

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Natick, Massachusetts

"Welcome in Love, Worship with Joy, Grow in Faith, Seek and Serve Christ in All Persons"

Holy Eucharist Rite II
September 10, 2017

Pentecost 14
8:00am and 10:00 am

We welcome you to St. Paul's as one of God's beloved wherever you are on your spiritual journey, in faith, doubt, despair, or enthusiasm. St. Paul's is an expansive congregation willing to be changed through the ministries God calls forth from each of us. Do you have an idea or a dream for ministry? If you do, gather some folks around you and let the Spirit work. We live out the open table fellowship of Jesus. All are welcome at the communion table regardless of religious background. If you are visiting or new to St. Paul's, please help us get to know you by filling out a "Blue Card" available in the pews and place it in the collection plate. Coffee hour follows the services downstairs in Sherrill Hall. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the undercroft.

The Word of God

Prelude: Voluntary

Procession Hymn 412: "Earth and All Stars"

Earth and All Stars

Opening Acclamation

Priest: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life.

People: Amen

The minister continues

Grace to you and peace
from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning
and without end,
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us,
here we find new life.**

The minister continues

Let us give thanks
for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight to the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Song of Praise: *Massachusetts Cantic*

adapted by Rev. Dr. E. Gale Davies
music by Gigi Mitchell-Velasco

First phrase is introduced by the organ, then the Choir sings, followed by the Congregation.



O give thanks to God who is good, whose love en - dures for ev - er,

Choir: You sun and moon, you stars in the Northern sky:



Give to our God all thanks and praise!

Choir: Sunrise and sunset, night and day:



Give to our God all thanks and praise!

Choir: All mountains and valleys, grassland and marshes,
bogs, bays, rains and snow:



Give to our God all thanks and praise!

Choir: You oaks and ash, pussy willow,
cat-tails and pine, birches and cedar:



Give to our God all thanks and praise!

Choir: Dolphins and whales, sea lions and lobsters,
scallops, clams, mussels and shrimp:



Give to our God all thanks and praise!

Choir: Rabbits and turkeys, mosquitos and dogs,
deer and crows, seagulls and hawks:



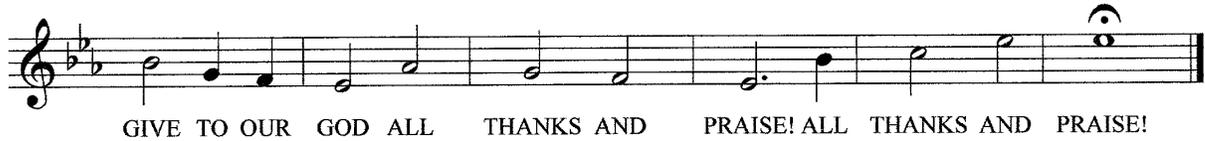
Give to our God all thanks and praise!

Choir: You Nipmucks and Mashpee, women and men,
all who inhabit the coasts and forests:



Give to our God all thanks and praise!

Choir: All you saints and martyrs of Massachusetts:



GIVE TO OUR GOD ALL THANKS AND PRAISE! ALL THANKS AND PRAISE!

The Confession

The congregation then kneels.

Creator, we disfigure your world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Redeemer, we reject your redemption and crucify you daily.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Giver of life, we too often choose death.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God,

we confess our sins.

Silence

The presiding priest says

God forgives you.

Be at peace.

God, the Creator, brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness
and live your life
in the Spirit of Jesus.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God dwells in you

People: **And also in you**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The congregation sits.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

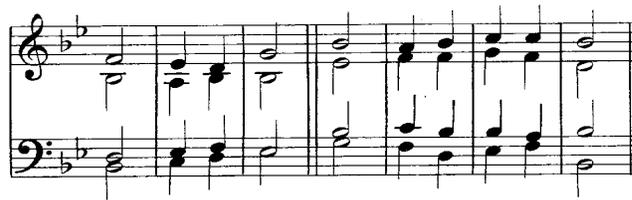
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations, you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Priest: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*



John Stainer

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the | **LORD** a new | song; *
sing his praise in the congre- | gation | of the | *faithful*.
- 2 Let Israel re- | **joyce in** his | *Maker*; *
let the children of Zion be | joyful | in their | King.
- 3 Let them praise his | Name **in the** | dance; *
let them sing praise to | him with | **timbrel** and | harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes | **pleasure • in his** | *people* *
and a- | dorns the | poor with | *victory*.
- 5 Let the faithful re- | joyce in | *triumph*; *
let them be | joyful | on their | beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be | in their | throat *
and a | two-edged | **sword in** their | hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance | on the | *nations* *
and | **punish-ment** | on the | *peoples*;
- 8 To bind their | kings in | chains *
and their | **nobles** with | links of | *iron*;
- 9 To inflict on them the | **judgment** de- | creed; *
this is glory for all his faithful | people. |
Halle- | *lujah!*

Sequence Hymn WLP 784: “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!”

Pelo tso roma

The Green Hymnal

Leader: The Good News of Jesus as written in Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a

one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jon C. Strand

Affirmation Of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The minister says

Let us pray for the Church and the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The Prayers of the People

Intercession and Thanksgiving

The minister and people pray responsively.

Particular intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered before any section.

Caring God,
we thank you for your gifts in creation:
for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory;

for our land, its beauty, and its resources,

for the rich heritage, we enjoy.

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
**that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors
and marvel at your creation;**

for artists, scientists, and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray:

for all who are deprived of the fulness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work,
and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
**may your word and sacrament
strengthen us to love as you love us.**

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

**God of peace,
let us your people know,
that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes
from faith in you.**

Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace
there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves
in the spirit of Christ.

Amen.

silence is kept

The Ministry Of The Sacrament

The Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

The presiding priest may invite the people to exchange a sign of peace according to local custom.

Greetings and Announcements

Holy Communion

Backpack Blessing

All children, youth, and adults who are returning to a new routine this fall are invited to bring a backpack, briefcase or satchel forward for the blessing.

Priest: God of all wisdom and knowledge, pour out your blessing on the schools and places of work represented here today, that they may be lively centers for sound learning and new discovery; and grant that those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Today we not only honor these students and workers but also the spark and desire for learning and truth that is a sign of your Spirit working through and in them. Amen

Blessing Of The Water

Sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, as a reminder of our baptism; and as this water is sprinkled on these students, teachers, and workers and on their gear, may they be strengthened in memory, reason, and skill.

Blessing Of Prayer Tokens

And bless these prayer cards, a gift for each to carry with them in their backpacks. May they be a constant reminder of your love and ours and the important place they have in this community. May each feel your presence and love throughout the day as they learn, grow in knowledge and faith and thirst for your truth. In the name of Christ. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the participants and their gear with holy water saying:

God of all wisdom and knowledge, bless and guide these your children in their learning, their work and their teaching. Surround them with a sense of your presence and love. Amen

The congregation is invited to stand and pray:

May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give us all the courage and confidence to be his disciples wherever we may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given us be a source of blessing for each of us and for others. Amen.

Offertory Anthem: “With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

The Preparation of the Gifts

*The offerings of the people are presented. Bread and wine for communion are placed on the table.
The presiding priest says*

God of all creation, you bring forth
bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine
will be for us
the body and blood of Christ.
All you have made is good.
Your love endures for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

*It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer.
The presiding priest says or sings*

The Spirit of God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
We thank you that you make us human
and stay with us
even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God,
righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ,
our crucified and living Lord.
You make all things new.
In Christ's suffering and cross
you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself,
their true and living God.

The priest continues

In your mercy, you are now our God.
Through Christ, you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.
We entrust ourselves to you,
for you alone do justice
to all people, living and departed.
**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say/sing?:

Sanctus

Mass of Plenty, Rob Glover



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory to you, Giver of life
sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises,
living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed,
took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.
After supper he took the cup;
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,
to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death
of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.

Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way,
our access to you, Father,
and source of all new life.

In Christ we offer ourselves
to do your will.
Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

The Communion

As Christ teaches us, we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those, who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says
The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The priest may lift the cup.
The priest says
The cup of blessing
for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one cup.**

The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying
Bread and wine; the gifts of God
for the people of God.
**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

The presiding priest and people receive communion.
The minister says the following words (or any of those provided in the other Eucharistic Liturgies) to each person.
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

The communicant may respond each time
Amen.

Communion Choral Hymn 333: “Now the Silence”

Now

Communion Hymn 304: “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”

Land of Rest

Prayer After Communion

The priest says
Most loving God, creator, and redeemer,
we give you thanks

for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves
and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend, and brother. Amen**

The Dismissal of the Community

The Recessional Hymn 376: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *Hymn to Joy*

The Blessing

The congregation is sent out with these words.

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Postlude: Voluntary

Ministers for Today's Service

Clergy: The Rev. Jon C. Strand, preaching
The Rev. Dr. Gale Davis, presiding
Music: Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, organist
LEMs: 8:00 am Valerie Gaines
10:00 am Marybeth Lamb & Dan Fields
Acolytes:
Greeter:
Reader: Allen Gardner
Ushers: Rob Young & Chuck Shaw
Altar Guild: Judy Goodridge
Coffee Hour:

This week, these Prayer Cycles direct us to pray for:

In the Anglican Communion pray for Seychelles - (Indian Ocean), The Rt. Rev. James Richard Wong Yin Song.

In our Diocese, we remember *Parishes of the North Shore Deanery:* St. Peter's Church, Beverly; St. John's Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; St. John's Church, Gloucester.

In our ecumenical prayer cycle, we pray for: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia.

We remember our sister parish in Haiti: Transfiguration Mission at Chansolme; Lay Readers: Fernand John Francois and Lamarre John Baptiste.

In our parish friends and family: Janet, Bill, & Mack Lundberg; Donald, Lois MacDonald; Joan & Katie ; MacDonald and Kara Macek.

For Our Community: Pine Street Inn and The Meadows.

We pray for our whole Anglican communion in listening to the stories of all people, in learning to care even more deeply for those in need, and in journeying forward in the grace of God. For those serving our country at this time in all places of the world, especially Iraq and Afghanistan. For our stewardship of our planet for generations to come, especially in taking actions, small or large, that will diminish the damaging impact of global warming. For peace and stability in all the places of the world that are experiencing conflict. For healing and support for those struggling with depression.

We pray for all those whose lives are disrupted by violence and famine; for all immigrants and their in this time of uncertainty in our country; for peaceful negotiations with North Korea; for all refugees, especially those who are fearful in this new climate of immigration actions; for those seeking freedom from violence and desperate poverty; for our opening of hearts and our churches and homes to those seeking safe shelter.

*The flowers on the Altar
are given
honor of
Emma Grace Baker's birthday
by
her grandparents Miriam and Peter Kimball*

We pray for our planet, where it is bruised, may it be healed. Where we endanger it, change our ways that we might be agents of its healing.

We pray for healing, support, and compassion: for Stanley Macomber; Marsha; Ann Fagan; Sandy Ashe; Susan Etts; Katy Gurkin; Michelle Cody Fabri; Paul Lach; Ed Hasgill; Ben Burrell; Dave and Susan Winkle; Adrienne Taylor; Doris Killam; Susan Barraclough.

Finally, we pray for those who have died: Maria Felicita Garcia (Alexy Boudreau's grandmother). We pray for those who mourn: The Boudreau family in their time of grieving.

Announcements

TODAY

Join us for coffee hour today as we welcome Martha Myers and Ammar Kourany as they share with us their efforts in supporting Syrian refugees.

Today! Our parish picnic will take place at the Rectory, 99 Walnut St. Today, from 4-6:30pm. Activities for all ages are included: Bounce House, Badminton, Basketball, etc.. Come enjoy the beautiful weather, make some new connections, and get a bite to eat. Bring a salad or dessert, Grilled items and beverages will be provided. J2A and SPY will gather at the picnic.

Church School Starts today, Registration is available on St. Paul's website, www.stpaulsnatick.org. All are welcome!

The 5:15 pm service will resume next Sunday on September 17th.

FEATURED

Registration now open! Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training



The event will take place Friday, September 22 from 6-9 PM and on Saturday, September 23 from 9-4 PM. This substantial training helps us think through the impact of racism and its influence in our lives, building community through the process. Registration is found on the St. Paul website.

Upcoming This Week

Blessing of the Back Packs (and briefcase and satchels!): This morning at the 10:00 and September 17th 5:15 services we will bless our students, teachers, and workers who are returning to a new routine and year of school this fall. We will also bless their back packs, brief cases, or whatever they carry with them as an acknowledgment of the work they will do this year, the knowledge they will acquire, and the fun they will have. We want to send them off with the full knowledge that they are loved and valued by God and our community. Plan to bring your back packs and be part of the service!

Centering Prayer: Please join us Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the chapel for Centering Prayer beginning Monday, September 11th. No sign-up needed - just come if you can. We start with a poem or short reading, then spend 20 minutes in silent meditation, followed by a short period of conversation. Centering Prayer is an opportunity to take time to be present and open to God, and there is something special in sitting in silent prayer with other folks. If you've never tried it, we encourage you to join us to see what you think. Now that September is here many of us are taking up busy lives again - this is a chance to slow down and spend time with the one who is the "very ground of our being."

Rummage Sale is next Saturday! Our annual Rummage sale is happening on Saturday, September 16 from 9 am - 1 pm. Take in day is Friday, September 15 from 9am-6pm. Volunteers are needed for both days. Please consider donating even an hour of your time to help us raise money for our outreach ministries. Does your teenager need volunteer hours? This is a perfect opportunity! The Salvation Army truck will be here Saturday at 1 pm to take what hasn't been sold, but we need workers to pack up the leftovers!

We accept clothing and shoes for men, women and children (no stains or rips, please), Jewelry, linens, household items, books, CDs, DVDs, and children's toys (full sets in original packaging only please). We do not accept stuffed animals, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, computers, or electronics of any kind. We also do not accept car seats, strollers, high chairs or any other baby furniture. Contact Linda Heyd at lindaheyd1@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Upcoming This Month

Mom's Book (not!) Group: While we no longer read a book for each meeting, we still meet and have substantive discussions about a variety of topics. All women are invited to participate. We meet at the home of the Pastoral Associate, Gale Davis at 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm every other Wednesday night for four sessions. Then we take a break and come back together after a respite. A simple dinner is provided.

The fall dates for the group are September 20, October 4 and 18, and November 1. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. The topics will be announced soon, but we want to have you save the dates! Alexy Boudreau, Alisa Skatrud, and Gale Davis.

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training Event: will take place Friday, September 22 from 6-9 PM and on Saturday, September 23 from 9-4 PM. This substantial training helps us think through the impact of racism and its influence in our lives, building community through the process. Please contact Kyle Reilly if you would like to sign up: ksreilly@gmail.com.

Advent Arts: There will be a meeting of those interested in being part of the Advent Arts group this year on Sunday, September 24 after the 10:00 service in the chapel. You may recall that last year this group created a whole aura of blue in the sanctuary to set Advent apart from the secular frenzy around us of purchasing and singing frosty and jingle bells via Mazak before Christmas has even arrived! We can choose to do the same thing we did last

year or to change it in some way, but it is important to think about how we want to mark Advent as a community.

This year we are choosing to begin celebrating Advent a bit earlier as was done in the very early church. We will not change the readings as they are already filled with portents and apocalyptic language. But it will give us the opportunity to truly mark the season spiritually as a community.

I hope you will join us! People of all ages are welcome to be part of the group!

Gale+

Future Events (More Than A Month Away)

The Path: Learning our Story of Scripture-- Beginning Oct 2017: Beginning in October for 24 Sundays through the end of May we will be learning the whole arc of the story of the Bible. If you ever wanted to learn the major stories of the Bible and see how they fit into our lives, this is your chance! We will be using a book from Forward Movement called The Path. We will have these on sale beginning Sunday, Sept. 3rd, along with resources for families and children to join in the study. Each week we will ask a question that one of the stories asks about God and us and our lives. These can be a discussion point for you with your church family and with other family members and friends and can be a source of prayer. You can purchase one at Church or find one [here](#). A children's and family version can be found [here](#). A coloring book for your journey can be found [here](#). During Lent, we will supplement our study by using [The Social Justice Bible Challenge](#) by Marek Zabriskie. Join us for this exciting journey! After a year at St. Paul's, you will leave with a new understanding of the scope and vision of the Bible.

Caring For One Another

Call for Pine St. Volunteers!: We are looking for help in filling out the upcoming dates for serving the women of Pine St. Inn. This is a great opportunity to make a one-time commitment or to see if this outreach program is a good fit for you. This is an incredibly rewarding experience, see for yourself!

There are opportunities to help out at any of the following service dates: Nov 12th, Dec 10th, Jan 14th, and Feb 11th. You can shop (anytime), cook (at St. Paul's), **or** serve (at Pine St.), depending on your schedule and interest. The serving age at Pine St. is now 15+. Contact Glenn McNeill at glennmcneill7@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information.

Prayers of the People: We are honored to pray for people. It is our privilege and part of what we do as Christians for members of our community. We will add names for our prayers as you request them. We will keep them on "the list" for four weeks (which seems to be the right duration for most prayers.) However, we know that some are dealing with chronic illness or long-term challenges and need to be prayed for longer. If you want yourself or

someone for whom you have sought prayers to have those prayers continued, contact Jeanne and ask. We will gladly do so.

Newcomers Committee: We are re-forming a Newcomer's Committee, and all are invited to be part of this crucial ministry in the life of St. Paul's. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming parish, yet there is so much more that we can do to make visitors and newcomers feel a part of us. I am hoping that you will join us even if I have missed asking you personally to be part of this committee! It is not a huge time commitment. Once we get started, I anticipate a meeting every quarter to check in on newcomers and see how it is going and helping to sponsor and put on a Newcomer's Dinner twice a year—once in the Fall and once in the Spring. Please join us for an organizational meeting on October 1 after the 10:00 service in the chapel! If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to help out with this ministry of hospitality and welcome, please email me at egaledavis@gmail.com Gale+

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