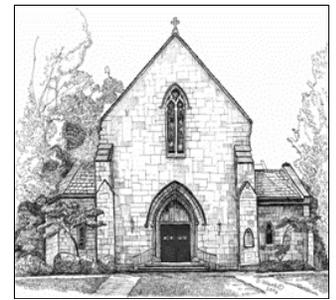


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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 12, 2017—8:45 a.m.

Celebrating—The Rev. Garrett Yates

Preaching—The Rev. Noah H. Evans

Children's Homily—The Rev. Garrett Yates

Please check in on Facebook (and add St. Paul's as your location on Instagram)

Welcome!

Prelude

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God forever and ever.

Song of Praise "City of God"

Verses 1, 2

1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of

1. sleep! A new day is dawn-ing for all those who weep.
2. day. The One who has loved us has bright-ened our way.

1. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light. The
2. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be a

to Refrain

1. Lord of our long-ing has con-quered the night.
2. light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be

turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our

love, has turned the night in - to day!

3

The Collect of the Day

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.

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

Gospel Alleluia "Alleluia"
Please stand as you are able.

Jerry Sinclair

1. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

People 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.

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

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

The Creed



We be-lieve in God al-migh-ty, Au-thor of all things that be. Ma-ker of the
We be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-fied, ta-ken from the
We be-lieve in God's own Spi-rit, bond-ing all the saints with-in one church, cath-o-
earth and hea-vens, keep-er of the sky and sea. We be-lieve in God's son, Je-sus,
cross, was bu-ried— True life there had tru-ly died. We be-lieve that on the third day
lic and ho-ly, where for-give-ness frees from sin; In the bo-dy's re-sur-rec-tion
now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spi-rit and of Ma-ry, born to bring a-bun-dant life.
Christ was raised up from the grave, and as-cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
for the break-ing of death's chain gives the life that's e-ver-last-ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

Prayers of the People

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

D. Starr

(intro.)

In your mer-cy, You called us, 'heal the sick, give
sight to the blind. Ho-ly Spi-rit, give wis-dom
now, and ev-er-more.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

You may kneel or stand as you are able.

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.

Celebrant

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Stewardship Testimonial

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music "Great things happen"



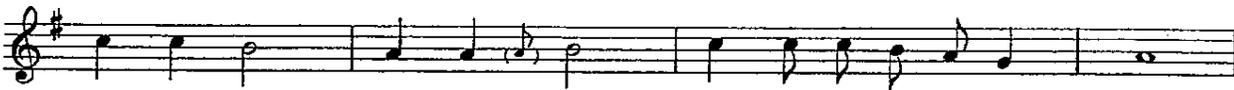
Great things hap - pen___ when God mix - es with us;



great things hap - pen___ when God mix - es with us. Great and beau - ti - ful,



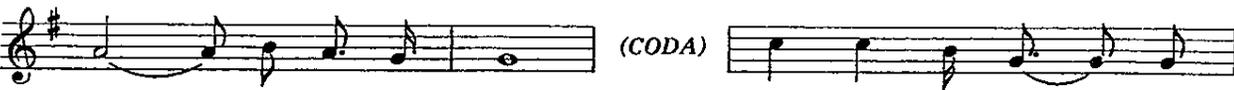
won - der - ful things; Great things hap - pen___ when God mix - es with us.



1. Some find life, some find peace; some peo - ple e - ven find' joy.
2. Some find health, some find hope; some peo - ple e - ven find joy.
3. Some find peace, some are dis - turbed; some peo - ple e - ven find joy.



1. Some see things as they nev - er could be - fore and some peo - ple find that they can
2. Some see them - selves as they nev - er could be - fore and some peo - ple find that they can
3. Some see their lives as they nev - er could be - fore and some peo - ple find that they must

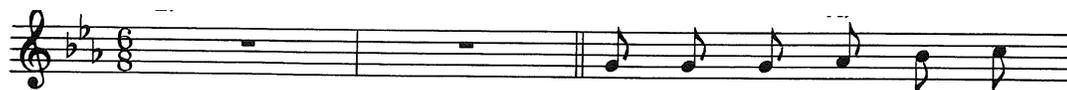


1. now be - gin to trust. Great things hap - pen___ when
2. now be - gin to live.
3. now be - gin to change.



God mix - es with us. _____

Presentation Hymn "Everyone moved by the Spirit"
Please stand as you able.



Ev - 'ry - one moved by the



Spir - it _____ is a son and daugh-ter of God. _____



Led by the fire of His love _____ we will live in the light of the



Lord. We will live in the light of the Lord. _____

VERSES



1. Come, O Spir - it of Je - sus. _____



1. Come in the pow - er of His name. _____ Re -



1. new _____ the depths _____ of our hearts. _____ (Refrain)

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

We give thanks to you, O God, for creating the world in which we live. We give you thanks for giving us life and for letting us walk with you. We give you thanks for the birth of Jesus, so that we might live closer to you. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

You may stand or kneel as you are able.

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of pow-er and might

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Lord we sing Your praise

Ho-san-na in the high-est Ho-san-na in the high-est

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Lord, we sing your praise

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of pow-er and might

D.S. al Coda

Bless-ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord

CODA

Lord, we sing your praise Lord, we sing your praise

ritard.....

Lord, we sing your praise

The Celebrant continues

O God, we praise you for your works in ages past; the deliverance of your people from persecution and hate; the words of the prophets to stir our hearts; and most of all for Jesus the Christ, who came to us to save us from sin. Through Christ you have given us hope and salvation, love and joy. Now, we come to your table to share in the great feast of Jesus Christ.

And so, O God, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Most holy God, Father and Mother of us all, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *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

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. Please follow the direction of the ushers. If you need communion brought to your pew, please let the ushers know.

Communion Music: "For You are my God"

Ant. For You are my God; _____ You a - lone are my
joy. _____ De - fend me, O Lord. _____

1. You give mar - ve - lous com - rades to me: _____ the faith - ful who
dwell in Your land. _____ Those who choose a - li - en gods _____
_____ have cho - sen an a - li - en band. _____ (Antiphon)

2. You are my por - tion and cup; _____ it is You that I
claim for my prize. _____ Your her - i - tage is my de - light, _____
_____ the lot you have gi - ven to me. _____ (Antiphon)

3. Glad are my heart and my soul; _____ se -

cure - ly my bo - dy shall rest. _____ For

you will not leave me for dead, _____ nor lead your be -

lov - ed a - stray. _____ (Antiphon)

4. You show me the path for my life; _____ in your

pre - sence the full - ness of joy. _____ To

be at your right hand for - ev - er _____ for me would be

hap - pi - ness al - ways. _____ (Antiphon)

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn "Guide my feet"

1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand
3. Stand by me while I run this race,

yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,

yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race, For I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

The Dismissal

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

After the dismissal, children in grades 4,5, and 6 should proceed to the chapel on the lower level of the building. All other children should proceed to their Sunday School classrooms.

Music Notes— This 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

Altar Flowers— 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.

Prayer List—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 EVENTS

Adult Forum Sunday, November 12, 9:45 am

FAITH5 ("Faith Acts In The Home)—*We welcome the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall, Canon for Evangelism and Faith Formation for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh!* **FAITH5 (Faith Acts in the Home)** is a simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, that can be used by every household, from families with young children to elders. It takes five to fifteen minutes each day. When done over time, the FAITH5 empowers communication, deepens understanding, and promotes mental, physical and spiritual health. The five steps are **SHARE** your highs and lows, **READ** a Bible verse or story, **TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, **PRAY** for one another's highs and lows, and **BLESS** one another. Our hope is to get 36 St. Paul's households to commit to try out this at-home faith practice during the season in Advent. Come to this adult forum with Natalie Hall and find out more! There will be a FAITH5 Kick-off Potluck Dinner and Program on Saturday, November 18 from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Potluck Breakdown:

- A to I – Bring salads, appetizers and bread
- J to S = Bring entrees, sides, or and vegetables
- T to Z – Bring desserts and beverages

Sign up here: <https://stpaulspgh.formstack.com/forms/faith5>

The Blood Pressure Clinic: Sunday, November 12

Jean Steiner, a registered nurse and member of St. Paul's, will be available after the 8:45 service. This clinic provides parishioners with blood pressure issues an opportunity to have them checked on a regular basis.

St. Paul's Name Tags

Several name tags have arrived, and may be picked up at the Donut Table on Sunday morning. The cost is \$7.50 per name tag. If you are paying by check, please make it out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with name tag on the memo line. If you have questions, or would like to order a name tag please see the Donut Table.

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Operation Gratitude Candy Collection: Ends Nov. 12

Halloween is gone and the candy is still here. Please consider donating it to Operation Gratitude! St. Paul's Children & Family Ministries and Nursery School will be collecting all "unwanted" Halloween candy, which will be shipped to troops overseas, and to first responders here at home as a small token of appreciation for their service. We are also collecting toothbrushes/toothpaste to send along with our candy (because nobody likes cavities!). All candy donations should be placed in the box right outside the library door.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship 2018: My Church, Our Community

Thank you to everyone who has already made a 2018 pledge to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. As of Thursday, we have received a total of 138 pledges for a total \$420,889.50.

Last Sunday, we heard an incredible stewardship testimonial from the Rev. Noah H. Evans. You can watch it now at <https://youtu.be/fzITKkVvYy8>. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to our mission and ministry by Sunday, November 19th. On that Sunday we will be celebrating all of our giving and everyone getting in their pledge cards on time, with Sundae Sunday - ice cream sundaes after each service!

For all of our stewardship materials, and to pledge online, go to <https://www.stpaulspgh.org/stewardship-2018/>

WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Day Service: Thursday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m.

Old Saint Luke's, 330 Old Washington Pike, Carnegie

The Saint Paul's Thanksgiving Day service this year will be held at Old Saint Luke's. Take a break from cooking and eating and join us for this special Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day, with hymns played on Old Saint Luke's antique organ.

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service Schedule

The Saturday evening service is held at Old St. Luke's at 6:00 p.m., through Saturday, November 25. Directions to Old St. Luke's may be found by going to the homepage of our website, www.stpaulspgh.org, and click on the Weekly Worship Schedule at the top left of the page, click on Old St. Luke's near the bottom of the open screen. **Please Note:** Starting Saturday, December 2 the 6:00 p.m. service will be held in the Good Shepherd Chapel at St. Paul's through Saturday, March 24, 2018.

The Prayers of the People are written for November by John Sozansky, for December by Erin Morey, for January by the Worship Committee, and for February by Jon Delano. If you are interested in helping to write the Prayers of the People, please speak to Rev. Noah.

WELCOMING

Want to be a Greeter? - The Greeter Ministry welcomes all on Sunday morning by extending a welcoming hand as parishioners enter church. It's a chance to smile and express the larger community's hospitality and gratitude for each person who comes to St. Paul's. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Heidi Daley at hhdaley@aol.com.

ADULT FORUM & EDUCATION

Wednesday Noon Bible Study: Conference Room

You are invited to come (bring a lunch) as we share God's word together. Currently we are reading Luke's Gospel. The Rector participates in this weekly gathering.

St. Paul's Discussion Group: Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Lounge

This month's topic is "Whiteness and White Privilege: Understanding Racial Identity". The Discussion Leader will be the Rev. Noah H. Evans, our Rector. We will watch a short TED talk by Ali Michael, "How Can I Have a Positive Racial Identity? I'm White!" and discuss this important dynamic in America today. Everyone is welcome!

Praying Out Loud, Sunday, November 19, 9:45AM

Are you uncomfortable when asked to pray out loud? Does even saying grace cause you some anxiety? Do you worry about the words you might say, or even something else? You are not alone! Join the Rev. Noah Evans as he leads a discussion on the many reasons we might have for avoiding vocalized prayer and offers practical advice, and practice, on how to pray out loud.

St. Paul's 101 – Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 9:45 Lounge Are you new to St. Paul's, and trying to figure out the parish? Have you been here for a while, and just want to learn more about the Episcopal Church or still find yourself wondering what's going on? Do you have questions you want to talk about? Join us for St. Paul's 101 - an overview of our parish and the Episcopal Church. This class is led by our Rector, the Rev. Noah H. Evans.

November 26: *Nooks and crannies tour of St. Paul's*

December 3: *Theology Close to the Ground: Scripture, Tradition and Reason*

December 10: *Worship: The Way of Prayer is the Way of Belief*

December 17: *Vocation & Ministry: Practicing Our Faith in Everyday Life*

St. Paul's reads "Let Your Life Speak" during Advent

Join us during Advent in reading Parker Palmer's classic book *Let Your Life Speak*. This is a book that opens up conversation around listening, vocation, and compassion – themes resonant with the spirit of Advent. We will be offering several small group opportunities that will meet over 3 sessions: Sunday evening at 7pm; Wednesday at noon and 6:30pm; and Thursday at 6:30pm, and may be more. Email Garrett at garrett@stpaulspgh.org and let him know which time you'd like to attend.

PASTORAL

Are you interested in serving as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor?

Would you like to share the Eucharist with parishioners who cannot attend church? St. Paul's has many parishioners who are home-bound, or are not able to attend church regularly due to physical or health limitations. Each month, they have the Eucharist brought to them where they live. Consider becoming a Eucharistic Visitor and helping to minister to these folks. There will be a 90 minute training soon for those interested in being part of this ministry. The commitment is to make at least one home visit each month, which you are free to schedule when you are available. If you would like to know more, please contact the Reverend Noah H. Evans, noah@stpaulspgh.org or 412.531.7153 x11.

FELLOWSHIP

Pickwick Boys: Thurs., Nov. 16, noon, Red Tea House

If you have questions or to RSVP please contact your host, John Murphy (412.276.0367).

Men's Group: Sunday November 19, 7:30 a.m., Lounge

This is a great opportunity to connect with other guys in the church on a weekly basis, as well as explore some of the deeper questions around faith. If you would like to know more about the group feel free to email Garrett, garrett@stpaulspgh.org.

Rector's Advent Open House: Sat., December 16, 1-5PM

240 Woodhaven Drive, Mt. Lebanon

Drop by for food, drink, fun and fellowship with our Rector, Noah, and his family, Sara, Isaiah and Adah. Bishop Dorsey McConnell will be coming by around 2:30PM to bless the house. All are welcome to come to the annual informal Advent gathering!

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Advent Wreath Making: Sunday, Nov. 26, 9:45 a.m.

No Sunday School, Regular Service Times

This is a not-to be missed tradition that will surely become one of your family favorites, if it isn't already. Join us in the undercroft, immediately following the 8:45a.m.service, to make an advent wreath for your home. Fresh evergreen boughs, ribbon, and candles will be available. Please bring \$5 if you have your own wreath form and \$10 if you need to purchase one (this helps defray the yearly cost of wreath forms and candles and other supplies). This event is fun and meaningful for all ages-- we hope to see you there as we prepare for the birth of Jesus! If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Morgan (412.531.7153 x 36, kmorgan@stpaulspgh.org).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mission Trip Meeting – Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. Youth Room

At our next Mission Trip Meeting will be Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30pm at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. We will share a meal, and begin looking ahead to June 2018! St. Paul's Youth Mission trip is open to all high school age youth and adults in the Diocese. Come on out and find out more about this amazing ministry.

Acolytes Needed

Christmas is on the horizon! Please, check out the schedule and plan to serve. All Acolytes are expected to serve during Christmas so sign up with Paul Barker!

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 2 pm (Team 1 + volunteers)
4:30 pm Pageant (Team 2 + volunteers)
9:00 pm (Team 3 + volunteers)

Monday, Dec. 25 - 10 am (Team 4 + volunteers)

Sunday, Dec. 31 - 9:45 am (volunteers)

OUTREACH

Severe Weather Emergency Shelter: Winter Months

During the winter months, St. Paul's cooks prepare food for the Severe Weather Emergency Shelter for the homeless in

downtown Pittsburgh. We provide a hot meal of meat loaf, a starch such as rice pilaf, Spanish rice, macaroni and cheese, or a potato casserole, and Cole slaw. Due to a change in the SWES mission, St. Paul's now needs to provide 150 meals, rather than being on call as in previous years. The dates for this winter are Wednesday, November 29, Thursday, December 14, Wednesday, December 27, Wednesday, January 24, Wednesday, February 7, and Wednesday, March 7. The SWES is now open every night until March 15. Organizations within St. Paul's are invited to participate in a Loaf Day, in which members might bring ingredients and gather in the kitchen to cook. The meat loaves should be baked, and wrapped whole, not sliced, in foil, labeled and placed in the freezer at St. Paul's. Recipe for the meat loaf for SWES is below. Volunteers are still needed to help make the side dishes and slice the meatloaves, and to drive to the city to deliver the food. Please consider contributing to these meals for the needy. Any questions, please contact Pat Stafford (pkeagon@gmail.com).

No-fuss Meat Loaf (serves 8-10)

3 eggs, large
½ cup water
1 (6oz) package of instant stuffing mix, herb-style (such as StoveTop)
½ cup each diced or grated carrot and onion
1 large clove of garlic, pressed or minced
¼ tsp ground pepper
Salt, see note below.
2 1/2 pounds ground beef (lean, but not super-lean)
Ketchup or barbecue sauce

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat eggs and water. Add stuffing mix and contents of seasoning packet (if present), mix well. Add diced vegetables, garlic, pepper, salt (if using, see Note below), and beef, mix well. Press into an ungreased 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Top with ketchup or barbecue sauce. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 1¼ to 1½ hours, or until no pink remains or until a meat thermometer reads 160 degrees. Alternately, form the mixture into a loaf and place on a baking sheet.

NOTES: * If using the loaf pan, two slices of firm white bread can be cut and placed in the bottom of the loaf pan to absorb grease. After meatloaf is done, the bread should be discarded. * To form loaf, meat can be pressed into pan as above then inverted onto baking sheet. * Stuffing mix can be any type, but if using low-salt version, add 1tsp salt.

REMINDERS

Messenger Deadline: Wednesday, November 22

The December Messenger will be published on Friday, December 1. If you have information for the December issue, please contact Erin Morey (emorey@stpaulspgh.org, 412.531.7153, x15).

Thanksgiving Holiday Closings—Church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving. The clergy and staff wish everyone a blessed, safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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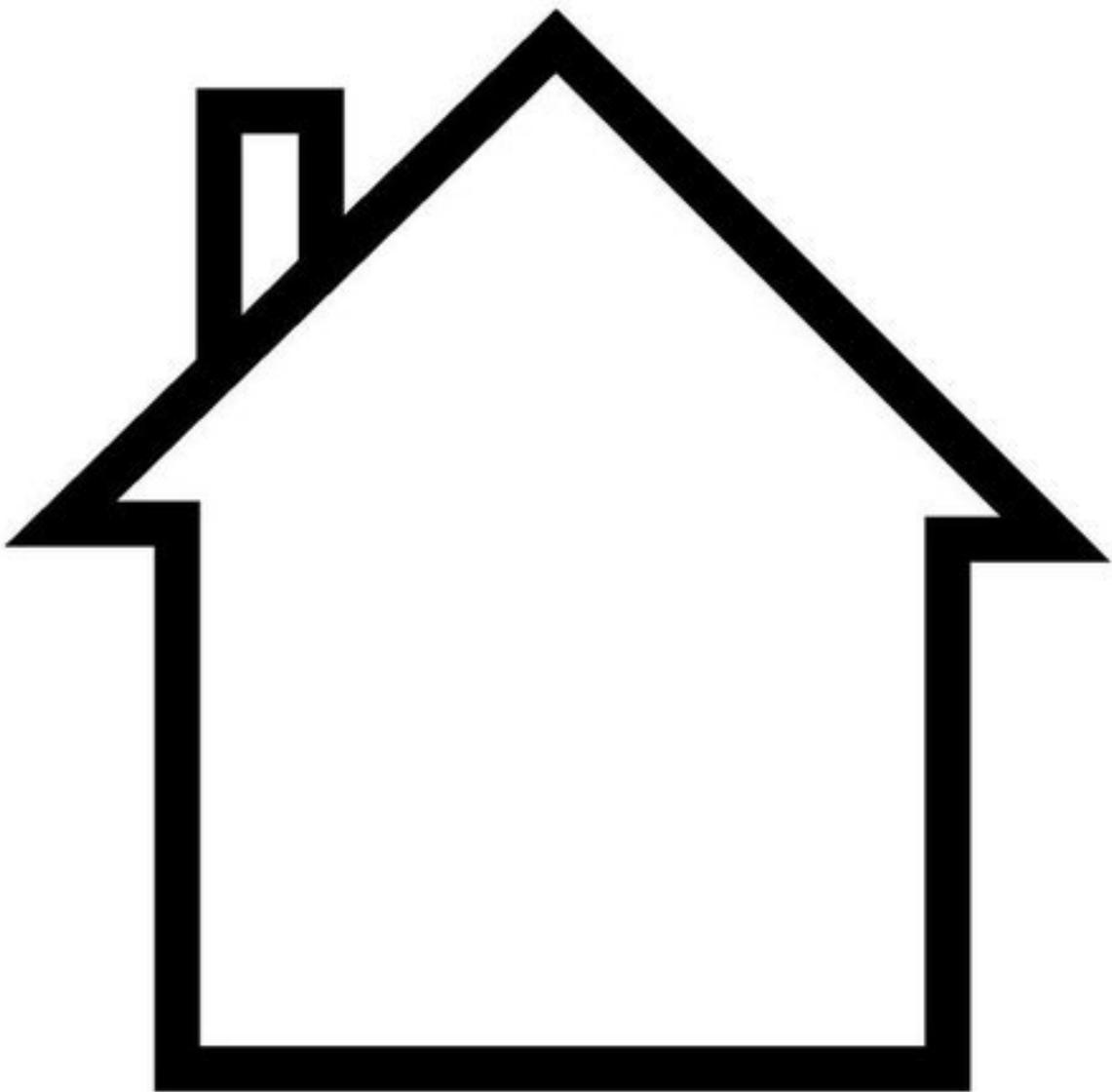
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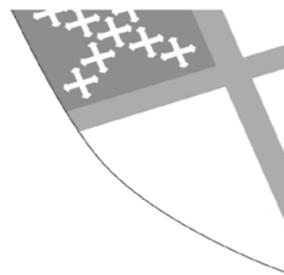
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We're glad you're worshipping with us today.

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 en-

courage 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 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.

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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