

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Weekly Update January 22 - January 28



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

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### Church Closures

Please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

# View from the Pew:

## Manners of Expression

It's all relative. I remember my parents telling me to "Turn that noise down!!" To me, it was that wonderful, powerful music, with a deep rhythmic beats and full of melodic surprises as Drew Barrymore says in the movie "Music and Lyrics ". some years later, it was me saying what is that crazy nonsense that they are listening to now? It's all in the eye of the beholder; a way of expressing ourselves and the myriad of emotions contained within: the teenage rebellious kinds, the anti war protest songs, like those of the 60's and early 70's during the Vietnam conflict that spawned The Doors, Credence Clearwater Revival, and Bob Dylan. All aching to express a monumental frustration and loss of control and sadness of people dying and they're not quite sure why. The arts (music, writing, painting, etc.) have been very instrumental in expressing the inner soul. Similarly, 'Religion is a way of "seeing" and "feeling" the world, as well as a way of conceiving it, in relation to God'.<sup>1</sup>

- John Warriner

[1] Richard Viladesau, *Theological Aesthetics: God in imagination, Beauty, and Art* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), 17.

## **We would love for you to be included!**

Article submissions (photos, community news items, or a personal or faith story) are due every Wednesday. This is YOUR newsletter, and all congregants are invited to share their stories and photos. Please email your items to Kate at [stpaulsmontrose@epix.net](mailto:stpaulsmontrose@epix.net) or John Warriner at [jdwarri@me.com](mailto:jdwarri@me.com); post an item to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church St. Montrose, PA 18801 on Facebook; or drop a note in the offering plate.

# Sundays Service

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## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 5-13

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Vickie Calby

Organist: Jenette Davis

## This week's Hymns:

I come with joy to meet my Lord  
They cast their nets in Galilee  
The people who in darkness walked  
Christ for the world we sing



## This week's Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

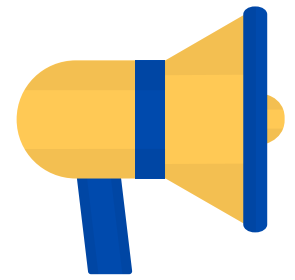
From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.


Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

# Happenings and Announcements

## Soup Night!



Soup Night makes its rounds again for February 1st. Come on in and help us dish some out or if you would like, make some soup! February will be vegetable beef soup and potato soup. Come in and help or stop by for a quick warm dinner prepared by your favorite parishioners.

 **For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:**  
Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Sandy Nagy, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous.

### **Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:**

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.



### **This Months Birthdays:**

Charles Cesaretti 1/2, Karen McAbee 1/4, Molly Brunner 1/16, Anne Shafer 1/16, Bill Rathbone 1/18, Nathaniel Syle 1/20, David Calby 1/24, Marsha Jones 1/26



### **This Months Anniversaries:**

No Anniversaries this month; If you would like your Anniversary or your Birthday added to this list, please call Kate in the office.

### **Our thanksgivings:**

We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Amen.

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.

## **Are you Safe Church compliant?**

Maintaining your required trainings and clearances is vital because it helps us to keep all the people in our congregations safe. Episcopal Church canons require all people who have contact with children in an Episcopal Church to take online trainings to learn best practices, appropriate boundaries, and who to contact if they need help or suspect child abuse. Both Episcopal Church canons and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws require everyone who has contact with children and those with any sort of leadership position in the church to obtain background checks.

If you are a clergy person, lay employee, vestry member, volunteer who works with children, or a keyholder in the church, there are steps you need to take to be in compliance with Pennsylvania law and the Episcopal Church Canons.

The learning modules and Safe Church Training site have been recently updated. Learn more about what you need to do in order to be compliant and to keep your church safe. Contact Kate Aukema in the office if you have any questions or concerns about Safe Church compliancy.

Kate will be contacting those whose compliancy status is about to expire to remind them that they must complete the modules to renew their status. It only takes about an hour to complete the modules for renewal.

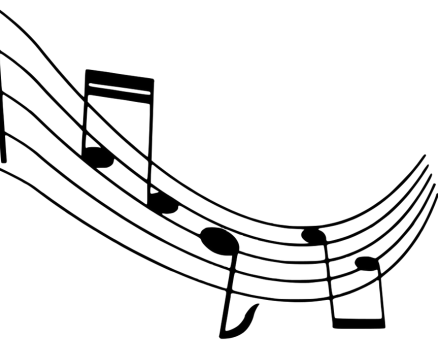
Please, help us to keep our congregation safe.

Thank you  
Mother Liz

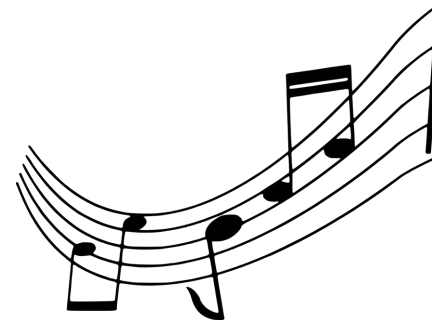
# Last Week's Service and Events

Second Sunday After Epiphany – January 15, 2023

The January 15th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and also read as lector. Joyce Printz was our pianist. The service included four hymns along with the Prelude and Postlude. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button



How bright appears the Morning Star,  
with mercy beaming from afar;  
the host of heav'en rejoices.  
O Righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod,  
the Son of Man and Son of God,  
we too will lift our voices:  
Jesus, Jesus, holy, holy, yet most lowly,  
come, draw near us;  
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.





## Karen Says Hello

Karen gave us a shout out from Tallahassee, Florida to say hi and that she misses everyone (but not the snow.) Miss Scarlett says hi also to all her friends.

## St. Paul's Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 15, after our Holy Eucharist, we held St. Paul's 113th Annual Convention. Last year at this time, Mother Liz was a Deacon; this year she presided over the meeting as our Priest. She opened the meeting with prayer. We approved the minutes of the January 16, 2022 Annual Meeting. The various committees and ministries summarized their respective reports. Our Treasurer, John Finlon, presented the 2023 budget which had been approved by the Vestry in December.

We elected Vera Dunn and John Finlon to the Vestry for a three-year term and Wanda Peirce as our Delegate to Diocesan Convention with Dan Graham as the Alternate Delegate. We approved a second two-year term on the Vestry for Sandy Seeger, Tom Undercoffler, and John Warriner so that terms are staggered.

We closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.



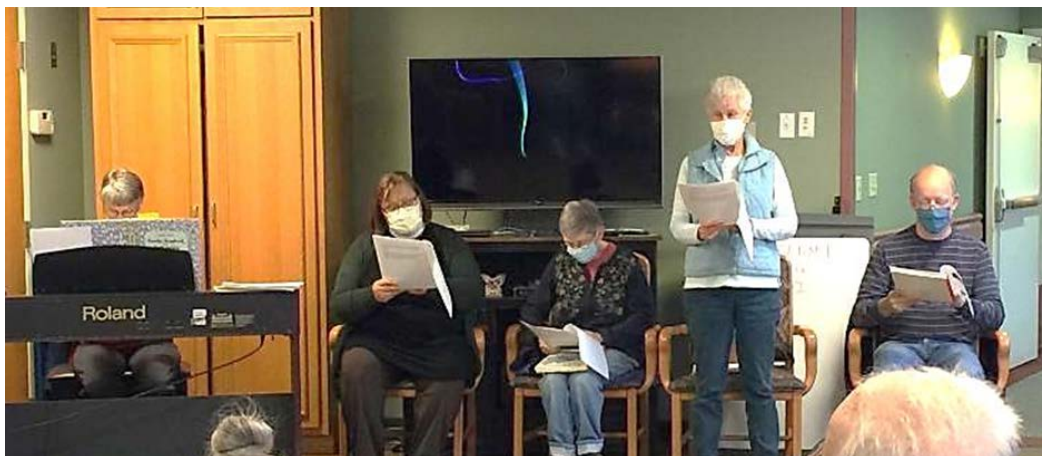


Does Anyone Know  
Where This Is?

It was taken October,  
2017 – Only five years  
ago!

### **Morning Prayer at Meadow View**

On January 18, 2023, Mother Liz, Joyce and a group of St. Paul's parishioners visited Meadow View for their monthly gathering with the residents for a reading of Morning Prayer and hymn sing. The residents are grateful and the singers are joyous! Join us next month on Wednesday, February 15th, at 10:00. It's fun and rewarding.





## MID-JANUARY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Welcome January: January is a time of quiet and new beginnings – is the perfect time to reflect on how you want to live your life.” The dab and dreary Susquehanna weather isn’t sure what it’s doing. The snow is gone but the roads are freezing at night making life outside of town bearable. The poor hay bale art snowman looks lost without any snow. And the seed catalogs are starting to come in. It’s just typical Susquehanna County deep winter weather. Find a good book and snuggle down!

