St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

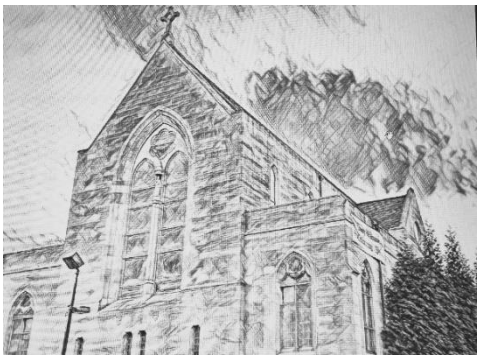
Sunday, November 12, 2023

New Consecration Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Paul's

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



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We're on YouTube: StPaulsCanton

Our mission

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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are interested in being baptized, please get in touch with the Parish Priest, at 330-455-0286.

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Psalm: Canticle: A Song of the Love of Wisdom
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Prelude: *Aria* by Herbert Howells

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN *"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" (Llangloffan) (H 68)*

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 (BCP p. 355)

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 *"Come All You People"* (MHSO 2)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

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

PSALM: Canticle: A Song of the Love of Wisdom

Remain seated.

The beginning of wisdom *
is the true desire to receive teaching,
and a longing to be taught *
comes from a love of her;
the one who loves her *
will keep her laws.

Observing the laws of wisdom *
assures immortality,
and immortality brings one *
nearer still to God;
so the desire for wisdom *
leads to the authority of one who rules.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Remain seated.

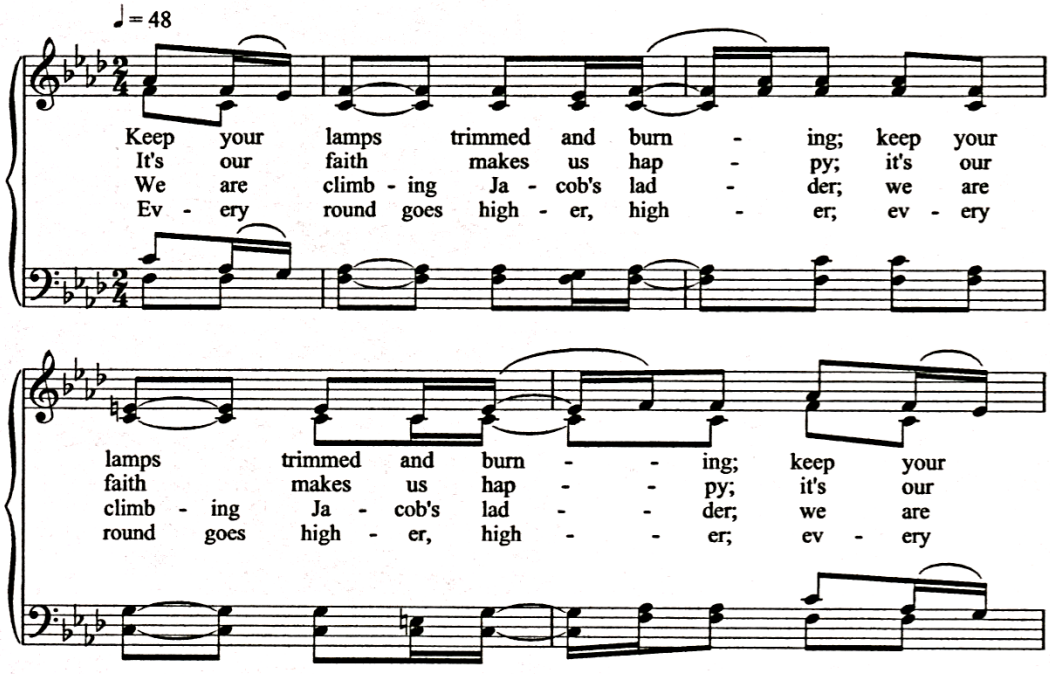
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

[13]We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN*: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"*

All stand.



WORDS: African American Spiritual (Matthew 25:1-13; Genesis 28:10-17)
MUSIC: African American Spiritual

KEEP YOUR LAMPS
7.7.7.7 with refrain

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]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.' [10]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. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

THE SERMON: ***Dan Toussant, Guest Preacher***

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed

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: VETERANS DAY

Compiled by the Rev. Jennifer Phillips Veteran's Day Prayer

Celebrant: Thank you to all who served this country!

Leader: Governor of Nations, our Strength and Shield:
we give you thanks for the devotion and courage
of all those who have offered military service for this country:

For those who have fought for freedom;
for those who laid down their lives for others;
for those who have borne suffering of mind or of body;
for those who have brought their best gifts in times of need.

On our behalf, they have entered into danger,
endured separation from those they love,
labored long hours, and borne hardship in war and in peacetime.

Lift up by your mighty Presence those who are now at war;
encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home;
guard those in any need or trouble;
hold safely in your hands all military families;
and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home;

Give to us, your people, grateful hearts
and a united will to honor these men and women
and hold them always in our love and our prayers;
until your world is perfected in peace through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially David Swope. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Said by all

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent, and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbor. Help me to reach out to others as you my god have reached out to me. ***Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Said by all

Grant, O God that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People sit, stand or kneel.

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

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 stands and says

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.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN*: "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"* by David Evans

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:, ♪ ♪ ♪

SANCTUS (said)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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

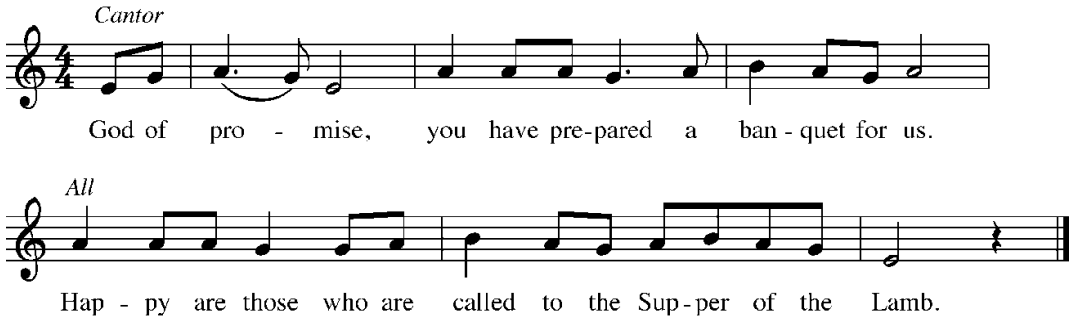
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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: "*God of Promise" (EOM1)*



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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.

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 Parish Priest.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together

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.*

COMMITMENT AND TIME OF BENEDICTION
Dan Toussant

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in C Major* Johann Pachelbel

Participants in Today's Liturgy:

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Guest Preacher:	Dan Toussant, Pax Christi of Stark County
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	Valerie Frear
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery, Brenda Maurer
Crucifer:	Demetrius Corrothers
Greeters:	David Lewis
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Barbara Anderson, Beth Paynter
Counters:	Demetrius Corrothers, Valerie Frear

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today!!!
Please come join us in the Guild Hall for a box luncheon following service to celebrate our Consecration Sunday.

Communication Committee: Will meet via Zoom on Monday, November 13th @ 6p.

Wednesday Study Group: We are finishing the ChurchNext series entitled "Barbie and Bible Women". This Wednesday, we will discuss the final lesson: Outsiders, Truth-Bearers, and Mary Magdalene. Come and join us at 10:00a. Men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Vestry: Will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, November 15th @ 6p.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7p-8p. Please see the music director, Edward Grimes for more information.

FOOTBALL SUNDAY!!!: On Sunday, November 19th, the Browns play the Steelers. To celebrate this matchup, all are welcome to wear their favorite team gear to church. Weather permitting, we can gather at Centennial Plaza to watch the game.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service: St. Paul's will host the community Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7p. Proceeds go to the support of the Thanksgiving Baskets Project. Reception will follow. Cookie donations are welcome.

Social Justice Book Club: We will begin a new book, "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store", by James McBride. We meet every 4th Tuesday at 7 pm. The next gathering is November 28th. You can join us either in the Guild Hall or via Zoom. Books will be made available at StarkFresh.

November 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 5 **ALL SAINT'S DAY!** **10:30 am Service** **Daylight Savings**	**Nov 6**	**Nov 7** **ELECTION DAY!**	**Nov 8** **10 am** **Bible Study** **Library** **6 pm Finance** **Zoom**	**Nov 9** **7 pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA** **(Blue Room)**	**Nov 10** **Diocesan Convention** →	**Nov 11** **7 pm AA** **(Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA** **(Cmty Rm)**
Nov 12 **NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY!** **10:30 am Service**	**Nov 13** **6 pm** **Communications** **Zoom**	**Nov 14**	**Nov 15** **10 am** **Bible Study** **Library** **7 pm Vestry** **Zoom**	**Nov 16** **7 pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA** **(Blue Room)**	**Nov 17**	**Nov 18** **Thanksgiving Basket Event** **7 pm AA** **(Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA** **(Cmty Rm)**
Nov 19 **FOOTBALL SUNDAY!** **9 am Adult Forum** **10:30 am Service**	**Nov 20**	**Nov 21** **7 pm** **Cmty Interfaith Service**	**Nov 22** **NO BIBLE STUDY!**	**Nov 23** **Church Closed**	**Nov 24** **Church Closed**	**Nov 25** **11 am HOT Lunch** **7 pm AA** **(Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA** **(Cmty Rm)**
Nov 26 **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY!** **10:30 am Service**	**Nov 27**	**Nov 28** **7 pm** **Social Justice Book Club**	**Nov 29** **10 am** **Bible Study** **Library** **6:30p** **Outreach Mtg**	**Nov 30** **7 pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA** **(Blue Room)**		

November Birthdays

4th- Alice Bolam
9th- Beth Paynter
10th- Gene Miller
18th- David Swope
30th- Linda Kendrick

Anniversaries

Gene & JoAnne Miller: 11/22
Peggy & Ron Neidig: 11/27

Upcoming Commemorations

Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
Sunday, November 12, 2023

The Consecration of Samuel Seabury, 1784
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Francis Asbury, 1816, and George Whitefield, 1770, Evangelists
Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093
Thursday, November 16, 2023

Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, 1200
Friday, November 17, 2023

Hugh, 1200, and Robert Grosseteste, 1253, Bishops of Lincoln
Friday, November 17, 2023

Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680
Saturday, November 18, 2023

To place your order for Christmas poinsettias, please complete this form and return it to Peggy in the Parish Office. Make checks for the entire order payable to St. Paul's. Thank you for making our Sanctuary special this Christmastide!

Name: _____ Total Enclosed: $_____

In loving memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

To the Glory of God for: _____

Type	Quantity (Needed)	Price	Donate *	Purchase **
6.5" Poinsettia	Red_____(14) White_____(21)	$10.00 ea.	_____	_____
7.5" Poinsettia	Red_____(2)	$14.00 ea.	_____	_____
8.5" Poinsettia	Red_____(6)	$18.00 ea.	_____	_____
14" Poinsettia	White_____(2)	$39.99 ea.	_____	_____
Pine roping	25' roll _____ (3)	$18.00 ea.	_____	.

*Poinsettias **donated** will be distributed to homebound members when the chancel area is cleared, and are tax-deductible.
Poinsettias **purchased will be labeled with the buyer's name for pick-up in the Narthex on January 7 (non- deductible).

Deadline to order poinsettias: Monday, November 20

Join us as we celebrate
the 44th INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING
Service
Tuesday
NOVEMBER 21
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton
7:00PM
The offering this evening will benefit Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown, which provides over 1,200 Stark County families with food at Thanksgiving.
RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC PARTNERS INVOLVED:
St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Michael's Catholic Church, Temple Israel, St. Mark's Episcopal, Islamic Society of NE Ohio, Trinity UCC, New Vision UCC, Grace UCC, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Church of the Covenant, Crossroads United Methodist, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Canton City Lutheran, Baha'is of Canton, J. Babe Stearn Community Center, StarkFresh, St. George Romanian Catholic, Arts in Stark, and Christ Presbyterian Church
Join us for a reception after the service
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COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ON RACE RELATIONS

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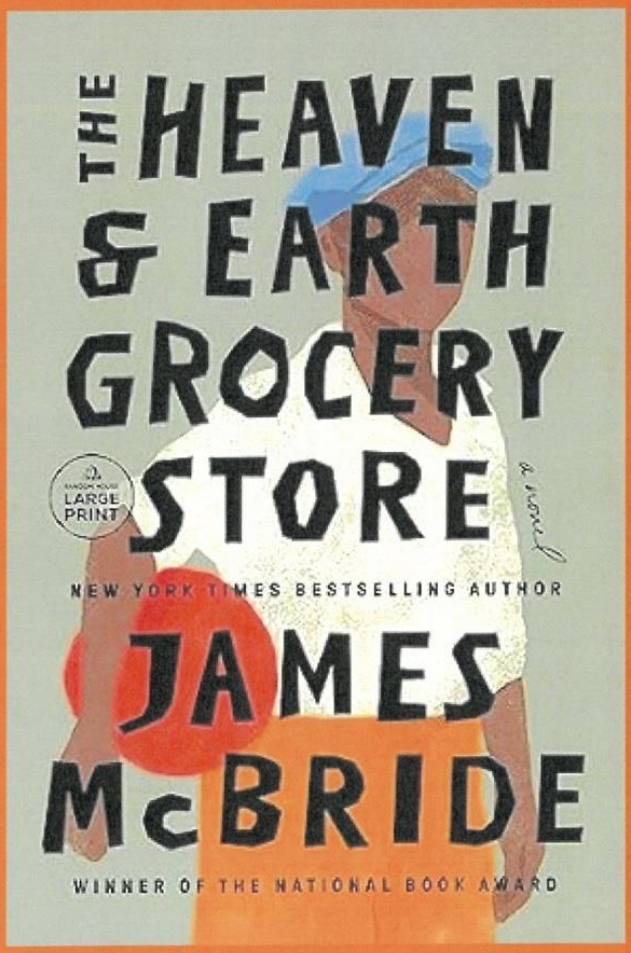
Social Justice BOOK Club

As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.



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Upcoming Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Tuesday, November 21st, Community Interfaith Service, 7:00p @
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Canton

ADVENT SERVICES
8:00a Rite I Services will be held on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th

Sunday, December 24th, Festive Christmas Eve Service, 7:00p

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day Morning Prayer Service, 8:00a

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Dan Toussant, Pax Christi of Stark County

Staff
Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

Music Begins Sunday Services at 10:25am are also live streamed on Facebook.

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