

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.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2017**

10:45 a.m.

Celebrant— The Rev. Noah H. Evans

Preacher — The Rev. Garrett Yates

"BCP" refers to The Book of Common Prayer.

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Prelude: La Mer, from Petite Suite Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Cathie Buschek & Susan Vines, Piano duo

Processional Hymn 632 "O Christ, the Word incarnate"

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis Hymn S 278

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalm 123 D. Starr

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Sequence Hymn 551 "Rise up, ye saints of God"

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30
Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Sermon The Rev. Garrett Yates

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Confession BCP 360

The people may kneel or stand.

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements

Stewardship Testimonial

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "God be in my head" Henry Walford-Davies (1869-1941)

God be in my head, and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Presentation Hymn 312 "Strengthen for service, Lord"

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

The people may stand or kneel.

Sanctus Hymn S 130

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Fraction Anthem Hymn S 164 "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: German Chorale Preludes, J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Two settings: Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten
(If thou but trust in God to guide)

(Please join in singing)

Hymn 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 680 "O God, our help in ages past"

Dismissal

Postlude: "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten" BWV 642
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

BCP 366

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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, Mark Tranquilli, Ell Vines



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MUSIC NOTES

“God be in my head” is an anonymous prayer used as a hymn text first published in the Sarum Primer of 1558. Its brevity is its poetry. At the offertory this Sunday the choir sings a setting by British composer Walford-Davies. The musical brevity is in the identity of a single musical phrase that undergoes four variations: 1) the thematic phrase petitioning God to format our intellectual reasoning; 2) Variation one addresses our common sense of sight, akin to the Sunday School hymn I learned as a child entitled, “be careful little eyes what you see;” 3) Variation two addresses our common sense of hearing asking God to craft what we say in response to what is said; and finally, 4) The fourth variation addresses our intellectual sense of heart and mind as Aristotle and Augustine would call; the home of the human soul. The last phrase is cotta, the phrase that hopes in the promise that God is at our “end, and... departing.”

Our next Friends of Music Concert is Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at 4pm and features our very own Alexandra Thompson. Cellist, Allie attended St. Paul's growing up, sang in the Canterbury Choir and Youth Choir, played a great number of times in worship and now plays in the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra! She will perform an assortment of classical works and holiday favorites. Proud father and retired PSO member, Thomas Thompson will be in attendance with beautiful wife and singer, Christine Thompson. Come join us for a most splendid concert! Suggested Donation; \$10

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

Dr. Douglas Starr, Director of Music and Arts

Ms. Christin Cooper, Music Assistant for Children

Ms. Dorothy Conway, Parish Secretary

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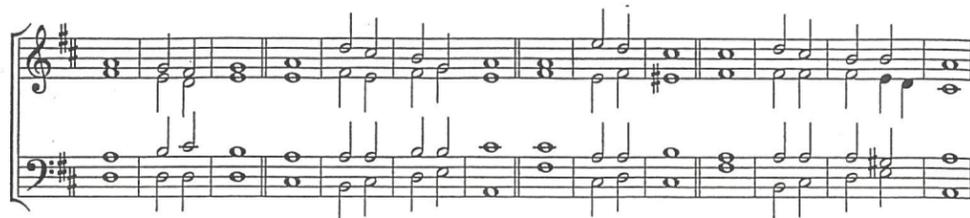
Ms. Kristen Morgan, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Mr. Paul Barker, Director of Youth Ministry

Mr. Bill Higgins, Head Sexton

Ms. Eileen Sharbaugh, Nursery School Director

PSALM 123



- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
un'til he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

PRAYER LIST

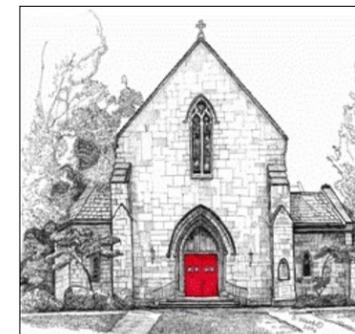
We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for Veronica, Katie, Doug, Schuylee, Susan, and Evelyn, and for all who are included in our parish prayer list, for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers, for all who serve in the armed forces of the United States, and for all who are suffering from violence, persecution, or disease around the world.

We give thanks for the birth of Avery Eby, child of Bret Eby and Jamie Hannigan, grandchild of Barrett and Marsha Eby, and for the birth of Adelaide Thompson, daughter of Matt and Diana Thompson, and granddaughter of Chris and Tommy Thompson.

We pray for those who have died, for Maggie Barnett, mother of Nursery School staff member Margaret Hooton, and for Israel Rudoy, friend and neighbor of Doug and Susan Townshend, and for our loved ones who have gone before us.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Rose Marie, Rose, Helen, and Elizabeth Viggiano, Marilyn H. Hoffman, Charles & Alice Denhard, and Olga Archibald.

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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.