
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 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

January 15

Prelude

Opening Hymn #7

Hymn of Praise #538

Sequence LEV #136

Offertory Hymn #51

Communion Music

Closing Hymn #535

Postlude

Music for Worship

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Christ whose glory fills the skies

God of mercy, God of grace

I have decided to follow Jesus

We the Lord's people

Piano Prelude on "I Have Decided"

Ye servants of God

"Hornpipe in D"

Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982

Pachelbel

Ratisbon

Lucerna Laudoniae

Indian Folk Melody

Decatur Place

Hayes

Paderborn

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Please welcome Nancy King as organist today.

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

Sunday, January 15 (8 & 10 a.m.)

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

Assisting Priest (10) The Rev. Jane Tillman

Reader/Intercessor (8 a.m.) Matt Fillio

Reader/Intercessor (10 a.m.) Vaunie Gaulty

Usher/Greeter (10 a.m.) Jim Wade

Lemonade Host Ginny Willcox

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become

my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm 40:1-12

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.**
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.**
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.**
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.**
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);**
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.**
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"**
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
congregation.**
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so

that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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
Sunday, February 5, 2023
Worship at 10 a.m. with Meeting Following

Thank You Received from our Christmas Family

“My family and myself want to say a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Our family will be able to celebrate Christmas and watch our 3 yr old enjoy every moment of opening her gifts. Our little girl has recently started suffering from having seizures. So my husband I have been out of work and started getting sad that we couldn't afford gifts to give her from Santa! This Christmas season has truly been magical for all of us seeing how amazing this community truly is when there are families in need! Again thank you to the angels that helped make this Christmas magical! Lots of love from our family to yours! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.”

Thanks to all whose generous gifts helped make Christmas magical for this family, and thanks to Matt Fillio for shopping and coordinating our gift-giving.

Christmas Offering Helps Others

The open plate offering (i.e., money not designated as a pledge) for St. Paul's three Christmas worship services was \$1,050.00. The generosity of folks attending our services will enhance the ministry of the Cathedral of the Beloved in Pittsfield. Cathedral of the Beloved is “an outdoor ecumenical community where love is enacted in coffee shop conversations, on sidewalks, in acts of gratitude, through clean clothes and a warm meal. Wherever we are, we ask: ‘How can we be love in this moment? How can I know more fully I am Beloved?’ With action, with each insight, we weave together healing, connection and accountability in our community.” What would happen if we all asked this question of ourselves and of our parish on a regular basis?

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