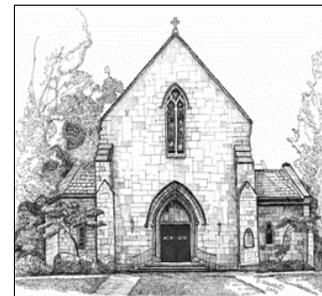


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The First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18, 2018—8:45 a.m.

Celebrating and Preaching —The Rev. Noah H. Evans

Children's Homily—Kristen Morgan

WELCOME!

Make sure to check in on Facebook and add St. Paul's as your location on Instagram.

Prelude

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Song of Praise: "Save us, O Lord"

Refrain

Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.
Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back.

Verse 1

1. O Shep-herd of Is - ra - el, hear us. Re - turn and we shall be
1. saved. A - rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back! to Refrain

Verse 2

2. How long will you hide from your peo-ple? We long to
2. see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts! to Refrain

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

All kneel. The Celebrant then says:

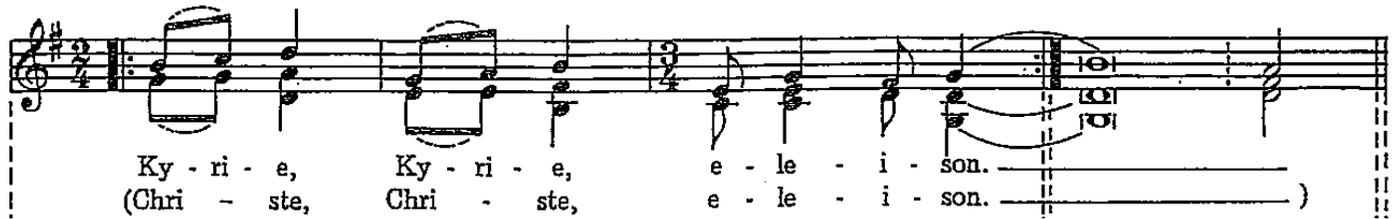
Let us confess our sins to God.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel reading, children may follow the cross to the Undercroft for a children's homily. They will return during the exchange of the peace.

Children are also welcome to remain in their pews.

The Sermon

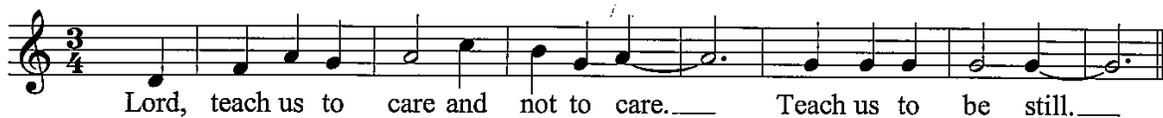
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The Creed

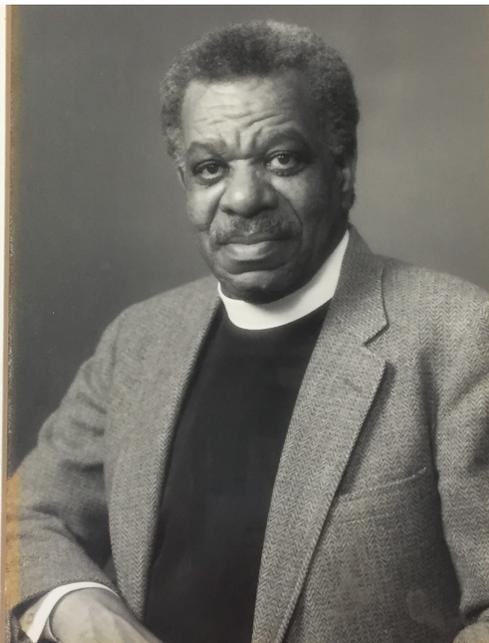
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: 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 worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People

A Prayer Response will be sung, after which a petition is said, followed again by the sung prayer response.



St. Paul's History



The Rev. Michael P.G.G. Randolph served as Interim Rector of St. Paul's from 1997—1998. He was described as one of the most experienced interims in the Episcopal Church. Fr. Michael suffered complications during surgery late in life, while serving as interim dean of Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri. While Fr. Michael was hospitalized, Archbishop Desmond Tutu visited him to pray in Xhosa and English. Michael Randolph was a published author (*Absalom Jones*, and *A Faithful Journey: Black Leadership in the Episcopal Church*). He was also the author of a monthly illustrated newsletter for children based on the created character "Thumb Diddle, the Magic Bear," which at the height of its popularity had over 18,000 subscribers. Fr. Michael was also a professional storyteller, and for 15 years presented dramatizations of the lives of black Americans with programs of storytelling, poetry reading, and word games. *Black Profiles-Living History* was performed for more than 192,000 children in those years. Fr. Michael died in 2012 in St. Louis.



THUMB DIDDLE
"the magic bear"

The Peace

Celebrant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music "You are mine"



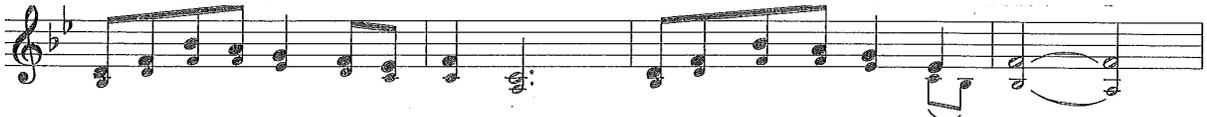
- 1. I will come to you in the si - lence, _____
- 2. I am hope for all who are hope - less, _____
- 3. I am strength for all the de - spair - ing, _____



- 1. I will lift you from _____ all your fear, _____ You will hear my voice, I
- 2. I am eyes for all who long to see, _____ In the shad-ows of the night, _____
- 3. heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame, _____ All the blind will see, the



- 1. claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. _____ (to Verse 2)
- 2. I will be your light, come and rest in me. _____ (to Refrain)
- 3. lame will all run free, and all will know my name. _____ (to Refrain)



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. _____



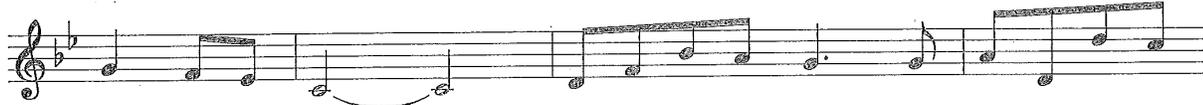
Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; _____ I love you and you are



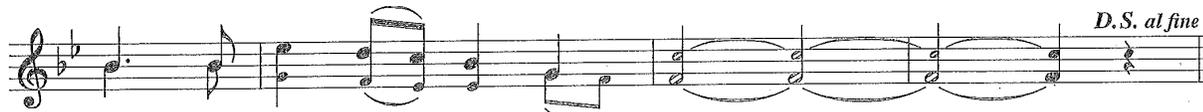
mine. _____ (4. I)



4. am the Word that leads all to free-dom, _____ I am the peace the



4. world can-not give. _____ I will call your name, em-brac-ing all your



4. pain, stand up, now __ walk, and __ live! _____

Presentation Hymn "Surely the presence of the Lord"

Please stand as you able.



Sure - ly the Pre-sence of the Lord is in this place. I can



5 feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. _____ I can



9 feel the brush of An - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face.



13 Sure - ly the Pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

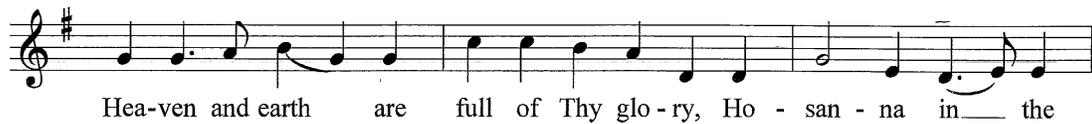
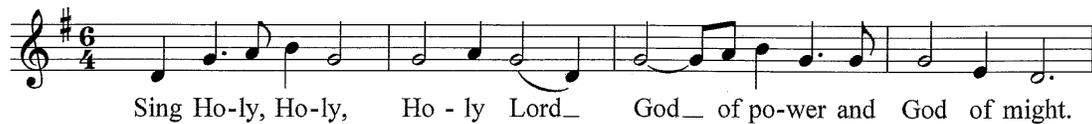
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Source of all life and Creator of all things. Out of the swirling void you spun the starlight and rolled out the dawn. You clothed the fields in splendor and filled them with delights of marvelous colors and magnificent variety. Then you called forth a people, formed them to reflect your image of love, and shepherded them toward your promise. You walked with Abraham on his journey and taught Sarah how to laugh. You entrusted Rachel with our destiny and wrestled with Jacob in his soul. You led slaves to freedom through the sea and accompanied homeless wanderers into the land of promise. Like a practiced parent you nourished your people, and when they were willful and disobedient, you raised up prophets to return them to the ways of justice and peace. Your name is Helper, Sovereign, Deliverer, Protector.

Therefore, created by that Source, we join our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, as we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Celebrant continues

From the first word of creation you began to form a world into which redemption would come, crafting the path through leveled mountains and raised valleys. Then, when all was prepared and the time was at hand, you took human form in the womb of a young woman named Mary and dwelt among us in your son, Jesus. He was born among us humble and fragile, yet powerful and worthy of worship, before whom angels sang and shepherds bowed. He spoke your truth and lived your love. He drew to himself the outcast, the poor, those beyond redemption, and made them whole with his boundless mercy. He came to hear our joy, bear our burden and suffer our death. At the last he was nailed to a tree on

our behalf, giving up his breath, so that your Spirit might breathe among us. In his death is our life. He is our hope, our future, the first-born of the new creation. His name is Savior, Brother, Teacher, Prince of Peace.

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."

We approach the banquet before us in Jesus' name. As the wheat is gathered from the fields and formed into one loaf, gather us, O Lord, into your presence and unite us through your Holy Spirit. May this offering be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Send us forth into the world with faithful perseverance, that we might delight in your service and share in your purpose for this community and for your whole creation. We pray that our names become Reconciler, Healer, Forgiver, Friend.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. If you need communion brought to your pew, please let the ushers know.



Communion Music: "Hosea"

3 *win movement a tempo*

Soprano
Alto

rit.

1. Come back to me — with all your heart. —
2. wil-der-ness — will lead — you —

3 *rit. a tempo*

Tenor
Bass

1. Don't let fear — keep us a-part. — } Trees do bend, — 'though
2. to your heart — where I will speak. — } In - teg - ri - ty — and

1. straight and tall; — } so must we — to oth-er's call. —
2. jus - tice, — With ten-der-ness, — } you shall know. —

Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and liv - ing

deep-ly our new life. —

2. The
3.

3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace: faith - ful - ness

3. _____ will be your joy. _____ life. _____

to Refrain After vs. 3 if Interlude is used

3. ness _____ will _____ be your joy. _____ life. _____

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing



Recessional Hymn "Fear not, I have redeemed you"

Fear not, for I have re - deemed you; I have

called you by name. I have called you by

To verses Final ending

name; you are mine.

1. When you pass through the wa - ters I will be with you;

2. Be - cause you are pre - cious and I love you,

1. and through riv - ers, they will not o - ver - whelm you.

2. you whom I formed for my glo - ry.

1. When you walk through the fire you will not be burned; the
 2. You whom I called by my Name, _____

1. flames will not _____ consume you. _____
 2. I will gather to - geth - er. _____

D.C.

The Dismissal

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

After the postlude, children in grades 3,4, and 5 should proceed to the chapel on the lower level of the building. All other children should proceed to their Sunday School classrooms.

Prayer List- We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for Doris, Donna, John, David, June, Barrett, Sandy, and Veronica, and for all who are included in our parish prayer list, for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers, for all who serve in the armed forces of the United States, and for all who are suffering from violence, persecution, or disease around the world.

We pray for those who have died, for Lilly Cooper, grandmother of Christin Cooper, St. Paul's Music Assistant for Children, and for our loved ones who have gone before us.

Contributions to the altar flower fund are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Linda C. Kime.

Music Notes— *Upcoming Friends of Music Events and Concerts:*

Lenten Organ Recital Series- February and March 2018 12:30-1:00pm

On Lenten Wednesdays at 12:30 pm, February 21 through March 7, Organists Richard Konzen, Doug Starr and Nicholas Will, will give a short program of organ works for Lent. All are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, February 21 at 12:30-1:00pm*

Richard Konzen, St. John's Episcopal and former Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's (1988-1993)

**Wednesday, February 28 at 12:30-1:00pm*

Doug Starr, St. Paul's Episcopal

**Wednesday, March 7 at 12:30- 1:00pm*

Nicholas Will, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Free Will Offerings will be taken on 2/21 and 3/7. On 2/28, please bring donations for South Hills Food Pantry; cans of food, a can opener, toothbrush and toothpaste are especially needed.

Doug Starr, Director of Music & Arts

SUNDAY EVENTS

De-mythifying a Bach Cantata Adult Forum: Sunday, February 18 at 9:45am. The title of a J.S. Bach cantata can be imposing. Its name is based upon a German hymn, named in German needing translation, and then follows an obscure catalogue number. This forum will reduce then intimidating label of a Bach Cantata to something simple and understandable. Come learn why Bach cantata *Was willst du dich betrüben* (Why would you grieve) BWV 107 is simply "Don't worry. Be happy!" You will learn the place of his cantatas in worship music history. The choir, soloists and orchestra will perform this cantata at 10:45 am on Sunday, March 11.

Family Yoga at St. Paul's - every **Sunday at 3pm**, St. Paul's will be offering Family Yoga every week, led by certified instructor, Shawna Wyland. All ages and generations are welcome to join this practice. Come and learn about how yoga can become part of your spiritual practice. If you have spare yoga mats, bolsters, or blocks, consider bringing them to share. **Also, please bring a can of food, a can opener, a toothbrush, or toothpaste** to donate to the South Hills Food Pantry! Questions? Contact shawna15234@yahoo.com, (412)616-0351.

St. Paul's Name Tags - Name tags have arrived, and may be picked up at the Donut Table on Sunday morning. The cost is \$7.00 per name tag. If you are paying by check, please make it out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with nametag on the memo line. If you have questions, or would like to order a name tag please see the Donut Table.

Vestry News: Congratulations to our new Vestry Members elected to three-year terms at our annual meeting on February 11, 2018: Gina Brownfield, Frank Horrigan, Geoff Hurd and Mark Lamendola! Also, we congratulate Pat Eagon Stafford on being named Senior Warden. For more information about our Vestry, the lay governing board of our parish, visit www.stpaulspgh.org/vestry.

LENT

Lent Worship: In church during Lent, you will notice some things look different, similar to how we change out the décor in our own homes from season to season. During this time we journey with Christ in the wilderness, and to Jerusalem, the Cross, and the Tomb. So, the church appears starker and our services feel more somber. We've put away our fancy gold, silver and brass, and instead use simple earthen items of wood and stone. The flowers are gone. The lighting is subdued. Our alleluias are silenced. Lent's Prayers of the People, written by Kathleen Davies, are based on the poem, "Ash Wednesday" by T.S. Eliot, which contains the line "Teach us to care and not to care." We find ourselves kneeling more, including confessing our sins as the first thing we do in the service. We also will be using "real" bread for communion, instead of wafers (gluten free wafers are always available). If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Noah or Garrett, or our verger and Worship Committee chair, Rich Creehan.

Lent Outreach – This Lent, we are collecting can openers, canned food, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for Trinity Walk-In Ministry and South Hills Food Pantry. It's often easy to overlook the needs of the people we are working with – when you have nothing to eat, how can you open canned goods without a can opener? So, we are asking you to think a little more deeply and donate items that can be "paired" to think about the obstacles many people face. Boxes are available in the Undercroft for these items (also, please feel free to donate inexpensive "dollar store" can openers – with nowhere to store them, people living on the street frequently lose their can openers before they wear out).

Lenten Preaching Series: "Proclaiming Christ Not Only with our Lips but with our Lives" 6pm Dinner, 7pm Holy Eucharist & Sermon

Tuesday, February 27 - The Rev. Sara Irwin
Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, East Liberty

Tuesday, March 6 - The Rev. Noah H. Evans
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 378 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont

"Lent in a Bag" - Have you ever heard of it? It is similar to an Advent Calendar during Advent. Each week of Lent, in Sunday School, the classes will be using their own classroom Lent in a Bag to do a devotion before getting started on their lessons-- and the first Sunday of Lent, we will be making these bags in Sunday School. You can do your own devotions at home each week, to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FISH FRIES!

February 23, March 9 & March 23, 5pm - 7:30pm.

We need helpers of all ages, too! Are you interested in volunteering on one or all of these dates? Contact Karen Viggiano (412-445-3260, or visit the donut table) if you'd like to make a dessert, or help in the front of the house, or John Sozansky (johnsoz@verizon.net) if you'd like to help in the kitchen

Turning Toward Love: a Lenten Quiet Day - Saturday, February 24, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Join the Rev. Sara Irwin for "Turning Toward Love," a quiet day exploring the themes of contemplation and transformation. What do you hear when you pause to listen? Where does the Holy Spirit long to breathe new life into your soul? What is the repenting, the turning around, you're called to as you follow God's love into the wilderness this Lent? The Rev. Sara Irwin is an Episcopal priest living in Pittsburgh, PA. She is mom to Isaiah and Adah, and spouse to the Rev. Noah Evans, rector of St Paul's, Mt Lebanon. She loves tattoos, hiking, and making beer. She served as rector of Christ Church in Waltham, Massachusetts, from 2005-2017 and writes for Mt Lebanon Magazine and Grow Christians. Her blog is at www.saraiwrites.blogspot.com. To RSVP, email emorey@stpaulspgh.org.

A labyrinth will be set available during Quiet Day. In addition, the labyrinth will be open in the Nursery School "Big Room" on the first floor from **5 - 6 pm on Saturday, February 24**, and available after church **Sunday, February 25 from 12 - 2:30**. (Children will use the labyrinth during Sunday School.)

Being Mortal: Lent Book Discussion Series - Explore the questions that accompany aging, living and dying with dignity with a discussion of Atul Gawande's book *Being Mortal*. This book explores themes of value to all faithful people - both for their own lives, and the lives of those they love and care for. Book can be purchased for \$10 from the parish office, the Donut Table on Sundays or any online bookseller. Groups meet:

Wednesdays, February 21 & 28, March 7, 14 & 21
Dinner at 6:30PM, Book Discussion at 7:00PM
led by the Reverends Noah Evans and Garrett Yates

Sundays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25
7:00PM
led by Eileen Sharbaugh and Jane Adams

Fridays, February 16 & 23, March 2, 9 & 16
1:30PM
led by Erin Morey and Kristen Morgan.

Adult Forum Series on Death and Dying - 9:45-10:30AM on Sundays in the Undercroft

Sunday 2/25 : Good Grief: Professor Leanna Fuller will lead us in a conversation about transition, loss, and grief. Whether you've lost a loved one recently, experienced a move, or just sent a child off to college - grief is a part of our lives, and in understanding it, we are able to accept it and move forward with grace and compassion. Professor Fuller will also be preaching at the 8:45 and 10:45 services. Professor Fuller is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where she teaches classes on congregational conflict, transition, as well as grief and loss. After completing her graduate studies, Professor Fuller served as an associate pastor in the United Church of Christ before moving on to teach full-time. Dr. Fuller has written widely in the field of pastoral theology; her most recent book is titled *When Christ's Body is Broken: Anxiety, Identity, and Conflict in Congregations*. Dr. Fuller will be kicking off our Lenten series on Death and Dying by illuminating some of the issues around grief and loss.

Sunday 3/4 : God, Hospice and Healing: Scott Fuller, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and chaplain for Personal Touch Home Care, will lead us a conversation about hospice care, addressing both misconceptions (i.e. that it's giving up or that it's contrary to God's will) as well as what you might expect from a hospice service. Bringing both his theological training and 10+ years experience, Scott plans to tease out an understanding of God's presence in the dying process and show that, ultimately, dying is a form of healing.

Sunday, 3/4: Talking to Children about Death and Dying: The Reverend Noah H. Evans and Kristen Morgan. Talking to children about death, dying and mortality can seem like an impossible task -whether is is talking about a death of a grandparent, a pet, a friend, parent or other loved ones. Having these conversations with children can also bring up our own questions about death and dying, and so sometimes we avoid them. Research and experience clearly shows that families that talk about death show greater resilience in the face of grief and loss. Join us for this session where we will explore the developmentally appropriate ways, and explore available resources, to talk with children and teens about death, dying and grief.

Sunday 3/18: A Christian Prepares for Death: The Reverend Noah H. Evans. Having conversations about our own death and burial now often helps us bring vitality to the way we are living our lives today. As we conclude our Lenten exploration of death, dying and mortality, in this forum we will discuss planning for your own end of life concerns and desires, including preplanning your funeral service and burial arrangements and making legacy gifts to your Church. There will be a booklet and other written materials shared provided. This session is for adults of all ages, this is a topic that one is never too young to think about. Please bring your questions and personal stories to share.

WORSHIP

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service Schedule - The Saturday 6:00 p.m. service is held in the Good Shepherd Chapel at St. Paul's through Saturday, March 24, 2018.

The Prayers of the People are written for Lent by Kathleen Davies, and during April by Jane Offut. If you are interested in helping to write the Prayers of the People, please speak to Noah.

ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday Noon Bible Study with the Rector: Conference Room - Please come each Wednesday as we share God's word together We are currently reading Mark's Gospel.

Lenten Learning Day 2018 Saturday, March 3 St. James, Penn Hills Bishop Dorsey McConnell has expressed the mission of the Church in three words: Our special guest for the day will be the Reverend Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement, a publishing ministry of The Episcopal Church. This is a free event, open to all clergy and laypeople. Lunch is provided, and child care will be available. (Please indicate child care needs when registering.) Check-in and refreshments will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer will start at 9 a.m. The day will end with Holy Eucharist led by Bishop McConnell at 3:30 p.m. Register today at www.episcopalpgh.org/lent2018 What does this mean for ourselves and for our parishes? What does it look like? And how do we do it? LOVE. TEACH. HEAL. Join us as Bishop McConnell and others unpack the meaning of the mission

FELLOWSHIP

Jewelry for the Rummage Sale – It's almost time for the Rummage Sale! If you have any jewelry you don't want, please donate it! There is a basket in the church office for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Claudia Circle Rummage Sale – Saturday, March 17th 9am – 3pm in the Undercroft. We will receive your donations any time **after** March 10th. We need clothing, household goods, furniture, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, and toys. Our work day is Friday, March 16th from 9:00 until 3:00. We need help. If you can come for an hour, or more, we would appreciate it. Workers are given lunch. Any questions, please call Ellen Goss at [412/833-9326](tel:4128339326), or Marie Meyer at [412/835-9382](tel:4128359382).

OUTREACH

Church Without Walls Evensong and Gathering - Sunday, February 18 at 4pm Over the last year, people from around the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh have been in conversation with members of Rodman Street Baptist Church around issues of race. If you've been part of a Church Without Walls small group, please come and re-connect with the whole project! If you're interested in getting involved, this will be a great starting point! We will worship together, enjoying the shared musical ministries of St. Paul's and Rodman Street Baptist. Then, we will engage in discussion. We hope to see you there!

Help Refugees Learn - As you know, St. Paul's has become closely connected to several local refugee families who have recently resettled into our communities. It has become clear that SHIM in the Prospect Park area of Baldwin provides invaluable service to many of these families. SHIM is in need of volunteers to help with one of their many programs, the 'after school Middle and High School help sessions.' This would be a wonderful opportunity for St. Paul's members to work with these students from a variety of countries who struggle with homework mainly because they haven't learned enough English to understand the assignments. If interested, please contact Ginny Barnicoat (barnicoatg@gmail.com) for more information.

Spring Gift Bags for Refugees! - Once again, we will be collecting spring gifts for our resettled refugee neighbors! We are doing a few things differently this year, so please read the instructions carefully.*

You can select an egg from our Egg Tree in the Undercroft, then get gift items for the recipient on the tag.

Bags should be SMALL-ish (cantaloupe-sized). (Containers like boxes are also fine.) Please stuff bags with SCHOOL SUPPLIES and BOOKS appropriate for the age & gender of your recipient. Please find a way to contain it so it doesn't spill (such as seal the top, or wrap in cellophane). Bags should be returned no later than Sunday, March 18.

GREAT to include!

Pencils, pens, markers, crayons
Art supplies, craft materials
Erasers, pencil sharpeners
Pencil cases, Notebooks, Planners
Paper, Tape, Stickers, Glue
Age-appropriate story or picture books
Fiction, nonfiction, or reference books for older kids or adults
Coloring or activity books
Nonperishable candy, mints, or gum
Nonperishable snacks or food items

Please do NOT include:

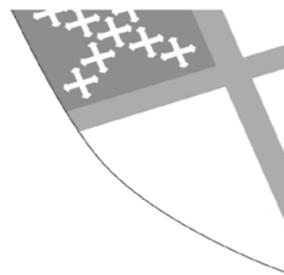
- Overtly religious items
- Perishable items
- Candy that will spoil or melt easily

*Last year, gifts were created for specific children. This was fun and exciting, but the logistics of delivering all those baskets by Easter got tricky! This year, we are creating general gifts that can be stored at NAMS and distributed throughout the season as families arrive for services. Please create as many as you feel called to contribute. All are needed and welcome, including bags for grownups! THANK YOU for supporting our new neighbors! Contact Melissa Porter (melissaannporter@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Ministers, The Entire Congregation

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Pat Eagon Stafford, Sr. Warden
Ginny Barnicoat, Lisa Brown, Gina Brownfield, Jon Delano,
Frank Horrigan, Geoff Hurd, Bob Johnston,
Mark Lamendola, Jon Paulus,
Stephen Sumpter, Ell Vines

The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Rector

The Rev. Garrett Yates, Assistant Rector

Douglas Starr, Director of Music and Arts

Christin Cooper, Music Assistant for Children

Dorothy Conway, Parish Secretary

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Erin Morey, Director of Communications and Community Engagement

Kristen Morgan, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Paul Barker, Director of Youth Ministry

Bill Higgins, Head Sexton

Eileen Sharbaugh, Nursery School Director

We're glad you're worshipping with us today.

Everything you will need for the service
will be found in this booklet.

Know that God loves everyone, no exceptions.

You are always welcome at God's table at St. Paul's.

St Paul's is a spiritual home and welcoming community to people of all ages, generations, educational backgrounds, financial means, abilities and disabilities, races, ethnicities and nationalities, without regard to sexual orientation, gender, gender identity/expression, with many different family and religious backgrounds. Some of us are lifelong Episcopalians; some were raised in other Protestant denominations or in the Roman Catholic Church; some are new to the Christian faith; some are not quite sure what they believe. There is a place here for you.

Parents of young children, if your child needs to nurse, we encourage you to do so wherever and whenever you feel most comfortable.

God created children just as they are, and all are welcome in God's house. You can relax knowing you don't have to suppress your children's

"joyful noise" here. We encourage you to sit close to the front so they can more easily see and hear. You can quietly explain the parts of the service, and what the priest, ushers, choir, etc. are doing. If you would like to step outside the service with your child, please come back! (Remember, Jesus said "Let the children come to me.")

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and one another. Let them know they are welcome in this house of worship.

For those who wish to use it, **childcare for children under the age of 3 is available** during the services. The childcare room is for children up to age 3. It is located on the same floor as the Church, exit the doors to the left of the altar. It is the first room on the left.

Pray & Play Bags are available for children who need something extra to do during worship. The bags are located at the entrances to the Church.

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!

If you are not familiar with receiving Communion (also known as the Eucharist, Mass or Lord's Supper) in the Episcopal Church, please know that all people, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive.

Follow the directions of the ushers to one of the Communion stations at the front or back of the Church. We will place a communion wafer in your outstretched hands, which you may either eat, or wait to dip it in the cup of communion wine. If you eat the bread, you may drink from the cup when it is extended to you. If you prefer, you may choose not to drink the wine.

Are you or your child on a Gluten Free Diet? Gluten-free wafers are available at the left altar rail. Please let one of the clergy know if you require these special wafers.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the service or St. Paul's, please share them with a member of the clergy. More information about the parish may be found at our website, www.stpaulspgh.org. If you are not on our mailing list, please fill out a newcomers' card found in the pew in front of you and put it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter or one of the clergy. Thank you for being with us. We hope you will come back soon and often.



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