

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Ministers, The Entire Congregation

Vestry

Jon Delano, Sr. Warden Eric Linn, Jr. Warden

Ginny Barnicoat, Lisa Brown, Louise Cannon, Betty Duckstein, Bob Johnston,
Jon Paulus, Pat Eagon Stafford, Mark Tranquilli, Ell Vines

The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Rector

The Rev. Garrett Yates, Assistant Rector

Dr. Douglas Starr, Director of Music and Arts

Ms. Christin Cooper, Assistant Director of Music for Children

Ms. Dorothy Conway, Parish Secretary

Ms. Janet Bodnar, Financial Administrator

Ms. Erin Morey, Director of Communications

Ms. Kristen Morgan, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Mr. Paul Barker, Director of Youth Ministry

Mr. Bill Higgins, Head Sexton

Ms. Eileen Sharbaugh, Nursery School Director

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Margaret Strong, Harriett Jane Strong, Harry M. Strong, Jr., Harry M. Strong, Sr, J. Rudolph Headley, and Ada Headley.

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for Veronica, Doris, Maude, Barb, Carol, Paw Paw, Rachel, Judy, Katie, Evelyn, Schuylee, and Doug, 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 give thanks for the birth of Grace Elizabeth Ryan, granddaughter of Dave and Rini Chora.

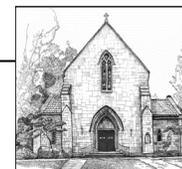
We pray for those who have died, for longtime parishioner Sue Hornbaker, and for our loved ones who have gone before us.

Sunday afternoon is next Friends of Music Concert, featuring our very own Christin Cooper, Sunday, November 12 2017 at 4:00pm. Christin is delighted to present a program of art song and works for solo piano. On the piano, her program will feature Haydn's Andante and Variations in F minor, selections from Ravel's *Miroirs*, and the Alcotts movement from Charles Ives' "Concord" piano sonata. Together with Mia Bonnewell and Doug Starr, she will also feature art songs by Charles Ives, Libby Larsen, and Lili Boulanger. All youth, children and parents who work Christin in Canterbury Choir, Youth Praise Band and Sunday School will enjoy this chance to see Christin's artistry. A \$10 asking will be at the door.

Doug Starr, Director of Music & Arts

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, November 11, 2017 — 6 p.m.—Old St. Luke's
Sunday, November 12, 2017—8 a.m.—Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher—The Rev. Noah H. Evans

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you

will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The people may kneel or stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The people may stand or kneel.

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

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

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Blessing

Dismissal

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!