

We welcome all to St. Paul's. If you would like to know about our parish, desire pastoral assistance or would like to be on our mailing list, please fill out a "welcome card" and give it to a greeter or place it in the offering plate.

Worship Materials are found in the pew in front of you. The red book is *The Book of Common Prayer* and the blue book is *The Hymnal 1982*. Service music (designated with an "S" before the number) is found in the beginning of the Hymnal.

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2018

10:45 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher - The Rev. Noah H. Evans
"BCP" refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*.
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Prelude: Come thou fount of every blessing
American Traditional arr. Richard Wiley
John Sozansky, Bass

Processional Hymn 423 "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis Hymn S 280

The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 26:9-21

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147:1-12,21c

D. Starr

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those

under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Sequence Hymn 567 "Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old"

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Sermon

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Leader: God of light and life,

All: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

Confession

The people may kneel or stand.

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem How lovely are the messengers, from *St. Paul*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace. Isaiah 52 v. 7

Presentation Hymn 684 "O for a closer walk with God"

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

The people may stand or kneel.

BCP 369

Sanctus Hymn S 129

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Fraction Anthem Hymn S 163 "Lamb of God"

All are invited to the Lord's table.

Please approach from the center aisle and return using side aisles.

If you need communion brought to your pew, please let the ushers know.

Communion Music: O Rest in the Lord, from *Elijah*
Chris Thompson, Mezzo Soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

(Please join in singing)

Hymn 309 "O food to pilgrims given"

BCP 366

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 401 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Dismissal

Postlude: Maestoso

F. Mendelssohn

Prayer List

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Betty Love Culbertson and Robert Warren Culbertson.

Office Hours Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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In the event of an pastoral emergency such as serious illness, injury or death, please call. A clergy person will either answer or call you as soon as possible.



Large print editions of the Holy Eucharist service and hearing assistive devices are available. Please see an usher.
Wheelchair accessible restroom is on the second floor.



VESTRY MEMBERS

Jon Delano, Sr. Warden, Eric Linn, Jr. Warden
Ginny Barnicoat, Lisa Brown, Louise Cannon,
Betty Duckstein, Bob Johnston, Jon Paulus,
Pat Eagon Stafford, Stephen Sumpter,
Mark Tranquilli, Ell Vines

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MUSIC NOTES

We have recently had a healthy diet of the music of Felix Mendelssohn- last week's choral anthem and on this Sunday two excerpts from Mendelssohn oratorios and an organ voluntary at the postlude. He was man of many contradictions: a German Jew converted to Christianity and a loving brother to his equally talented composer-sister, Fanny Mendelssohn, yet allowed his father to discourage Fanny's pursuit of a musical career. In his youth Felix was recognized, like Mozart, as a "wonder child." In fact, many would argue that Mendelssohn's youthful compositions exceed his later output in depth and expression. Our sacred music repertoire is adorned by many Mendelssohn works but we keenly recognize his love of J. S. Bach. As a 19th c. conductor, Mendelssohn resurrected masterworks of Bach which had fallen from memory. After Mendelssohn championed Bach's Passions and other large works, J.S. Bach became known more for his compositional genius rather than his keyboard works from the pedagogical repertoire. Thank you Mendelssohn for your genius and your insights into Bach's genius. We only wish that you had championed Fanny's career hopes to the same degree.

Upcoming Friends of Music Events and Concerts:

Saturday, February 17, 2018 6:30pm

Mike's (Intergenerational) Episcopal Café

The Music Ministry presents its annual Fundraiser with gourmet food and wonderful musical entertainment. The theme will be "A Feast Down Under." We hope you'll join us for an evening of tasty Australian Cuisine, great music, and fellowship. This year's menu includes family friendly

Food for the young. Individual tickets continue at \$35. Family tickets are \$75. Make your online purchase and/or reservation by Monday February 12 (click here)

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

*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 Offering

Doug Starr, Director of Music & Arts

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church! Ministers, The Entire Congregation

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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Kristen Morgan, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Paul Barker, Director of Youth Ministry

Bill Higgins, Head Sexton

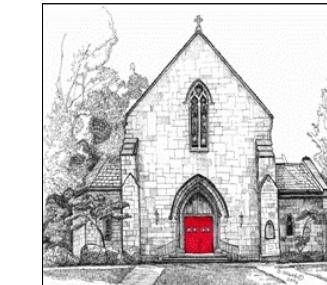
Eileen Sharbaugh, Nursery School Director

PSALM 147



1. Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to | our God! *
How pleasant it is to honor him | with praise!
2. The Lord rebuilds | Jerusalem; *
He gathers the exiles | of Israel.
3. He heals the bro- | ken hearted *
And binds up | their wounds.
4. He counts the number of | the stars *
And calls them all by | their names.
5. Great is our Lord and mighty | in power; *
There is no limit to | his wisdom.
6. The Lord lifts up | the lowly, *
But casts the wicked to | the ground.
7. Sing to the Lord with | thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon | the harp.
8. He covers the heavens | with clouds *
And prepares the rain for | the earth;
9. He makes the grass grow upon | the mountains *
And green plants to serve | mankind.
10. He provides food for flocks | and herds *
And for the young ravens when | they cry.
11. He is not impressed by the might of | a horse; *
He has no pleasure in the strength of | a man.
12. But the Lord has pleasure in those | who fear him, *
In those who await his gra- | cious favor.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Sunday, February 4, 2018

Know that God loves you, 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 or 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..

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

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.

Kids' Word is an interactive conversation about the Bible readings from today's worship. If you would like your children to participate, they will be invited to proceed to a classroom before the first lesson with members of the Children and Family Ministry Team. This service's celebrant will make an announcement directing children to gather for Kids' Word. Children will return at the Peace.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
A most welcoming congregation in the South Hills for all generations.