St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.

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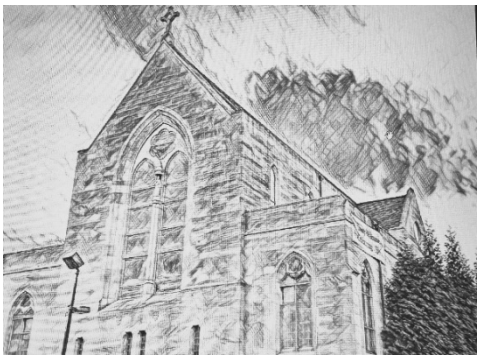


Our mission

St. Paul's is an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, and called by God's Love to minister to the world.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Readings and Psalm

- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Luke 6:17-26

Prelude: *Andante* Harold Darke

The Word of God

Entrance Hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (H 544)

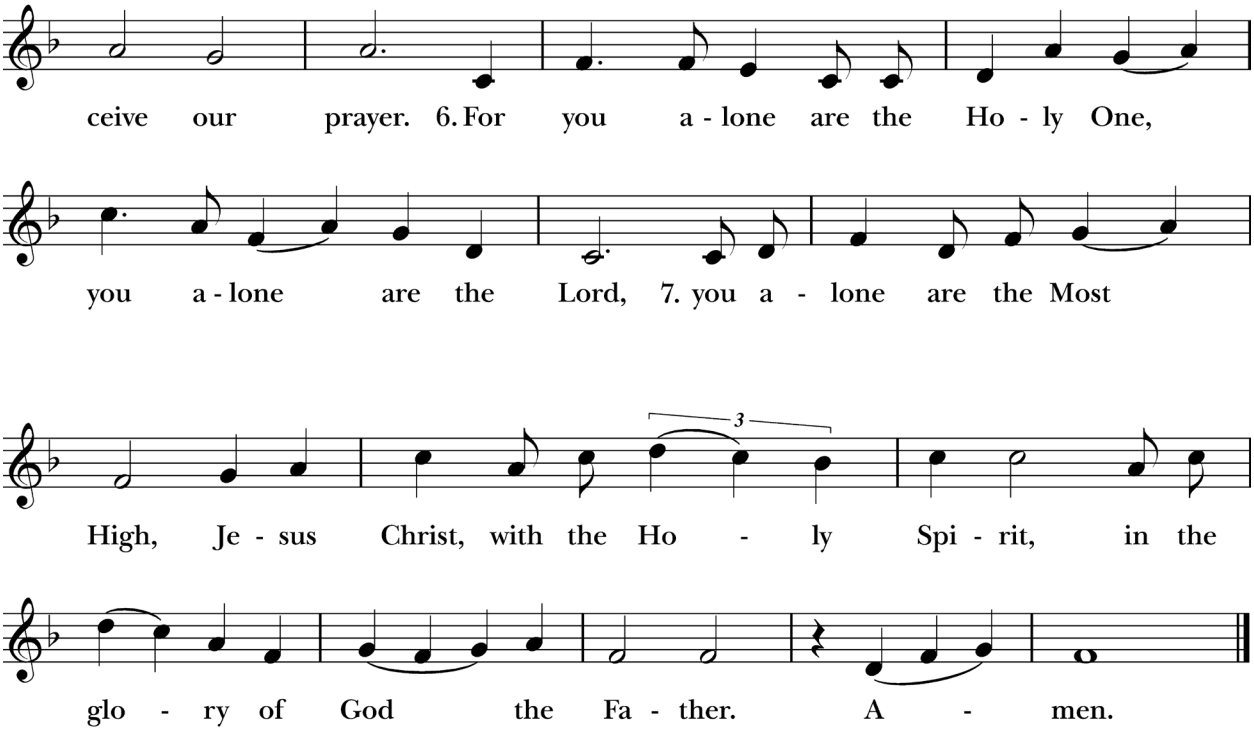
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: *S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*



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The Collect of the Day

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-17

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

5Thus says the Lord:

"Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

6They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
7Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
8They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
9The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
10I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings."

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

PSALM: Psalm 1

[1]Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
[2]Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
[3]They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
[4]It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
[5]Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
[6]For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

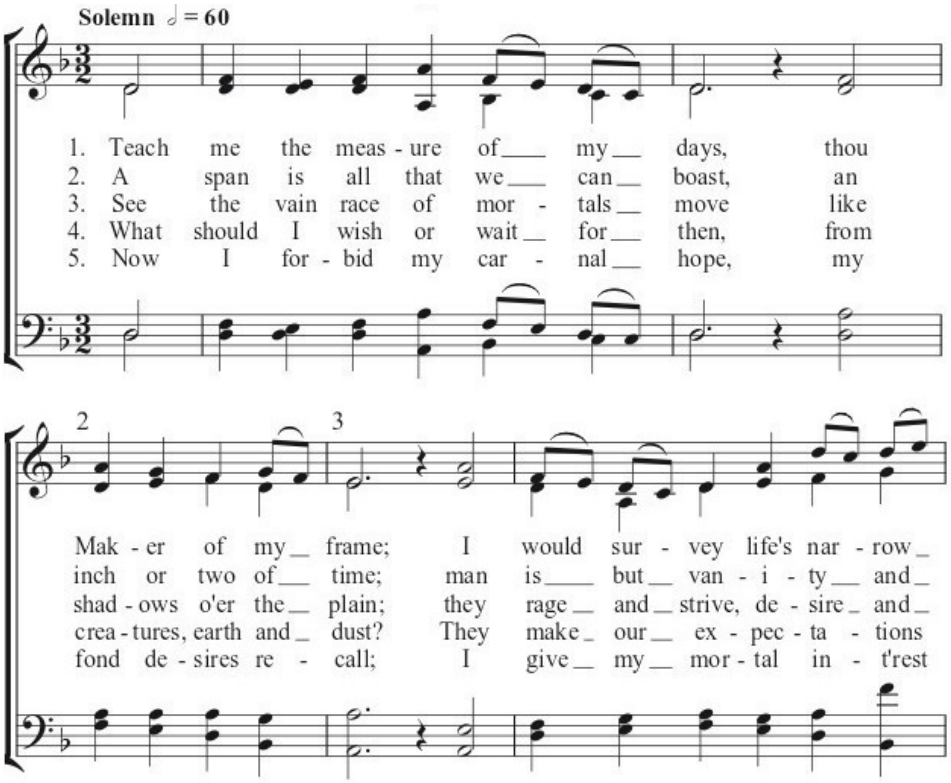
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth

12Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN Teach Me the Measure (Melodious Accord Suffield)



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GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

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

17 [Jesus] came down with [the twelve apostles,] and stood on a level place, with a great
crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the
coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;
and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were
trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.
20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
22 "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and
defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for
surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
24 "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
25 "Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

[26]"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

The Sermon

The Creed

All stand.
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.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.
~ written by Rick Pryce and posted on Rick Pryce. http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/

Celebrant: Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, *Lord, in your mercy*, and responding, ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: God of light and darkness,
through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives.
We give thanks for this incredible gift.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of love and hate,
your love comes in spite of our animosity;
you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. Strengthen us to be peacemakers.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of hope and fear,
you walk with us through the challenges which surround us.
Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence,
and set us free from despair.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of church and world,
in baptism you unify yourself with our world,
and bring your reign into being.
Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.
Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of health and illness,
there is nothing that separates us from your love.
Inspire us to bring your health to the sick,
your encouragement to the discouraged,
your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you now; Alayna Linquist, Ed Denning, John Titmas, Lillian Woodberry, Kamau, Lee Arnold, Larry, and Vickie Simpkins, Sr. Rosina, Beverly Vail, Jolonda, Elizabeth Mapp, Stacy Costley, Holly

Hillen, LaKleesha Harris, Jackson, Alice Bolam, Bob Reiner, Francis Beacon, Sarah Lane, Robert Thornton, Eugene Carper, and Scott Shreve.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of life and death,
all that exists is from you, and for you.
Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,
and serve this hurting world.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

The congregation offers its prayers aloud and silently

Celebrant: God who shines in the darkness,
receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts,
in the name of the one who is your light,
Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.
Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

Offertory Anthem *Seek Ye First* Claudio Casciolini

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.
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SANCTUS: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* WLP *857*

The People stand or kneel.
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

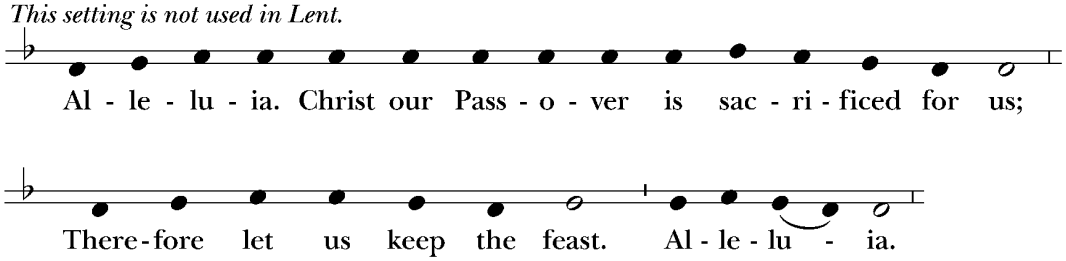
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: S 152 "Christ our Passover" *(Chant/Martens)*

This setting is not used in Lent.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

At St. Paul's, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead,

please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish.

COMMUNION HYMN *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* (H 304)

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray together

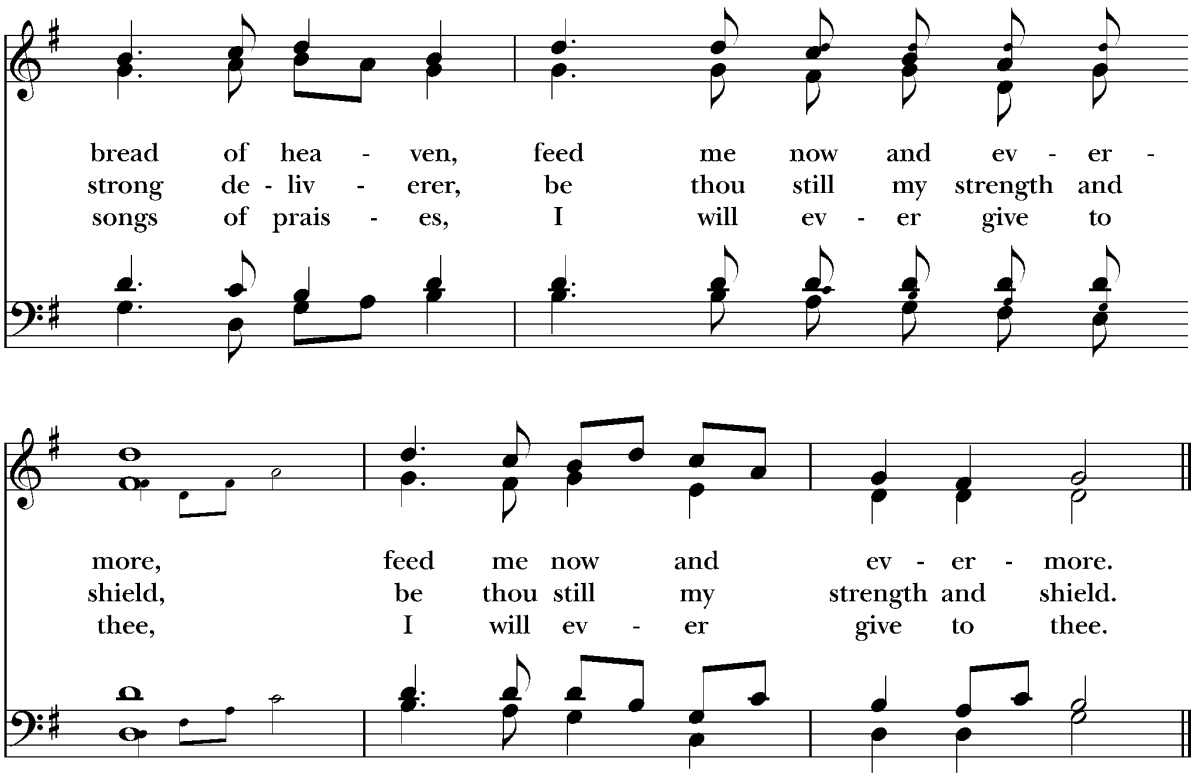
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen***

Post-Communion Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CWM Rhondda)* (H 690)



Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People Thanks be to God

Postlude: *Hymn Improvisation on CWM Rhondda Alan Viner*

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TODAY'S SERVICE:
Celebrant: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby
Greeters: Peggy Neidig
Crucifer: Demetrius Carrothers
Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery
Video: David Lewis
Altar Guild: Kelli Green and Barb Anderson
Lector: M.L. Schultze
Counter: David Rotthoff and M.L. Schultze

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Courageous Conversations
Join us for 2025's Courageous Conversations on Race Relations, with dinner in the Guild Hall beginning at 6 p.m. and the discussion starting at 6:30 p.m. Action begins with information!

Wednesday, Feb. 19
Small Group Bible Study focuses on "The Chosen," 10 a.m. in the Library

Thursday Choir Rehearsal
Choir rehearsal is Thursdays at 7 p.m. Consider "making a joyful noise unto the Lord" and join our great choir!! All are welcome!

Saturday, Feb. 22: H.O.T. lunch with our neighbors, 11-12:30 p.m. in the Guild Hall

Tuesday, Feb 25: Social Justice Book Club: We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Guild Hall. "The Sweetness of Water," books can be picked up at the StarkFresh store, 321 Cherry Ave. NE.

A Day of Quiet and Gratitude

Lent is a time of penitence and reflection as we prepare for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. On Easter, we celebrate the resurrection with gladness and joy.

Though we are entering the Lenten season, there are still so many reasons to be joyful and grateful for the many blessings in our own lives.

The St. Elizabeth Chapter of the Daughters of the King at St. Paul's in Canton is planning a quiet day on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The theme of the day is Gratitude. We will have a living altar and invite participants to provide something to place on the altar that represents something you are grateful for.

We invite our sisters in Christ to join us as we step into Lent.

Please RSVP to Carol Sutek by 2/24/2025 at dlewis@aol.com
or by phone 330-704-1375 or 330-494-9100. Please include any dietary restrictions.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Marianne Arnold, Feb. 4
Kelli Green, Feb. 5
Valerie Frear, Feb. 14
Nancy Suba, Feb. 14
Olivia DiMaria, Feb. 19
Rick Senften and M.L. Schultze, Feb. 5
Bill and Linda Kendrick, Feb. 22
Mike and Elizabeth Paynter, Feb. 29 (Leap Day!)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
What We Believe

As Episcopalians, we believe in and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection saved the world.

We believe that God loves you – no exceptions.

The Episcopal Church embraces a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to tell and exemplify God's love for every human being; people of all genders and sexual orientations serve as bishops, priests, and deacons in our church. Laypeople and clergy work together in leadership and governance.