



## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*St. Paul's is a loving family united in the ministry of Jesus Christ;  
worshiping, learning, and serving together in the Episcopal tradition.*

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### Intercessions

#### Birthdays

Ethan Fidler 12/31, Christine Hammer 01/02,  
Dennis Music 01/03

#### Anniversary

Andy & Stephanie Pawuk 12/28

#### Prayers

John Adam Tallman, Rachel Small, Nancy Whitaker, Matthew B,  
Nancy Warmath, Kathy Greene, Marilyn Dean, Genevieve Herron,  
Mariia Vozniuk and family, Christine Hammer, Eric, Annette Streyer,  
Barry Bashore, Milli Mills, Adriana McNally, Judy Lippert,  
Dan Graham, Gary Shine

#### Military

SSgt Sean Stuart, SSgt Gage Graham, MSgt Kenney Dupre,  
SMSgt James Ashton, ENS Jason Warren, Eden McGrain,  
Rebekah Vasquez, Danny Hazard, Anneka Wesche

#### Service Ministers

**Rector:** The Reverend Dr. J. Paul Board

**Director of Christian Education:** Dr. Jennifer Vasquez, ELCA  
Deacon

**Director of Music:** Brad Cresswell

**Organist:** Jane Weber

**Guest Musician:** Bill Fayerweather

**Livestream Technician:** Rebekah Vasquez

**Lectors:** Tara Robinson, Ford Koles, Steve McNally, Michele  
Alexander

**Chalice Bearer:** Dennis Music

**Altar Guild:** Michele Alexander, Sue Cohen, Stephanie Mattoni,  
Renee Simon

**Ushers:** Terry Fraker

**Coffee Hour:** Joanie Asendorf

### Lessons and Carols

#### Holy Eucharist Rite II

**December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**Prelude** *Once in a Royal David's City*..... arr. Lani Smith

**Processional Hymn** “*Once In Royal David's City*” vs. 1-4..... [H102]

#### A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God:

In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of Christ's birth and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in Maumee. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Intercessions added here)*

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

**Lesson I: Isaiah 7:10-15** .....[Bible pg. 554]

*God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as 'God With Us.'*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the incarnation of your Son established the new covenant of peace: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

**Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful"** vs. 1-3.....[H83]

**Lesson II: Luke 1:26-58**.....[Bible pg. 831]

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

**Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High"** vs 1, 2.....[H96]

**Lesson III: Luke 2:1-7** .....[Bible pg. 833]

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Heavenly Father, through the birth of your Son you have raised the lowly and sent away the high and the haughty: may his light which shone forth in Bethlehem continue to shine in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

**Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem"** vs. 1-3.....[H79]

**Lesson IV: Luke 2:8-20** .....[Bible pg. 832]

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Eternal Father, you promised us we would never be forsaken and sent a child called Emmanuel to be born unto us: plant in every heart, we pray, the love of your Son Jesus Christ so that our lives may be signs of your presence throughout the world; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

**Hymn "Away in a Manger"** vs. 1, 2..... [H101]

**Announcements**

<https://stpaulsmaumee.org/>

**Flowers Ministry**

There is one opening for the Chancel flower on January 25th. If you want to honor someone you love, please contact Claudia Stein using the form on the website.

**Sunday School (Christian Education)**

**Godly Play:** Age 3-4th grade. Meets outside the double doors after Communion at the 10:00 service for about 20 minutes.

**Adult Class:** Meets from 9:00-9:50 in the Skylight Room. Starting January 4, we will be studying the book *Paul the Pharisee* by John Dominic Crossan. You do not need to read the book to participate! A Zoom link will be available for anyone who would like to join remotely.

**Sunday Christian Education classes will not meet today.**

**Bible Study**

Make a New Year's resolution to join a Bible Study! Join us on Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom for a 6-week Epiphany-themed deep dive into the gospel of Matthew, chapters 1-4, beginning January 7. See the website to view optional lectures.

**(Almost Epiphany) Dinner Party**

On January 4 from 5-7PM we will be hosting a dinner along with Epiphany traditions and activities (skit, singing, chalking the church, kings' cakes, and more). It is a wonderful event for all ages-! Please RSVP on the church website.

**Save the Dates:**

January 18: Introduction to the Land Statement

January 25: Celebrate St. Paul's Feast Day

February 1: Migration with Dignity Sunday

February 8: Annual Meeting, Young Adult Care Packages, and Choir Bake Sale

Dates TBD: First Communion and Baptismal instruction for any interested

**St. Paul's Book Club**

You're invited to join St. Paul's Book Club! We meet virtually on the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm, and we read one book a month from a variety of different genres. For more info, please contact Donna Dick (donnadick@gmail.com).

**Schedule:** January 13 & 27: *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah.

**Livestream Volunteers**

We are looking for a few new wizards to build out our team for the livestream ministry. Well, you don't really have to be a wizard. It is not as complicated as it may look! It is a satisfying experience to produce a livestream video. Ideally, team members would run the livestream one Sunday per month. If interested, please contact Bruce Burgin for a demo.

**Canon Jessie Dodson**

As you all experience the pain of change, and the uncertainty of moving on,  
I pray that you may also know the blessing of inner growth.

**All**

May we go forth in peace,  
confident that God goes with us.

**Canon Jessie Dodson**

As you meet the poor, the pained, and the stranger on the way,  
may you see in each one the face of Christ.

**All**

We know that God goes with us.

**Canon Jessie Dodson**

As you walk through the good times and the bad,  
may you never lose sight  
of the shelter of God's loving arms.

**All**

We know that God goes with us.

**Canon Jessie Dodson**

As you ponder your decisions  
and wonder about the fruits of your choices,  
may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.

**All**

We know that God goes with us.

**Canon Jessie Dodson**

Let us pray.  
Gracious God, we thank you for calling this priest and this community  
together in shared ministry.  
As they now enter a season of transition,  
shelter them from all anxiety,  
grant them courage to meet the days ahead,  
and grace to let go into new life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

**Lesson V: Matthew 2:1-12** .....[Bible pg. 783]

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the  
peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your  
presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Hymn “We Three Kings”** vs. 1, 5 .....[H128]

**Lesson VI: John 1:1-14** ..... [Bible pg. 862]

*The Word was made flesh and we have seen His glory.*

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the Holy name Jesus to  
be the sign of our salvation: plant in every heart, we pray, the love of  
him who is Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. *Amen.*

**Hymn “Lo How A Rose E’er Blooming”** vs. 1, 2.....[H81]

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your  
incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may  
shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. *Amen.*

**The Confession of Sin**..... [BCP 360]

**The Peace**

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People: And also with you.*

**Announcements**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Offertory** *What Child is This*..... Jane Weber & Bill Fayerweather

## The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures, here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**Eucharistic Prayer B**.....[BCP 367]

**Sanctus**.....[S128]

**The Lord's Prayer** ..... [BCP 364]

**The Breaking of the Bread** (sung) .....[S154]  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Communion Music** ..... [Hymnal 87, 115, 99]

**Post Communion Prayer**..... [BCP 365]

**Liturgy for Leave-Taking** ..... Insert

## The Blessing

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

**The Recessional Hymn** "*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*" ...[H107]

## Dismissal

**Postlude** *Tidings of Joy*..... *Johann S. Bach*

## Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

### Liturgy for Leave-Taking at the Conclusion of a Pastoral Relationship

*Adapted from Praying Our Farewells (Franciscan Prayer Book)*

*For use on the final Sunday of a shared ministry between priest and people, with a representative of the bishop present.*

## Introduction

Canon Jessie Dodson may say:

Today we mark a moment of transition in the life of this community, giving thanks for the ministry we have shared with Paul and acknowledging the conclusion of their pastoral relationship with this parish. In prayer and gratitude, we entrust one another to God's continuing care and presence.

*All stand, as they are able.*

## Canon Jessie Dodson

God of our beginnings and endings,  
we give thanks for all that we have shared with Paul, and we ask your blessing as they continue on their journey.  
May the love that is in our hearts  
be a bond that unites us always, wherever we may be.  
May the power of your presence  
bless this moment of leave-taking;  
this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## Congregation

As you journey onward,  
we ask forgiveness where we have failed you;  
we give thanks for all you have given us;  
we assure you of our love and prayers.

## Paul

As I prepare to depart, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you;  
I give thanks for all that you have given to me;  
I assure you of my love and prayers.