

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Canton, Ohio



**Sunday, October 22, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II
Twenty-first 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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Our mission

St. Paul's is a radically 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 contact the Priest of the parish, at 330-455-0286.

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Readings and Psalm

First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

Second Lesson: Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Prelude: Prelude on *Bunessan*, June Nixon

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Morning has broken (Bunessan)* (H 8)

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Standing

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

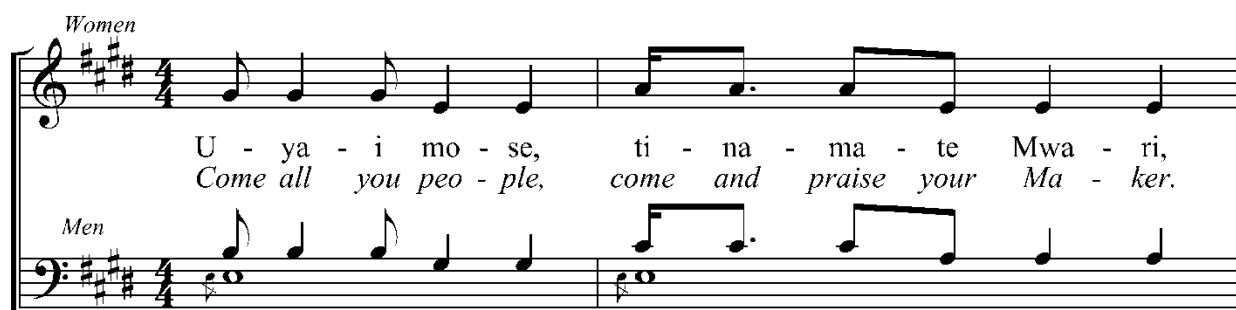
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 “Come All You People” (MHSO 2)

Women

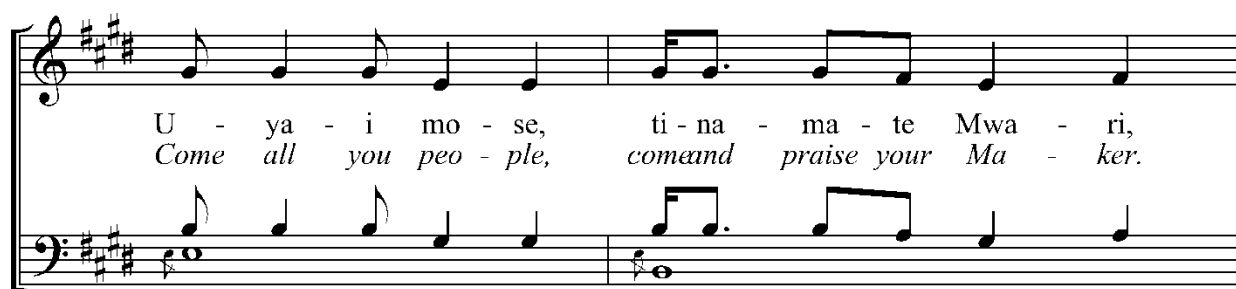


U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Ma - ker.


Men



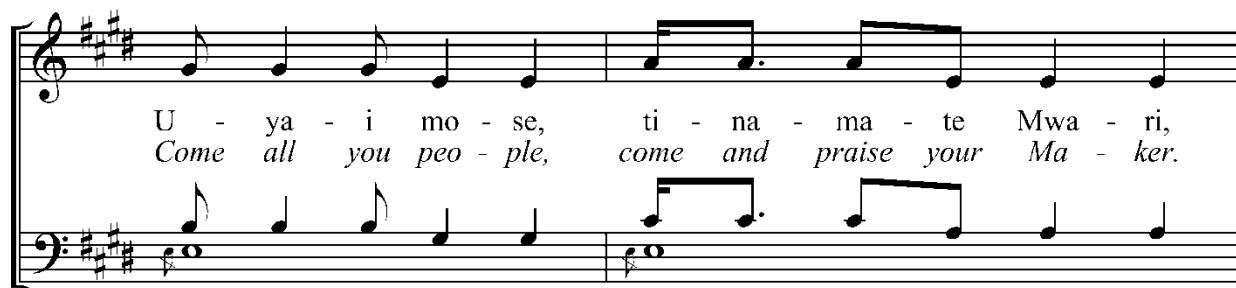
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Ahom Ahom

U - ya - i - mo - se zvi - no.
Come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Ahom Ahom Ahom

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. There are three measures of music. The first measure has a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on B4. The second measure has a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on A4. The third measure has a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F4, and a quarter note on E4. A triplet of three eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is indicated above the first measure of the second staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the word 'Ahom' is written below the bass staff in three positions.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
- ²“I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
- ³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
²Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
[¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *O all ye works of God, now come (Irish) (H 428)*

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
 2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
 3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
 4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
 5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless
 the God we bow before,
 the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
 and praise him evermore.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

All stand.

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

THE SERMON *Father Christopher Hofer*

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 (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For our president; local elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are ill, especially Fred, Sr. Rosina, Ron Neidig, June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Alisha Rittenour, Jackson, Jen Davidson, Rev. Eric Howard, Douglas Colmery, Stacy, John Titmas, Joe Myers, Ed Sutek, Allison, Jen Phelps, Linda Heitger, Kamau, Rev. Wendy, and Don. We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Northeast Mission Area. (St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula, The Rev. Peter W. Nielsen, III, Rector, St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls, The Rev. John Anthony Cerrato III, Rector, St. Luke's Church, Chardon, The Rev. Christopher McCann, Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Euclid, The Rev. Rosalind C. Hughes, Rector, The Rev. Joseph G. Buttler, Deacon)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Missionary Diocese of All Saints, Bishop Richard Lipka and his wife, Susan; Bishop Winfield Mott and his wife, Margaret; and Bishop William Ilgenfritz and his wife, Lois Jean.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Anne our bishop, for Christopher, our guest priest, for Robin our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life the birthday of Jeff Nowlin.

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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Said by all

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People sit, stand or kneel.

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

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 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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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.

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, O Father, 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 Father, 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)

Cantor



God of pro - mise, you have pre-pared a ban - quet for us.

All



Hap - py are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

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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 Priest of the parish.

COMMUNION HYMN

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.*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you. *Amen.*
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *O worship the King, all glorious above (Hanover) (H 388)*



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with five numbered lines of text. The lyrics are: 1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove! 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told, 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fugue in F Major Johann Pachelbel

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Guest Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Hofer
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Greeters:	David Lewis
Lectors:	Brenda Maurer
Eucharistic Ministers:	Douglas Colmery, Brenda Maurer
Crucifer:	Demetrius Carrothers
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Shirley Brown, Susan Phillips
Counters:	Cara Warren and Jeff Nowlin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

H.O.T. Lunch is this coming Saturday from 11-12:30 a.m. If want to meet and serve our neighbors and you're interested in participating in St. Paul's oldest continuing ministry, we welcome you in preparing and serving the meal. The day begins at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Study Group resumes: Come and join us on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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

The Annual Convention: The 207th Annual Diocesan Convention will be Nov. 10-11th, 2023, at the Greystone Event Center in Wooster, Ohio.



Thanks to the St. Paul's family for helping us register nearly 400 families in the first two days of this year's **Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown**. The all-volunteer, interfaith effort provides Thanksgiving meals to about a thousand of our neighbors each year. If you would like to

contribute, you can do so through St. Paul's (designate Thanksgiving Baskets on your check) or via the Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown web site:

<https://www.thanksgivingbasketscanton.org/>

October Birthdays

- 1st- Holly Hillen, Dorothy Oloya
- 2nd- Richard Anderson
- 7th- Robin Woodberry
- 14th- Shirley Brown, Victor Sutek
- 18th- Donald Stauffer
- 19th- Rebecca Geissinger
Nicole Marcum
- 20th- Michael Lewton
Rebecca Patterson
- 22nd- Jeffrey Nowlin



October Anniversaries

Linda & Mark Heitger: 10/24
Barbara & Richard Anderson: 10/27

Upcoming Commemorations

- Oct. 23 Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c. 62
- Oct. 24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, Priest, 1986
- Oct. 25 Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa
- Oct. 26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
- Oct. 28 Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5th

We will be honoring those family members and other loved ones lost over the past year. If you would like the name(s) of individuals to honor listed, please leave this form in the offering plate or call the Church Office at 330-455-0286.

Name(s) of deceased:

Name of the person or family submitting information:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Downtown Canton

Priest-in-Charge

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Staff

Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

**Music Begins at 10:25 a.m. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.*

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A Prayer for Peace

Healer of the Nations,
from the noise of war

and the drumbeat of vengeance,
give us undiminished determination
to wage peace.

Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction
let us plant seeds of hope.

Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred,
build bridges of love.

Out of distrust, disunity, and distance,
walk together in harmony.

Heal our divisions and make us whole. Amen.

The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, 11th Bishop of Missouri