptism, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, John the Baptist and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God

through Christ.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

Confession and Absolution  
The Peace

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### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Offertory	<i>Shall we gather by the river</i>	Choir LEVAS 141
The Doxology:	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	Hymn 380, v3
The Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP page 361
The Sanctus		S124
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		
The Fraction Anthem		S161
The Communion		
	<i>Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.</i>	
	<i>Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.</i>	
The Hymn during Communion	<i>Jesus came, adored by angels</i>	Hymn 454
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP page 365
The Blessing		
The Parting Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymn 616 v. 1-4
The Dismissal		
The Postlude	<i>Song for a New Year,</i>	by Gilbert Martin

**Altar Flowers this week are In Memory of Loved Ones.**

## **Our Ministers Today:**

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. John  
Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons  
Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski  
Announcements: Lynne Graham  
Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth  
Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert  
Counters: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker  
Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling  
Lector: Patrick Gallagher  
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Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara Undercoffler  
Hospitality: Karen & Lynne

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## Will You Prayerfully Consider?

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will take place after our service on January 20. At that time, we need to elect two new Vestry members for a three year term. In order to serve on Vestry one must be at least 18 years of age; a regular attendant at the services of the parish; and a regular contributor to the support of the parish for the 6 months preceding the meeting.

The Vestry has three primary responsibilities: to take care of parish finances and parish buildings; and to choose individuals to fill various positions of parish leadership and representation (from The Vestry Handbook by Christopher L. Webber). Serving on the Vestry is an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the functioning of the parish. It builds leadership skills. If it moves you out of your comfort zone, please know that you will have the support of all the other members of Vestry as we become a working unit.

The Vestry currently meets on the second Thursday of the each month at 5:30 p.m. We usually take a break in July or August and try not to meet in December. If you feel called to a position on the Vestry, or if you have any questions, please contact Lynne Graham. We would welcome someone new to this position!

### **Vestry members and Terms**

Sandra Seeger	2019
Tom Undercoffler	2019
Vickie Calby	2020
Lynne Graham	2020
Martha Kupscznk	2020
Sean Eckert	2021
Maggie Sock	2021