
COVID Precautions

Out of an abundance of caution, and because of our affection and care for one another, we strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask while moving about inside the church.

If you are visiting St. Paul's today, please sign one of our guest registers (at each entrance).

We're glad you're worshipping with us today and hope you will return! Restrooms are available in the Parish House and at the Red Lion Inn. This service may be live-streamed.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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.*

January 22

Prelude

Opening Hymn #440

Hymn of Praise #538

Sequence Hymn #605

Offertory Hymn #398

Closing Hymn #437

Postlude

Please welcome David Smith as organist today.

Music for Worship

Cantilena in G., op. 71/1

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

God of mercy, God of grace

What does the Lord require

I sing the almighty power of God

Tell out, my soul

Postlude in C major

Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982

Arthur Foote

Liebster Jesu

Lucerna Laudaniae

Sharphorne

Forest Green

Birmingham

Henry Thomas Smart

Worship Teams (If you exchange shifts with someone, please notify the Church Office by Wednesday morning at stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 29 (8 & 10 a.m.)

Celebrant/Preacher (8 & 10) The Rev. Libby Wade

Assisting Priest (10 a.m.) The Rev. Jane Tillman

Reader/Intercessor (8) Jorja Marsden

Reader/Intercessor (10) Jean Rousseau

Usher/Greeter (10) Ginny Willcox

Fellowship Host Mary Tierney

Sunday, February 5 (10 a.m. ONLY)

Celebrant/Preacher The Rev. Libby Wade

Reader/Intercessor Martha Bodine

Usher/Greeter Jorja Marsden

Fellowship Several People

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you

falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Upcoming Events

+ **Every Wednesday** at 8:30 a.m. – **Morning Prayer on Zoom** (link is on our website and in the *E-pistle* each week).

+ **Every Sunday -- Holy Eucharist** in the Church at 8 and 10 a.m. **except February 5, when there will be one service at 10 a.m.** followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

+ St. Paul’s team serves at the **Lee Food Pantry** on **Saturday, February 11**. Your contributions of non-perishable food and personal care items may be dropped off at the church near the southwest door of St. Paul’s at any time.

Annual Parish Meeting

“Salt and Light”

NEXT SUNDAY, February 5, 2023

Worship at 10 a.m. with Meeting Following

**Election of Vestry, Officers, and Diocesan Convention Delegates
2022 End-of-Year Financial Report and 2023 Budget Report
Update on Search Process and Rectory Renovation Project
and a Few Surprises**

‘Enhanced’ Refreshments – Sweet and Savory -- Delicious

Forward Day by Day Devotional Booklets – Available TODAY

These booklets offer a very brief daily reflection and prayer based on scripture. The February-April edition is available in regular and large print versions in the Tower Room and at the rear of the church today.

Thank You for Sharing Your Gifts

**Please notice the beautiful table given by Kendra MacLeod for our welcome area at the back of the church. Thank you, Kendra.

Thank you to new St. Paul’s folks, Mary Tierney and Liza Picoli, for volunteering to **host Fellowship Time in January and to all who provide goodies that encourage folks to stay for conversation after the 10 a.m. worship service. **Please see Martha Bodine today if you would be willing to host on February 12 or 19.**

Thank you to all who donate **flowers for the altar in memory of or thanksgiving for someone special to them. The cost is \$60, if the church orders the flowers. Another option is for the person donating to provide their own flower arrangements. There are a few openings for Sundays in 2023. **Please contact Kyra Saltman (stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com), if you can help.**

**Thank you to Jorja Marsden and her Rectory Renovation Committee for securing a bid and to John Davies for helping the vestry think through funding the project. Painting has begun. Funding is yet to be settled. You'll hear more at the Annual Parish Meeting on February 5.

End of Year Giving Statements

The end-of-the-year Giving Statements were mailed earlier this month. If you have a question about your statement, please contact Jorja Marsden. If you realize from the statement that your 2022 pledge wasn't fulfilled and you'd like to remedy that, please send in a check or use the giving on-line feature on our website. Every gift counts as we try to pay the bills and move forward in mission. Likewise, if you haven't yet made a pledge promise for 2023, please pick up a pledge card at the church today and do so. While we've received 5 new pledges and many have increased their pledge over last year, we've lost pledges due to death or moving away. Your commitment can make a huge difference in a year when expenses have increased and the search for a new rector will incur unusual expenses.

Parish Prayer List

- People we pray for on Sundays: Bruce, Charles, Irby, David, Nick, Melissa, Ginger, Joan, Duncan, Mary, Bernadette, Linda, Veronica, and Tony
- Long-term prayer list: Piers, Katrina, Rich, Karen, Michael, Tom, Khali, George, Doug, David, Barbara, Christy, John, and Florence
- Our partners in ministry at Grace Church, Gt. Barrington, and their priest Tina Rathbone; Christ Trinity Church in Sheffield, and their priest Erik Karas
- The Austen Riggs community and the Riverbrook residents and staff
- Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week
- Victims of war, violence, abuse, persecution, terrorism, and disaster at home and abroad
- Outreach Ministry of the Week: Berkshire Community Diaper Project
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts
- Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan
- All who have died, remembering especially the victims of recent mass shootings

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