

# 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

The Gathering Hymn

*Faith*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee*

Mark Hayes

Hymn 376

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

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

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

The Gloria

The Collect of the Day

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### **The First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious,

and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**The Response: Please respond by the half –verse to our reading of Psalm 1 found on page 585 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:**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

The Sequence Hymn *Lord, make us servants of your peace* Hymn 593 v 1-2  
"Hymn of the Month"

## The Gospel

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

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

### **Luke 6:17-26**

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

*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

Trusting in the Lord who shows us the way of righteousness and blessing, let us offer our prayers with faith and confidence, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that the power and truth of Christ's resurrection may give us vision and perspective for our lives and courage to live for God each day.

**Lord, in your mercy, *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.

**Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may see beyond the false answers of the world and nurture our inner life by God's gifts.

**Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***

For all who are persecuted or suffer for their commitment to Christ, that they may be witnesses to the new life given by God.

**Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***

For world leaders, that they may be inspired to new efforts to seek peace, and eliminate famine, disease and oppression from all corners of the earth.

**Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***

For all those whose lives are affected by the power of nature, that God will keep them safe and bring them to a new day.

**Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***

For all those who live and work in places of danger and violence, especially members of our armed forces; for the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the suffering, remembering especially . Margaret, Brad, Kathy, Joe, Esther, Charlotte, Alice, Charlotte, Esther, Jeanette, Jeanne, Bart, Steve, Kristina, Richard, Jane, Martha, Andrew, Gaby, Carol .....; that they may know the peace and hope of abundant life in Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy, *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.

**Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially.....Jean....., that they may rejoice in the great reward of heaven.

**Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer 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 every blessing, hear the prayers we offer this day and nurture your people like trees planted by water in the garden of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.***

Confession and Absolution  
The Peace

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## HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>The Lord my God my shepherd is</i>	Hymn 663 v 1-3
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>Let us break bread together</i>	Hymn 325
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP page 365

The Blessing  
The Parting Hymn  
The Dismissal

*Christ for the world we sing!*

Hymn 537

The Postlude *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* Based on Hyfrydol

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

**Matthew 7:1-5 (New King James Version)**

**7** “Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup>And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

**Proverbs 27:17 (New King James Version)**

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

**Ephesians 4:11-16 (New King James Version)**

<sup>11</sup>And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the <sup>ed</sup>edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—<sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**Our Ministers Today:**

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. John Wagner

Pianist: Joyce Printz

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling

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