

**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.

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**Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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**January 22**

Prelude

Opening Hymn #381

Hymn of Praise #538

Sequence Hymn #550

Offertory Hymn #321

Closing Hymn #304

Postlude

**Music for Worship**

Cantabile (mvt. iv), Symphony No. 6, Op. 42/2

Thy strong word

God of mercy, God of grace

Jesus calls us

My God, thy table now is spread

I come with joy

Prelude & Fugue in E minor, BWV 555

*Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982*

Charles-Marie Widor

*Ton-y-botel*

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

*Restoration*

*Rockingham*

*Land of Rest*

J. S. Bach

Please welcome David Smith as organist today.

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

**Sunday, January 22 (8 & 10 a.m.)**

Celebrant/Preacher (8 & 10) The Rev. Jane Tillman

Reader/Intercessor (8 a.m.) Darryl Lafferty

Reader/Intercessor (10 a.m.) Kendra MacLeod

Usher/Greeter (10 a.m.) Carl Sprague

Fellowship Host Liza Picoli

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

Celebrant (8 & 10) The Rev. Libby Wade

Preacher (8 & 10) The Rev. Libby Wade

Reader/Intercessor (8) Jorja Marsden

Reader/Intercessor (10) Jean Rousseau

Usher/Greeter (10) Ginny Willcox

Fellowship Host Mary Tierney

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**Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.**
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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.

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

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.

## 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*

### **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. Here's the reflection for today as a sample: "Many of us know the words of the Lord's Prayer by heart. We may even pray daily for God's kingdom to come and for God's will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven. In today's gospel (Matthew 4:12-23), Jesus reminds us that the kingdom of heaven has already come near. God's kingdom just may not be what we're used to. Peter and Andrew were fishermen by trade, but Jesus tells them they'll now be fishers of people. We all need the good news of a world turned upside down. The world and its status quo do not work for the least among us, the most marginalized, and the oppressed. God says that the last will inherit this coming kingdom. A new day is coming, and we are all invited to be a part of it. We are invited to turn from where we might expect to find God in the world and find that God is already among the people. *Moving Forward: When has God done something unexpected in your life?*

### **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 Chris Johnson, who provided the beautiful arch of greenery along with the Moravian star for Advent and Christmas, and to Rob Maloney, who makes sure the Epiphany star shines over the Tower Room door every year.

\*\*Thanks to the Marian Fathers for organizing the annual Arrival of the Three Kings Caroling Party on January 8 and all who helped with that fun event. It was all the more memorable this year due to a fire alarm (caused by a smoky fireplace) going off at the Red Lion in the middle of the festivities. Who are the kings? It's a grand mystery!

\*\*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.

### **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?

### **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 give on-line feature from 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 utility expenses have increased and the search for a new rector will incur unusual expenses.

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