

# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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*Day of Pentecost*

*May 28, 2023*



*Receive  
the Holy Spirit...*

*John 20:22*

## **Mission Statement**

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

## **Welcoming Statement**

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

# The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

## Processional Hymn #372 Praise to the living God

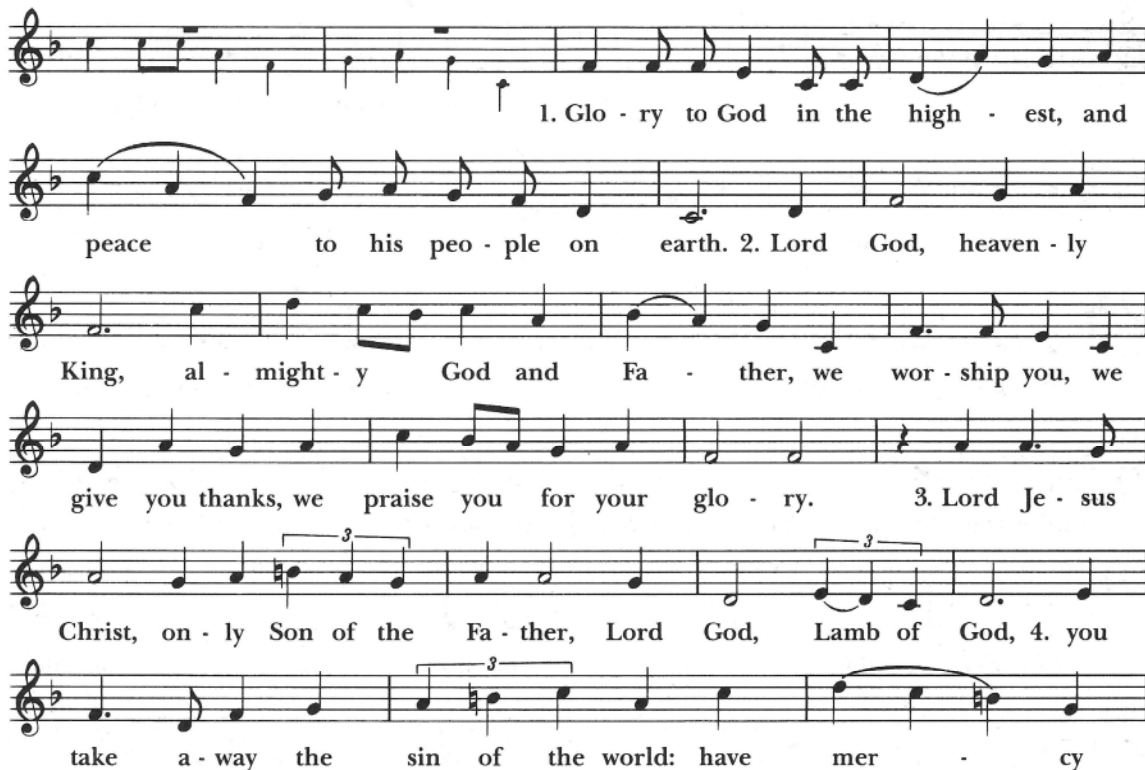
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

## Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in

other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

<sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

<sup>25</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.  
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.  
31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.  
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.  
35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.  
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## **The Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3</sup>No one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifesta-

tion of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn Levas #119 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart**

## **The Holy Gospel**

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

# **Homily**

Rev. Lyn Morlan

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped 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**

## **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Lord make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

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

**All:** **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.**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**All: Amen.**



## The Rite of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### Blessings and Celebrations

#### Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

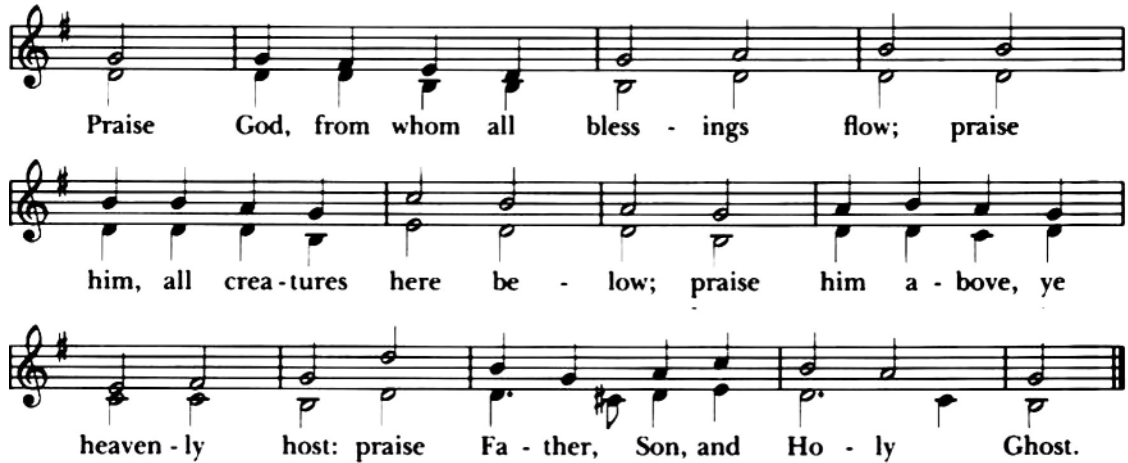
#### Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Offertory Hymn #579 Almighty Father, strong to save



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

## The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 Enriching our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a three-line musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The second line contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The third line contains 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

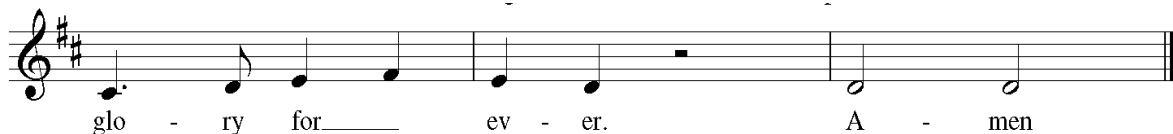
Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

## The Lord’s Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,  
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from  
e-vil. This is the king-dom and the pow-er and the



We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have  
7  
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the  
12  
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Communion Hymn Levas #149 In remembrance of me**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

**All: 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.**

## Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The blessing is given.*

### **Recessional Hymn #528 Lord, you give the great commission**

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and others. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer



The flowers at the altar today  
are given to the Glory of God  
by Barbara Vassell  
in celebration of her brother's birthday

### ***From the Book of Common Prayer***

*Special Prayers, Pg. 818*



#### ***For the Election of a Minister***

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## *Meetings, News and Needs*

- ☞ June 3rd is the Black Rainbow Prom, My Chemical Imbalance (MoPride) for 14 to 20 year olds, dance and drag show. It will be from 6pm-10pm in the Parish Hall.
- ☞ There will be a basket in the narthex for ***the Shower Shuttle***, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.
- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact Chuck Sheaffer. Contact info on page 19.
- ☞ If you are interested in playing hand bells, please contact Judy Teter. Contact info on page 19.
- ☞ Paint and Succulents Day is on June 10<sup>th</sup>. More info on page 18.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Inter-faith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- ☞ There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Also, watch for upcoming events we will be sponsoring and consider attending to show our love.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with the food giveaway, the first Wednesday of each month, please contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy.



## ***Prayer and Praise***

*as of 5-22-2023*

- ◆ Please pray for Jeni Statzer as she recovers from an emergency appendectomy.
- ◆ It is with sadness that we inform you that Rj Moriconi has gone to be with our Lord. Please keep Tony and his family and friends in your prayers.
- ◆ Please continue your prayers for the search committee.
- ◆ Pray for healing, comfort, strength, patience and guidance for The Rev. Deacon Nancy Key as she recovers from heart surgery.
- ◆ Leslie Littlefield (St. Francis's parishioner) that she receives the transplants she needs.
- ◆ Joan Miller (St. Francis's parishioner) healing, comfort, strength, courage and peace as she goes through her cancer treatment.
- ◆ **Update**, Christine Judd had a CT scan to determine if the infection in her body has cleared. Please continue to pray.
- ◆ **Update**, James Hines (Christine Jaynes's Son) has an optic nerve blood clot, treatment has begun. Please pray that the treatment is swift and successful.
- ◆ Please pray for the Christians in India, they are under attack of the enemy. 7,000 people have lost their homes and 45 churches have been destroyed.
- ◆ Please pray for Bonnie Palmer's brother Sam, for healing and recovery from his heart surgery last week.
- ◆ Please pray for Zach Statzer (Jeni's son) that his treatment will be successful.
- ◆ Please pray for healing, comfort, strength and guidance for Susan Sell. Susan is new to the St. Paul's Family.
- ◆ Prayers for healing, comfort and strength as Michael Thorington continues to recover from surgery.



- ◆ Please pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law. Pray for strength to endure what is ahead and for her complete recovery. Also, for peace for her family and friends.
- ◆ Please pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law for healing, comfort, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis.
- ◆ **Praise** that things are going much better for Ralph (Linda Lowe's brother).
- ◆ Continue to pray for healing and comfort for the Munroe's.
- ◆ Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- ◆ Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in someway.
- ◆ Please pray for our Vestry.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.

## *Recycling at St. Paul's*

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.



The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. There are still a few dates that have not been taken. Please check it out.



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# PAINT POTS & PLANT SUCCULENTS

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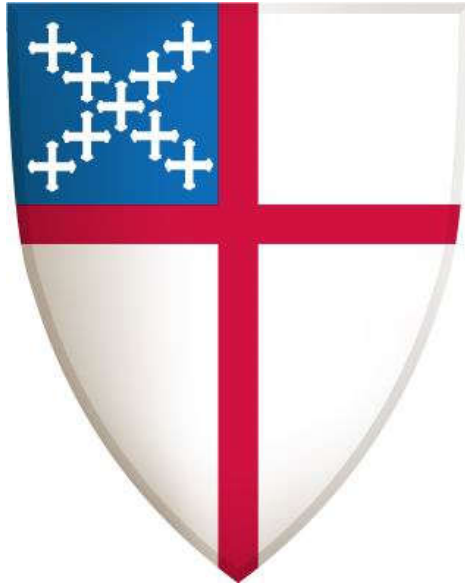
## **Vestry**

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Brandi Anderson, Roberta Bearden, Sarah Hartmann, Carolyn List, Linda Lowe,  
Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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