St. Paul's Episcopal Church Canton, Ohio



Sunday, November 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.

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Our mission

St. Paul's is an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish, at 330-455-0286.

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm

First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

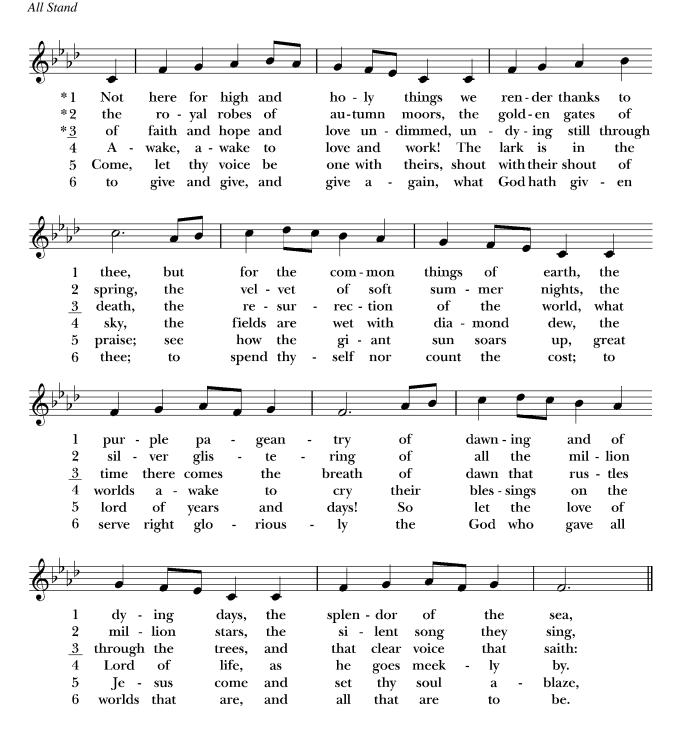
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Prelude: *Light* by Ferris MacGreeth

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN "Not Here for High and Holy Things" (Morning song) (H 9)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

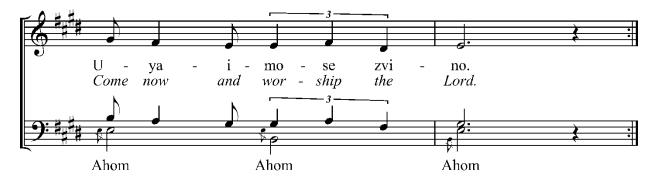
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*.

SONG OF PRAISE "Come All You People" (MHSO 2)





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

Remain seated.

¹Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another. ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God. ³You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth." ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night. ⁵You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass. ⁶In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered. ⁷For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation. ⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. ¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation? ¹²So teach us to number our days, * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The people sit.

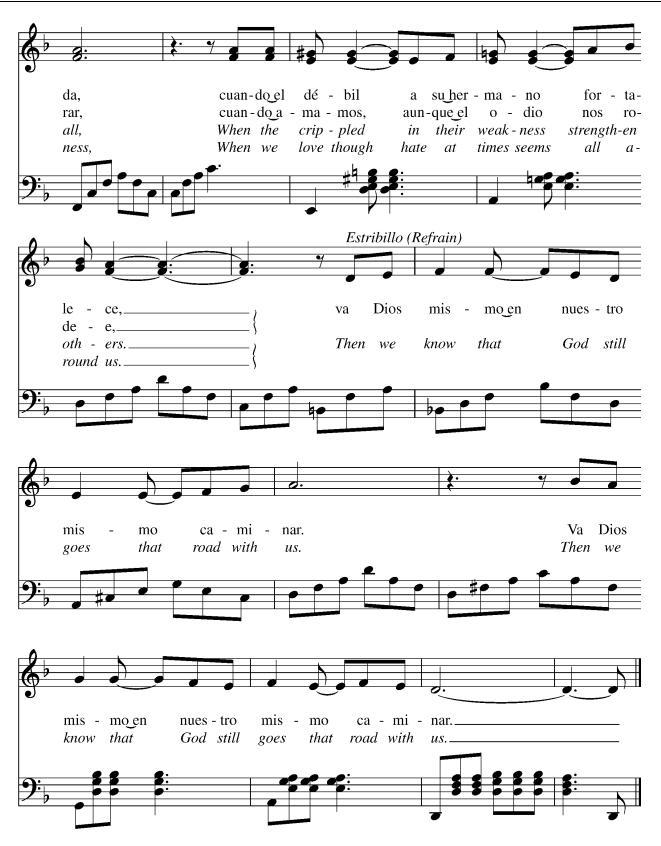
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "When the Poor One Who Has Nothing" (El Camino) (WLP 802) All stand.





- 3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, When our lips can speak no words other than true, When we know that love for simple things is better. Refrain
- 4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance. When we learn how to make peace instead of war. When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor. Refrain

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁴[Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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,

who with the Father and the Son 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For our president; local elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are ill, especially Fred, Sr. Rosina, Peggy & Ron Neidig, June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Alisha Rittenour, Jackson, Elizabeth, Douglas Colmery, Stacy, John Titmas, Lee Arnold, Joe Myers, Ed Sutek, Allison, Linda Heitger, Kamau, Fr. Christopher Hofer, Rev. Wendy, Shawntae, Flo Myers, and Don. We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the North Central Mission Area: Church of the Redeemer, Lorain-The Rev. Alexander D. Barton, Rector; St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Christ Church, Oberlin-The Rev. Andrew M. McQuery, Rector; St. Thomas' Church, Port Clinton- The Rev. Dr. Beverly A. Collinsworth, Priest-in-Charge; The Rev. Jane Trager, Regional Deacon. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Anne our bishop, for Robin our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED

Hear us. Lord:

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the anniversary of Gene and JoAnne Miller.

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Aiden McNutt, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Said by all

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People sit, stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: 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 Priest stands and says

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*.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" by John Finney

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:, Γ

SANCTUS (said)

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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." \$\mathbb{I}\$

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

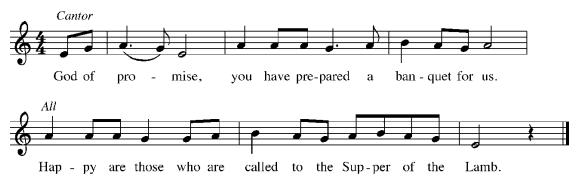
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen*.



The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: "God of Promise" (EOM1)



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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

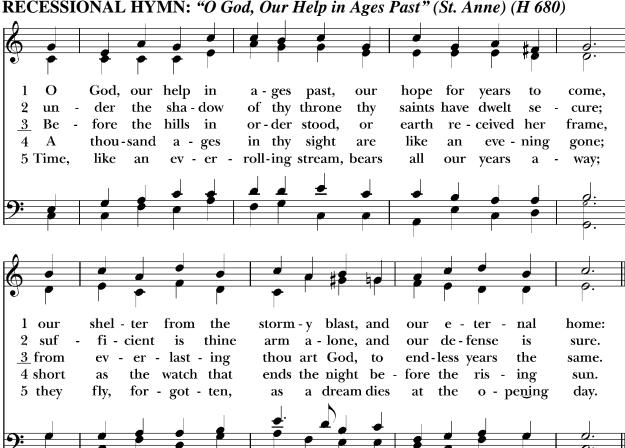
Let us pray together

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen*.

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Beloved of God, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand—this same power is at work in each one of us who believe! So go from here in confidence and peace, knowing that God's presence and power go with you. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.



RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (St. Anne) (H 680)

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God. People

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C Major by Johann Pachelbel

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Director of Music: Edward T. Grimes

Greeters: David Lewis Lectors: M.L. Schultze

Eucharistic Ministers: Douglas Colmery, Brenda Maurer

Crucifer: Karl Roshong

Camera/Audio: David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild: Shirley Brown, Douglas Colmery

Left Neurlin, M.L. Schoolers

Counters: Jeff Nowlin, M.L. Schultze

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service: St. Paul's will host the community Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7p. Proceeds go to the support of the Thanksgiving Baskets Project. Reception will follow. Cookie donations are welcome.

Wednesday Study Group: No Class this week due to the Holiday.

HOT Lunch: HOT Lunch will be held on Saturday, November 25th, @ 11a. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7p-8p. Please see the music director, Edward Grimes for more information.

Christ the King Sunday: is Sunday, November 26th. The Daughters of the King will be rededicated at the 10:30a service.

Social Justice Book Club: We will begin a new book, "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store", by James McBride. We meet every 4th Tuesday at 7 pm. The next gathering is November 28th. You can join us either in the Guild Hall or via Zoom. Books will be made available at StarkFresh.

November Birthdays

4th- Alice Bolam

9th- Beth Paynter

10th- Gene Miller

18th- David Swope

30th- Linda Kendrick

HAPPY BIRTHDAN

Anniversaries

Gene & JoAnne Miller: 11/22 Peggy & Ron Neidig: 11/27

November 2023 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 20	Nov 21 7 pm Cmty Interfaith Service	Nov 22 NO BIBLE STUDY!	Nov 23 Happy Thanksgiving Church Closed	Nov 24 Church Closed	Nov 25 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Nov 27	Nov 28 7 pm Social Justice Book Club	Nov 29 10 am Bible Study Library 6:30p Outreach Mtg	Nov 30 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)		
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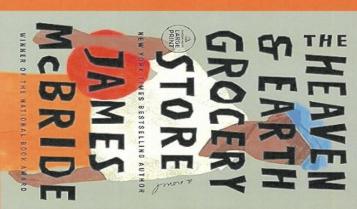
November 28th •

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As these characters' stories



To place your order for Christmas poinsettias, please complete this form and return it to Peggy in the Parish Office. Make checks for the entire order payable to St. Paul's. Thank you for making our Sanctuary special this Christmastide!

Name:Total Enclosed: \$									
In loving memory of:									
In honor of:									
To the Glory of God for:									
Туре	Quantity (Needed	d)	Price	Donate *	Purchase **				
6.5" Poinsettia	Red(14) White	(21)	\$10.00 ea.						
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8.5" Poinsettia	Red(6)		\$18.00 ea.						
14" Poinsettia	White	(2)	\$39.99 ea.						
Pine roping	25' roll(3)		\$18.00 ea.		•				

*Poinsettias donated will be distributed to homebound members when the chancel area is cleared, and are tax-deductible.

Deadline to order poinsettias: Monday, November 20





^{**}Poinsettias purchased will be labeled with the buyer's name for pick-up in the Narthex on January 7 (non- deductible).

Upcoming Holiday Worship Service Schedule



ADVENT SERVICES

8:00a Rite I Services will be held on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th

Sunday, December 24th, Advent IV Service, 10:30a

Sunday, December 24th, Festive Christmas Eve Service, 7:00p

Monday, December 25th, Christmas in The Home (**Information will be provided**)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop

The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly

Priest-in-Charge

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Staff

Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

*Music Begins Sunday Services at 10:25am are also live-streamed on Facebook.

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