

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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All Saints Day November 1, 2026



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.

Prelude - Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn – #287 For all the Saints

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

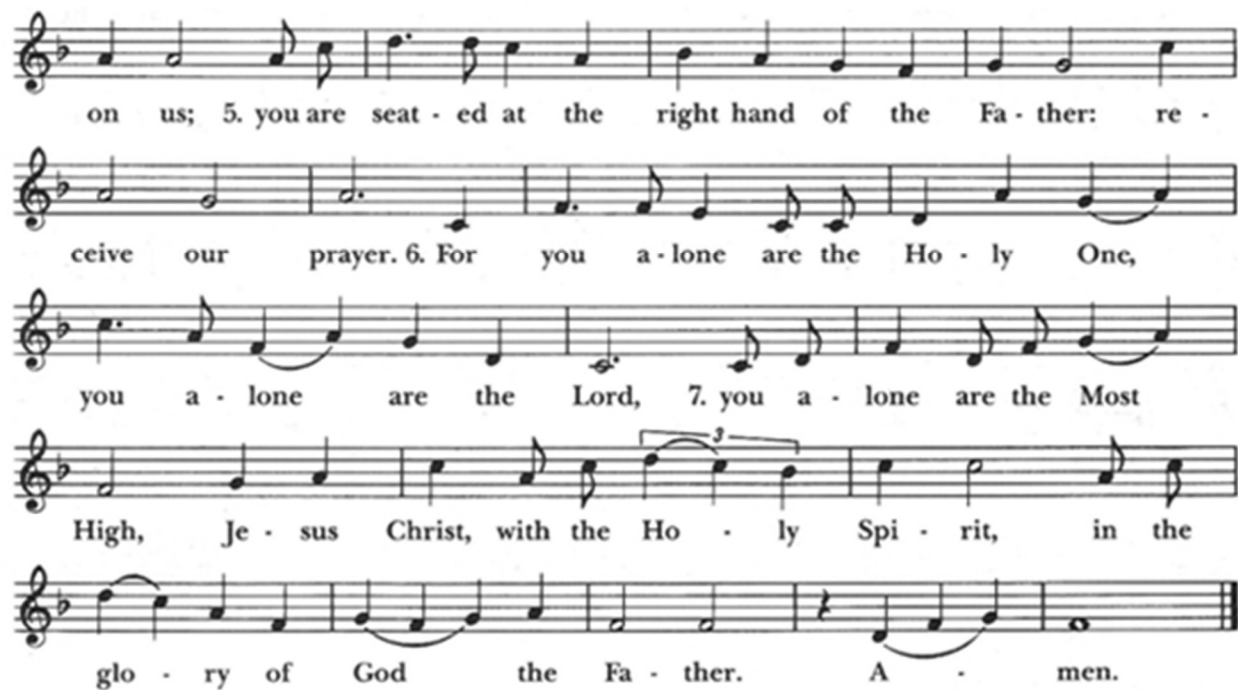
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.

And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

The 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



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Pause

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

We sit for the first readings

The First Reading-Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

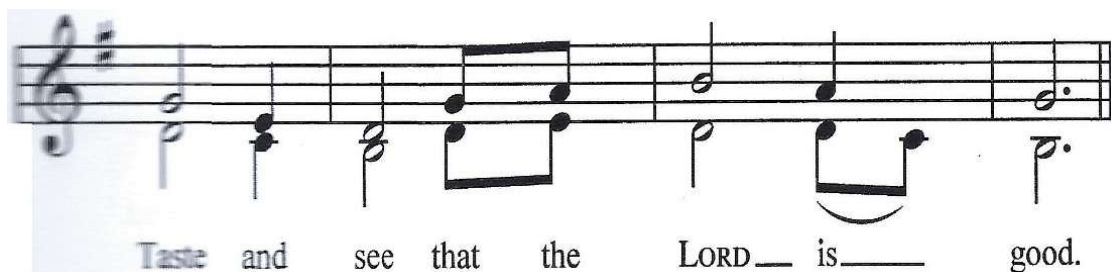
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22



- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Gradual Hymn #618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Christ

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."

The Sermon – Fr. Brian Dawson

Following the sermon we will hear the names of all who have been farewelled from this life in the name of St Paul's in the past two years while candles are lit for each.

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 response to “Lord, in your mercy” is **hear our prayer**.

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We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.
**Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Reconciliation

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Silence

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all

and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name

and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest declares God's mercy

Through the cross of Christ,

God have mercy on you, forgive you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven

and be at peace. **Amen.**

Blessings & Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides. Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge this day. May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witness-es to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.

Prayer for Those We Love

Gracious God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Doxology

Prayer for Our Stewardship Pledges

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These pledges represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

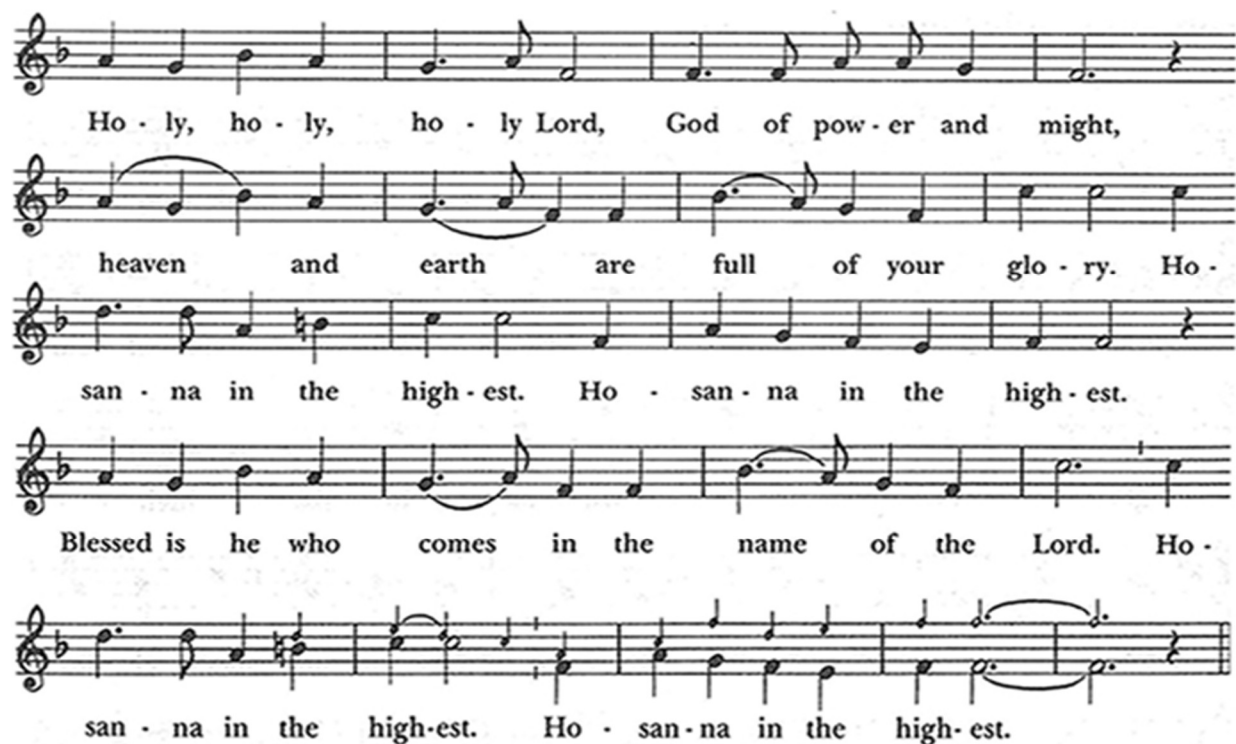
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, O God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

O God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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-es, As we for-give those who tres pass a-gainst us,
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, 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

The bread is broken

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Come for all things are now ready.

All are welcome at God's table. Please indicate if you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/ or grape juice. If you would prefer a blessing please place your hands behind your back.

Communion Hymn: #656 Blest are the pure in heart

Extending Our Eucharistic Gathering

A representative of the parish's Eucharistic Visitors comes forward to receive the bread and wine reserved for those who are sick or otherwise unable to join us in person.

In the name of us all at St Paul's Episcopal Church, we send our Eucharistic Visitors forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom they go may share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood. May they with whom these gifts are shared remain bound to us, and we to them.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.

Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of grace.

Amen.

May Christ give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn #556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart

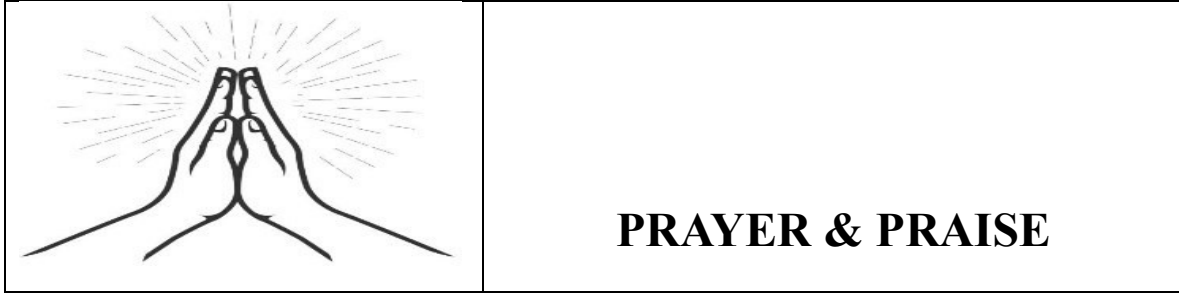
The Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Chuck Sheaffer

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Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Bonnie, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Annamary, Judy, Mike, Jose, Hennie, Kevin, Murray, Karen, Ellen, Jim, James, Ivy, Susie, Marlene, Phil, Sharon, Al, Clara, Michael, Kelly, MaryAnne, Pat, Karen M., Laurence, Suzanne, Charlie, Debora, Ginny, Marcus, Frank, Trudy, Alison, Darlene, George, Betty, Gabe, Janet, Rick, Bill, Seema, Brooke, Brandon, Sue, Wayne, Tom, Nestor

Those who have passed away:

Those in the Military:

CPT Sam Birch, USA

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

SSG Brandon Wegener, USAF

Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens, Altar Guild

<p>The flowers at the altar today are given to The Glory of God in Thanksgiving for Many Blessings</p>

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Plenty
Good Room

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 5: 3*

Today we remember those Saints who have gone before us and remain with us now, albeit unseen. Like them, we are called to be both blessed and a blessing.

During our Stewardship Season we have reflected on what it means to be a steward – a trustee – of all God’s gifts. By caring for them, protecting them and using them well we ensure their continued blessing, both on us and on others.

Now, at the end of this season, we are invited to decide how we will respond. What will we give in terms of our time, our skills and abilities, and our financial resources? How do we rightly acknowledge that they are *all* entrusted to us by God? And how do we ensure that they will be a blessing for all in the year ahead?

Please ponder these questions and return your pledge card soon.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Dates	Nov 1st	Nov 8th	Nov 15th	Nov 22nd	Nov 29th
Clergy	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
Acolytes	A-Joyce C-Nancy	A-Judy C- Carlos	A-Judy C-Evelyn	A-Alex C-Gabe	A-Judy C-Evelyn
Eucharistic Minister	Ann	Linda	Bobbi	Joyce Linda	Ann
Lectors	Claudine Judy	Nancy Peter	Stephanie H-W. Linda	Peter Alex	Judy Claudine
Intercessor	Joyce	Courtney	Peter	Rosanne	Ann
Ushers	Claudine Carolyn	Courtney Carolyn	Linda David	Rosanne David	Ann Claudine
Greeters	Claudine Carolyn	Courtney Carolyn	Linda Lynelle	Rosanne Lynelle	Ann Claudine
Vestry Rep.	Joyce	Courtney	Peter	Rosanne	Ann
Coffee Hour Host	Hennie	Rev. Kathie	Sarah & Joyce	Kathy & Lykele	
Sunday School	Evelyn	Ann	Sarah	Evelyn	Sarah

COMING UP AT ST PAUL'S

Golden Corral Senior Luncheon Group

Come one, come all....spouses, partners, friends...all are welcome!

Phil and Anita Machado will be hosting lunch at Golden Corral, 3737 McHenry Ave, Modesto, Tuesday, November 17th at 2:30 pm.

For more information, contact Phil, 209-527-2727.

Cookie Walk 2026

Saturday, December 5th, 9 am-4 pm

Cookie Walk 2026 is coming up fast! It will be in the Parish Hall, Saturday, December 5th, 9 am-4 pm. There will be opportunities for everyone to be involved with this annual fundraiser: cookie bakers; cookie "platers"; greeters; walkers that help customers pick the right 13 cookies for their box; box "preppers"; set-up crews; clean-up crews; ticket sellers; cookie bakers and cookie bakers. Time commitments may be an hour, several hours, or all day-**your choice!**

Look for the sign-up sheets in the narthex soon or contact Linda in the church office 209-522-3267 to offer your time and talent. Tickets will be available soon.

Did I mention that we need **lots of cookies?**

A Prayer for Those the Sirens Rush To

Keep watch, O God, over those who face perils and trials this day. Be with our first responders and those to whom they rush. May they for whom the sirens sound know your presence, your constant love and that our prayers are with them. Amen.

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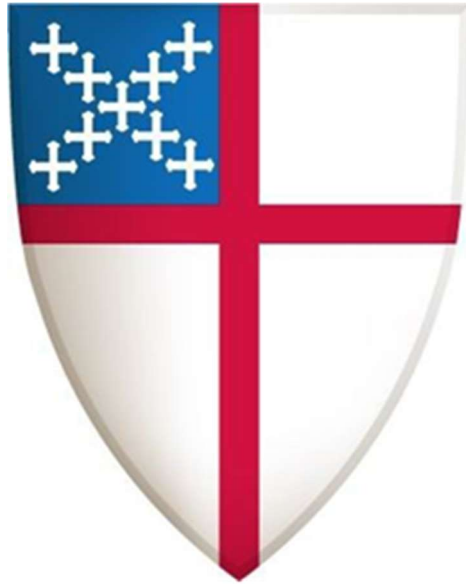
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