



**SAINT
PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
DAYTON·OH**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026, 9:30 AM**

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: The family of Glenda Hinton, The John Snyder family, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Linda, Mark, Helen, David, Sherrie, Nancy, Pat, Sharon, Ken, Candace, Lori, Debi, Nevitt, James, Avery, Pamela, Connie, Linda, Anne, Kim, and Ella.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country:
David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Church of England.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Paul's, Dayton; and Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of
Philip & Dorothy Berner

SERVING TODAY - 2/1/26 - 9:30AM		SERVING NEXT SUN. - 2/8/26 - 9:30AM	
Altar Guild	Mary Ellen Foster Diane Labrie	Altar Guild	Barbara O'Hara Ellen Walters
Reader	Mike Miller Diana Uhlman	Reader	Mary Beth Coker Laura Walters
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben	Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
Crucifer/ Chalice	Kathleen Walters	Crucifer/ Chalice	Bob Neben Jay Woodhull
Book	Bob Neben	Candle	Teena Baldrige
		Book	Randy Young

ST. PAUL'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Please join us at 9:30am for a special musical prelude and Eucharist service. A festive reception will follow!

This celebratory Eucharist service will include a special musical prelude that will consist of selections played by the handbell choir, a violin solo, a violin & cello duet, and choral music. Former parishioners, Mark and Betsey Hofeldt, will be the instrumentalists on the cello & violin, and Cara Whitby's daughter, Lauren Geerlings, will also play the violin. The choir will be augmented by four additional singers that day, as well. Following the service, we'll meet in the Parish Hall for fellowship and a festive reception.

All Hymns are in the Blue, 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

PRELUDE: SYMPHONY V, MOVEMENT IV

C. M. Widor

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #542 Christ is the World's True Light

St. Joan

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise", sung to the tune *Salzburg* (#135)

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar.

Branch of royal David's stem; in thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy Word;
Grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8

A Reading from Micah

Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 15 (*sung by the choir*)

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Please stand if able.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

SILENT REFLECTION

Please stand if able.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - From the book "Hear Our Prayer"

After each petition the people respond with "**Hear Our Prayer**".

Please stand or kneel if able.

CONFESSON OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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.

Celebrant 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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: ALLELUIA

William Boyce

Please stand if able.

HYMN #493, vs. 1-3, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany

(from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Augsburg Fortress 2006*)

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.**

Celebrant It is indeed our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, gracious God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will make all things new. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Please stand or kneel if able.

SANCTUS, Hymnal #S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise made to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

With this bread and cup we remember your Word, Jesus Christ, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ’s death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER, BCP 364

**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 *BCP 364*

FRACTION ANTHEM: HYMNAL #37 FROM ENRICHING OUR MUSIC 1

A - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

COMMUNION MUSIC: HYMN #593 Lord, Make us Servants of your Peace *Dickinson College*

Please stand or kneel if able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 OF THE PEOPLE

RECESSONAL: HYMN #438 Tell Out, my Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: PSALM 19

Marcello

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CANTERBURY COURT

Canterbury Court is having a spa day on Wednesday, February 11 from 2:00 - 4:00PM. They are looking for volunteers to paint nails or give hand massages. This is a great way to brighten someone's day while giving you a good feeling from helping others. Please contact Nancy Downey at 937-609-2234 if you can help.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to the timing of the Centennial Celebration, the date for the Annual Meeting has been changed to SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15. Following the 9:30am Eucharist service, please join us in the Parish Hall for the Annual Meeting. During the business portion of the meeting, we will celebrate the ministries of St. Paul's, review our finances, and elect our Vestry members and delegates to convention.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Shrove Tuesday - February 17 - 6pm Evening Prayer - pancake supper to follow

Ashes to Go - Wednesday, February 18. Rev Jean is looking for volunteers to dispense ashes in the Dayton area. Pick a place and time and let Rev. Jean or Lois know.

Ash Wednesday Worship Services - 12pm & 7pm at St. Paul's

Stations of the Cross - Every Saturday in Lent beginning February 21 at 9:30am

Drive through Prayer - Every Wednesday in Lent beginning February 25 from 4-6pm

The Chapel is open for daily prayer from 10am-12pm during Lent

Wednesday Mornings in Lent - Morning Prayer: Offered through Facebook

Devotional Book for the congregation - *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. We will do a Lenten Bible Study on Sundays after church beginning Sunday, February 22. This book will be available at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew rack in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

Class of 2026 - Linda Bumiller, Charlie Campbell, Steve Ireland

Class of 2027 - Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters

Class of 2028 - Chris Brandt, Jill Davis

Senior Warden (*term expires 2026*)- Paul Sampson

Junior Warden (*term expires 2026*)- Joe Cairo

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