

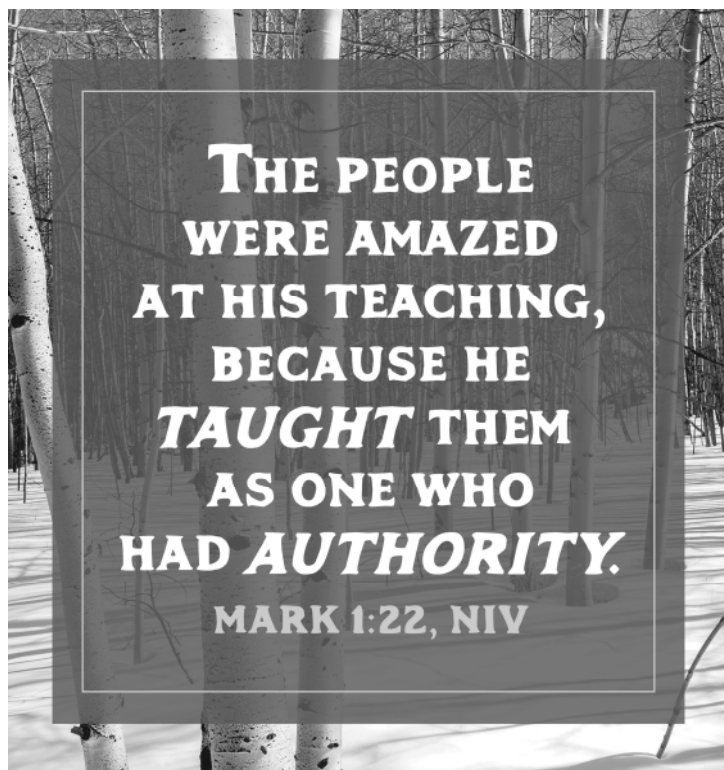
Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jan 28, 2024



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 #371 Thou, whose almighty word

Introductory Rite

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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 - mighty 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.

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**

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great

fire, I will die.”¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

³ His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #536 God has spoken to his people

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

The Confession of Sin

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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. **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 *him/her*, 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 servants, that *their* weakness may be banished and *their* strength restored; and that *their* health being renewed, *they* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

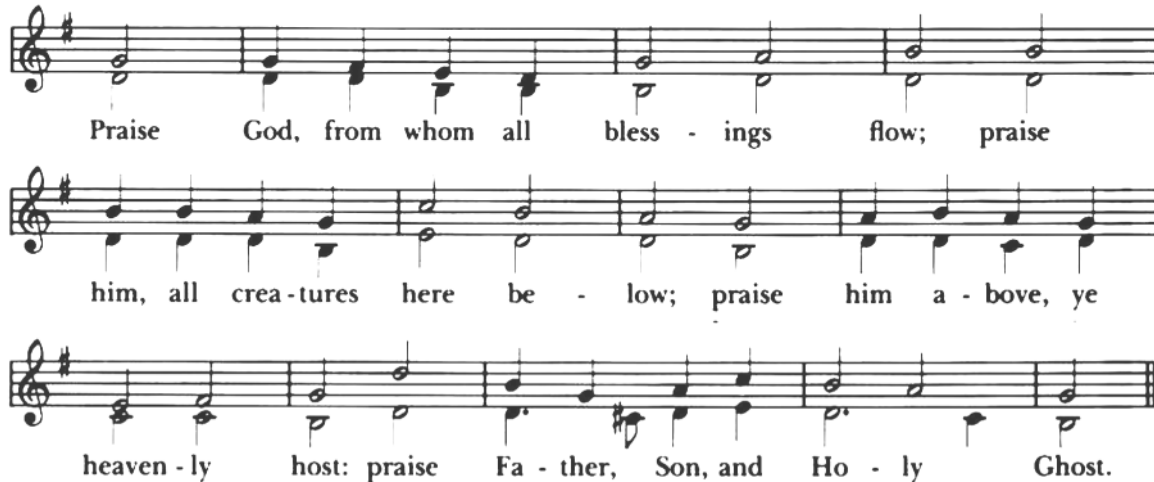
Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**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.**

Offertory Hymn #530 Spread, O spread thou mighty word



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 A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

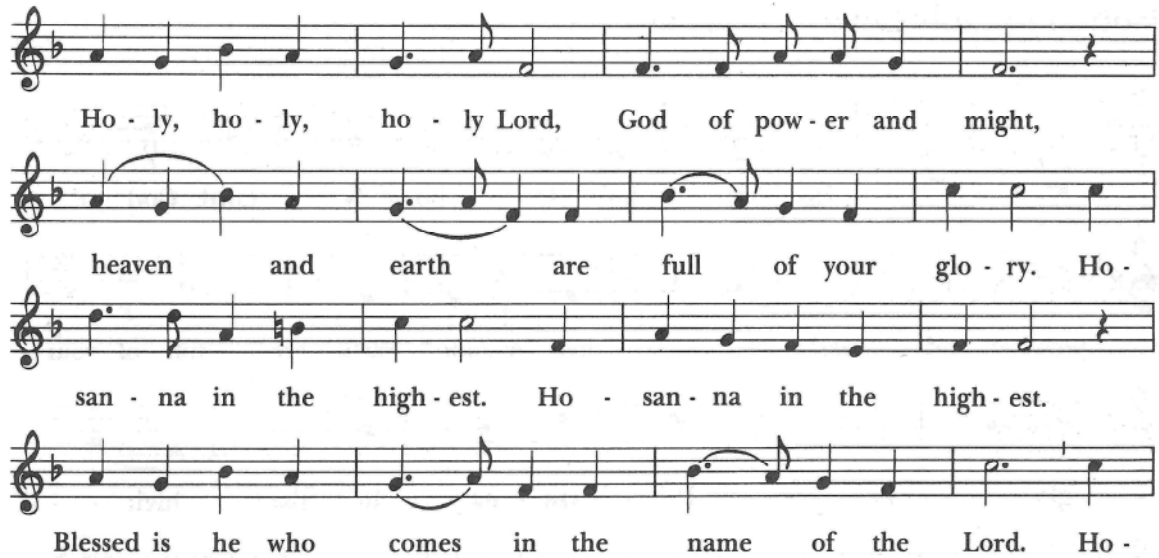
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

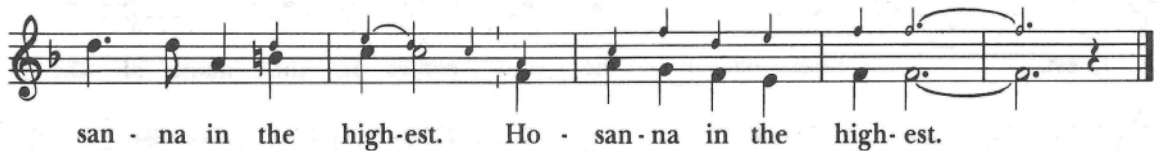
Proper Preface

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 -



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

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father, 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 Father of us 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for 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-owed 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. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Agnus Dei



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

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn Levas #146 Break thou the bread of life

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is bestowed.

Recessional Hymn Levas #99 On Christ the solid rock

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer

We Have Gluten-free Wafers

Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request. Please let one of the ushers know if you'd like to receive gluten-free bread.

January Ministry Schedule

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Barbara V Steph G	Steph HW Ann M	Nancy S Judy T	Ann M Christine J
Intercessor	Judy T	Linda L	Sarah H	Nancy S
Greeters	Christine J Phil M	Ishmael H Claudine R	Sarah H Christine J	William S Phil M
Ushers	David L		David L	
Vestry Rep	Judy T	Linda L	Sarah H	Nancy S

February Ministry Schedule

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Annamary P Jim P	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Rex A Steph G	Barbara V Alex S	Steph HW Ishmael H	Ann M Christine J
Intercessor	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B
Greeters	Christine J David L	William S Claudine R	Carolyn L Christine J	Phil M Ishmael H
Ushers	David L Phil M	William S Claudine R	Carolyn L David L	Phil M Ishmael H
Vestry Rep	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B

Prayer and Praise as of 1-20-2024



Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Theresa Grieshaber
Pam & Mike Cox
Suzy Cano
Elaine Paradis
Susan Sell
Linda's Aunt Mudge
Deacon George
Robin Magenot

Sarah Manfredoni
Ann Mootz's sister-in-law
Bonnie Palmer
Michael Thorington
Sharon Andrew's daughter-in-law
Enrique Perez (student of Danielle Verges)
Phil & Anita Machado

- ☞ Bishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.
- ☞ Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
- ☞ Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere; Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.
- ☞ Please pray for the people of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui.
- ☞ Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.
- ☞ Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will on their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.
- ☞ Please pray for all travelers as journey to and from their destinations.

Please see the weekly email for the entire list.

(Some of these people have been on our prayer list a long time, that is because they are in need of long term prayer. The list is updated every week)

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

A Letter from Jeni

Saying goodbye to a place that has had such an impact on me is not an easy task. There are not enough pages in the bulletin to express my gratitude. Serving alongside the congregation to reach the lost and grow the found has been a journey like no other. There will not a day that goes by that I don't think of St. Paul's and the amazing people that call it home. St. Paul's has been a blessing to my life and as I move on to the next chapter of my professional career, St. Paul's will always have a place in my heart.

To the volunteers, staff, congregation, and Episcopal Church; I thank you for the opportunity you provided me and I can't wait to hear the stories of the church growing closer to God in the future!

Blessings,



Jeni Statzer

Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:6



The 2024 Altar Flower donation list is now posted in the Narthex. You may sign up on the list or send a request to carolynlist@sbcglobal.net. The donation amount remains at \$35. When you donate, your name and the memory, celebration, or honor of your person or event is printed in the weekly Service Bulletin so the congregation can observe with you.

Have You Pledged?

Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, there are still some in the church entry.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show

February 13, 2024

Now that the whole Christmas season is finished, it is time to look ahead to the time of preparation for Easter. For St. Paul's that means the tradition of enjoying delicious pancakes and reveling in all of our talents.....even with the favorite jokester.

Shrove Tuesday will be February 13th. Jim and Annamary Peck have decided to hand over the spatula to someone else after years of capably and cheerfully handling the supper. Chuck Sheaffer will continue to coordinate the talent show part of the evening.

To be able to carry on the traditional way to prepare for Lent new volunteers are needed to:

- ◆ Help with setting up and decorating the hall
- ◆ Organizing the meal, purchasing ingredients, overseeing the kitchen
- ◆ Kitchen help for mixing, flipping, and heating pancakes and sausage/bacon
- ◆ Clean-up
- ◆ Re-setting the hall

As the saying goes.....many hands make light work....all volunteers for any portion of the fun are welcome. Let's handle this together!

Please contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or lwlowe@outlook.com for more information.





• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

☞ **Sunday School** has started and is held in the room at the back of the church during the Readings and the Homily.

☞ **Tuesday Noon Day Prayer** in the Guadalupe Chapel at 12 noon, every Tuesday. To be followed by **Jump Start** Bible study.

- ☞ If you are interested in joining the **Altar Guild** please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- ☞ **Tai Chi** meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ **Choir** is still on a break.
- ☞ If you are interested in playing **hand bells**, contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ **Food Distribution** continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box on the altar rail for **The Stanislaus Food Initiative** (formerly Interfaith Ministries).
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with **Salvation Army** dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining **Knit One, Pray Two**, please contact Gayle Ivy. They will be meeting the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm in the youth room of the Parish Hall. This years charity is the Seaman's Institute. They are making scarfs, hats, socks etc.
- ☞ There are still free **Covid 19 tests available** in the Narthex or in the church office.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining a Wednesday **Morning Prayer** service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson jthork2404@aol.com
- ☞ 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.

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Lora Burnett, Sarah Hartmann, Ismael Huggins, Linda Lowe, Luis Martinez,
Ann Mootz, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva and Judy Teter

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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