

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME. In the name of Christ, we offer you welcome to this church. May those who sorrow, find comfort; the weary, rest; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; the unhappy, joy; and to all, the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place. If you are new to this parish community, please give your name and phone number to the Rector or sign our guest register on the stand in the back of the Church. As our honored guest, we want to welcome you.

THE SERVICE. There are two main books used for our service; the smaller red book is the *Book of Common Prayer* and the larger blue book is the *Hymnal*. There is also a *Gray Hymnal*. They can be found in the bookrack on the back of the pew in front of you. A *Bible* can be found at the ends of the pew. The page / hymn numbers in the service bulletin help you find your place in these service books. We invite you to participate fully in our worship.

RECEIVING COMMUNION. Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all who are comfortable participating in the Communion of the Lords' Table. To receive communion, please form two lines in the center aisle and approach the front of the Celebration Altar. Please stand with one hand cupped on top of the other to receive the consecrated bread from the Celebrant. Then step to the side to the Eucharistic Minister and **take** the chalice and drink from it; or you may intinct the bread by dipping it in the consecrated wine. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward for a blessing (fold your arms across your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive Holy Communion). Return to your pew by way of the side aisles.

The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

February 23, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Hymn 135

Call to Worship

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

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: God calls us, "Come to me, on the mountain, in the forest, on the trail."

All: "Come to me, across the ocean, across the river, across the street."

Presider: "Come to me, at the kitchen table, in the grocery store, on the Web."

All: “Come to me, under the overpass, in the shelter, on the soup line.”

Presider: God invites us, “Come. Be with me. Share the day with me.”

All: God invites us, “Share the week, the year, your whole life with me.”

Presider: We come today to answer God’s call.

Collect for Purity

Prayer Book, page 355

Collect of the Day:

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18

Insert

Psalm 99

pages 7 – 8 of bulletin

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

Insert

Gospel Hymn “When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known”

Hymn 132

Gospel Matthew 7:1-9

Insert

Gospel Response “If You Believe and I Believe”

Sermon

Rev. J. Patrick Peters

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Let us go to the mountain of God’s generosity, offering our prayers.

Prayer Leader: That we may admit our faults, our desire to keep things as they are and to return to things that never were, so that when Christ invites us into a transformed life, we may readily answer his call. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: That we may offer ourselves to the refashioning hands of the Divine Potter, who centers, molds, and changes us into vessels of grace. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: For a vigorous spirit of mutual cooperation and unity, that we may treasure the common ground which we share with the whole Anglican Communion, and work together to

share in the fruits of God's kingdom across our nations, cultures, tribes, and peoples. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: For the cessation of war, that armaments of destruction may be made into tools for development, and that resources spent on the fields of battle may instead support the basic necessities of life. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: For a commitment to a life of simplicity, that we may preserve for generations to come the beauty of the land, seas, sky, and the complexity of every living creature. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: In thanksgiving for those who tend to the needs of the poor, giving aid when needed, training when helpful, teaching when called upon, and who commit to those whom others neglect. We also give thanks for...

(mention any thanksgivings [if any] listed under the heading of "thanksgivings")

(then say: "the congregation is invited to add other blessings aloud or in silence"),

(then continue)

Prayer Leader: For all who are sick and in need of our prayers, that through our loving concern they may be comforted in their distress. We pray especially for...

(read the names of the sick listed on the prayer list. Also read the names [if any] listed under "for the special needs of," read the names [if any] listed under the heading of "for healthy pregnancy and safe delivery")

(then say: "the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence"),

(then continue)

Prayer Leader: That those who have died may experience the blessed rest of everlasting peace. We remember especially...

(read the names of the departed listed on the prayer list)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: That the church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; James and Barbara, the Bishops of our Lutheran brothers and sisters; Ronald, the Bishop of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters; clergy, especially Patrick, our Rector; Gina, Ingrid, Sud, Tim, Mark, Peter, Beth, and John, the clergy of the Rim Parishes; and all our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes, may continually be uplifted by the vision of the King in all His radiance and be rescued from all fear, and have confidence in the future. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: That the Parish Family of Saint Paul the Apostle hear the prophets’ testimony, see you clearly in the records of those who were eyewitnesses of your majesty, and do your will, preparing for your glorious coming on the Last Day. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: That the nations of the earth and its leaders, especially Donald, our President; the Congress and the Courts; Thomas our Governor; the Legislature of our Commonwealth; our Borough Council; Leo our Mayor, and all who wield power and authority in the world, more and more perfect the rule of law and administer justice after the example of Moses, the lawgiver and judge of your people. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: That the church may head the call of God in Christ Jesus to descend from the heights of vision and to serve those who are needy, desolate, and forgotten. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: That the suffering, the lonely, the grieving, the

dying, and the lost may know the transforming light of your presence. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory.

Prayer Leader: That this Parish Family of Saint Paul the Apostle may be SHAPED BY FAITH in its mission to bear witness to the Word and wisdom of God;. Let us pray.

All: Hear us, God of Glory

Prayer Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(a brief pause for the private confession of our sins)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

All: Almighty God:

you gave us tablets carved with your covenantal hope for all creation.

We confess that it was not only Moses who broke those tablets long ago in anger.

We confess that we break your heart every day when we ignore your ways of love and choose our own ways of violence.

We break your heart when we choose to hoard your abundance, creating scarcity for others.

We break your heart when we choose to justify our personal comfort by pretending we can only be who we are now.

God of Sinai, give us the courage to offer ourselves to be transfigured, to be empowered, to be commissioned.

God of Sinai, call us where we are needed and inspire us to respond with whole and healing hearts. Amen.

Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

Greetings and Announcements

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| Offertory | |
| Presentation Hymn “Humbly I Adore Thee” | Hymn 314 |
| Eucharistic Prayer B | Prayer Book, page 367 |
| Sursum Corda | Hymnal S-120 |
| Sanctus | Hymnal S-130 |
| Memorial Acclamation | Mass of Creation |
| The Great Amen | Mass of Creation |
| Our Father | Celtic |
| The Breaking of the Bread | Prayer Book, page 364 |
| Prayer of Humble Access | Prayer Book, page 337 |
| Communion | |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | Prayer Book, page 366 |
| The Blessing | |
| Closing Hymn “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” | Hymn 460 |
| Dismissal | |

Prayer Requests February 23, 2020

Hospitalizations

Homebound

Delores Baker (Saint Anne); Ethel Edelman (Autumn House West); Joann Fals (home)

Intercessions

Sue Ellen; Ruth; Ethel; Mike; Joann; Alf; DJ; Bryan; Bobby; Robert; Bently; Mitch; Toni, Pat and Don; George; Janet; Father Patrick; Bev; Everett; Becky; Bill; Bob; Neil; Sean; Vickie; Robert; Lonnie

Birthday

2/25 Bill Weinberg; 2/27 Jean Geesey, Bishop Charlie McNutt, Jr.

Anniversary

Departed

Elsie Bair; Albert Weaver; Peggy Brommer; John Vecero, Sr.; Jean Graham; Zelma Kuhns;

For Those in Positions of Public Trust

President Donald Trump; Governor Tom Wolf; Mayor Leo Lutz; All legislative bodies & all courts of law; for the leaders of all nations and people

For our Bishops, Rector, and Parish Members

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and his staff; The Most Rev. Michael Curry and his staff; The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan and her staff; The Rev. J. Patrick Peters; the staff and people of this parish, especially Jeanne Cooper; Monte Ann Finegan; Teresa Kuhns

World Cycle of Prayer

2/23 Kiribati; 2/24 North Korea; 2/25 South Korea; 2/26 Kuwait; 2/27 Kyrgyzstan; 2/28 Laos; 2/29 Latvia

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

2/23 Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, The Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama; Monday, 2/24 Malaita (Melanesia), The Right Revd Samuel Sahu; Tirunelveli (South India), The Right Revd Jayaraj Christdoss; Harare (Central Africa), The Right Revd Chad Nicholas Gandiya; 2/25 Malakal (South Sudan), The Most Revd Hilary Garang Deng; Toamasina (Indian Ocean), The Right Revd Jean Paul Solo; 2/26 Malek (South Sudan), The Right Revd Peter Joh Abraham Mayom; Tohoku (Japan), The Right Revd John Masato Yoshida; 2/27 Malek Rup (South Sudan), The Right Revd Peter Marial Agok; Tokyo (Japan), The Right Revd Francis Xavier Hiroyuki Takahashi; Toliara (Indian Ocean), The Right Revd Todd McGregor; 2/28 Malindi (Kenya), The Right Revd Lawrence Dena; Tonj (South Sudan), The Right Revd Peter Yuol Gur; 2/29 Manchester (England), The Right Revd David Walker; Torit (South Sudan), The Most Revd Bernard Oringa Balmoi

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

2/23 Reformed Baptists; 2/24 General Association of Regular Baptist Churches/ 2/25 Regular Baptists; 2/26 Separate Baptists; 2/27 Separate Baptists in Christ; 2/28 Seventh Day Baptists; 2/29 Southeast Conservative Baptists

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

St. James, Mansfield and their congregation; St. John Lutheran Church, Columbia and their congregation

Companion Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Ecumenical:

- The people of Saint John Lutheran Church, Columbia
- Rev. Mark Kopp and the people of Saint James Lutheran Church, Columbia
- Rev. Stephen Kelley and the people of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Columbia
- Rev. Anthony Swamy Anthappa, MSFS and the people of Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church, Columbia
- Rev. David Powers and the people of The Columbia Presbyterian Church, Columbia
- Rev. Thomas Grubbs and the people of The Columbia United Methodist Church, Columbia
- Rev. Patricia McAllister and the people of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Columbia
- Rev. Hub Smith and the people of The Columbia Christian Fellowship, Columbia
- Rev. Greg Impink and the people of Ironville United Methodist Church, Columbia
- Rev. Mary Ann Kingsborough and the people of Concordia Lutheran Church, Columbia
- Rev. Dione Kleptka and the people of Saint John Herr Estate Retirement Community

Rim Parishes of the Lancaster Convocation:

- Rev. Gina Bautista and the people of Saint John Episcopal Church, Marietta
- Rev. Ingrid Andersen and the people of Saint Luke Episcopal Church, Mount Joy
- Rev. Sud Tiwari and the people of Saint Paul Episcopal Church, Manheim
- Rev. Tim Small and the people of Hope Episcopal Church, Mt. Hope
- Rev. Mark Scheneman and the people of Bangor Church, Churchtown and the Revs. Beth Mollard, Pete Greenfield, John Emmert and Ellie Garner

Peace and Justice

South Sudan; Nigeria; Iraq; Israel; Kenya; Afghanistan; Palestine; Somalia; Iran; Libya; Syria; Egypt; Tunisia; Yemen; Ukraine; Venezuela; North Korea; Turkey

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| Amount needed each week to meet the 2020 income budget: | \$2,763.00 |
| Amount budgeted each week from fundraisers and investment income: | \$1,764.00 |
| Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet income budget: | \$ 999.00 |

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| Amount needed each week to meet the 2020 expense budget: | \$3,535.00 |
| Amount expected each week from fundraisers and investment income: | \$1,764.00 |
| Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet expense budget: | \$1,771.00 |

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| | 02/16/20 | 02/17/19 |
| St. John Herr Estate | 16 | 16 |

9:00 a.m.

33
49

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44

Weekly Impact Attendance: w/e 02/16/20: 143


Pledge and Plate

\$1,058.00

\$1,312.00

Be Thoughtful
Be Silent
Be Reverent...

For this is the House of the Lord
Before the service,
speak to the Lord
During the service,
let the Lord speak to you
After the service,
speak to one another



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February 29, 2020
St. John Herr Estate
5:30 p.m.

Lector:

Charlene

Eucharistic Minister:

Les

Prayers of the People:

Bev

March 1, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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| Lectors: | Bill W./Jess |
| Eucharistic Minister | Christine/Ralph |
| Crucifer: | Ralph |
| Server: | Ralph |
| Gospel Bearer: | Christine |
| Prayers of the People: | Mary Lynn |
| Ushers: | George/Bill W. |
| Greeters: | George/Bill W. |
| Verger (Open): | Christine |
| Verger (Close): | Bev |



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

Sun: -THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY-

8:50 AM – Sunday School in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

9:00 AM – Eucharist

10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Mon:

Tue: 6:00 PM – Daisy Scouts meet in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Wed: 9:30 AM – Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 PM – Joint Ash Wednesday Service with The Columbia Presbyterian Church here at St. Paul

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Fri:

Sat: 5:30 PM – Eucharist – St. John Herr Estate

Sun: **-THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT-**

8:50 AM – Sunday School in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

9:00 AM – Eucharist

10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

A man who does a daily blog named Seth Godin recently wrote the following and I have to think this describes where Saint Paul is right now:

There are two polar opposites: Staying Still and Breaking. It's easy to visualize each end of the axis, whatever the activity. In between is Stretching.

Stretching is growth. Extending our reach. Becoming more resilient, limber and powerful. Stretching hurts a bit, and maybe leaves us just a little bit sore.

But then, tomorrow, we can stretch further than we could yesterday. Because stretching compounds. If you're afraid of breaking, the answer is not to sit still but to dedicate yourself to stretching.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are available for the weeks of March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

The Sanctuary Candle is available for the weeks of March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Prayer Ministry: Please take an active part in our three Core Prayer Ministries:

- 1) Send those birthday cards to the people who have a birthday in February. The names and dates are on the Prayer Calendar you received and there is also a list on the table in the back of the church. Birthday cards are available in the back of the church for a small donation.
- 2) Remember your Prayer Partner every day in February. Take the time to pray for them and the needs that they may have. Just remember them and ask God to bless them.

3) The Daily Prayer Intention Calendar was sent out for February. Please use it. Prayer changes lives! Lots of prayer changes lots of lives! Your prayers are heard and answered! Pray always!

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 26, 2019. To begin our Lenten Season, we will have two services in the main church:

9:30 a.m. Eucharist with imposition of ashes (service at the High Altar)

7:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist with the imposition of ashes

Our 7:00 p.m. service will be a joint Eucharist with our brothers and sisters from The Columbia Presbyterian Church. Pastor David Powers will concelebrate and Father Patrick will preach. A light reception will follow the service in the back of the church. This is a great time to bring someone back to church. Do you know anyone?

Prayer Circle: In the bulletin you will see the Parish Prayer Circle. Please make use of this powerful source of prayer. If you have a prayer need, just call Jeanne Cooper – the first name on the Prayer Circle – and tell her your request. It can simply be a name or an intention. Jeanne will call the next name on both prayer lists. This is a powerful source of prayer...please make use of it.

Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing Service: Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing – 9:30 a.m. in the Rector's Office.

Missed You Cards: Father Patrick sends weekly "Missed You Cards" to those who miss our Saturday or Sunday Eucharist for any reason. Coming together each week is very important and we hope that you will make every effort to attend our Sunday Eucharist. Common Parish Family Prayer on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning is important every week for disciples of Jesus.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School: Sunday at 8:50 a.m. in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. Please see Christine Weinberg to register your children or to volunteer to help.

ADULT FORMATION RIM LENTEN SERIES

Listed below is a schedule for the Rim Lenten Series:

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| March 4 | St. John – Marietta |
| March 11 | St. Luke – Mount Joy |
| March 18 | St. Paul – Manheim |

March 25
April 1

St. Paul – Columbia
Hope Church – Mount Hope

Each session starts with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program and finishing with Compline. There is a color flyer on page 20 of the bulletin with all the information.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Please, Please, Please: If you missed church the past several weeks, please make up your weekly contribution so that we can keep on budget. The treasurer needs to pay bills whether you are here or not. We are behind in pledged and non-pledged income. Thank you.

From Our Treasurer: Please put your pledge for 2020 in the offering or mail into the office. Thanks, Bev.

Financial Statements (2019): If you are in need of a financial statement for 2019, please call the parish office and I will see that you get one.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Columbia Food Bank Online Information: Information regarding the Columbia Food Bank can be found on their website: <https://www.columbiafoodbank.org/> or on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/columbiafoodbank/>.

Food Donations: You are reminded to bring your food items to church each week so that on the last Sunday of the month we can present them to the Lord for blessing and then give them to the food bank. Whenever you go shopping, please add extra non-perishable items to your order for this outreach ministry. Jesus never forgot the last, the lost and the least in his ministry and neither can we.

Adult Cereals (less sugar)
Soups
Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter
Rice

Jelly
Boxed Potatoes

Let's all bring one non-perishable food item each week as committed to in our Mission and Ministry Plan.

Food Bank Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Columbia Food Bank is closed on holidays.

Greeting Cards: We are collecting greeting cards so that adults with autism and other intellectual disabilities can recycle them into new greeting cards. Don't throw away your greeting cards – just bring them to the church and put them in the box on the back pew. This will be an ongoing outreach ministry project. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Office is closed on holidays.

Use of St. Paul's Facilities: Please call the Parish Office if you want to reserve the Parish Hall or Church.

PARISH EVENTS

Friendly Family Fun Night: Our next Friendly Family Fun Night will be Tuesday, March 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Friendly's on Centerville Road. St. Paul will receive 10% of sales during this time. Come on out and enjoy dinner with your parish family and "top it off" with a delicious Friendly sundae!

Homemade Easter Eggs: The women (and some men) of the parish will once again make homemade Easter eggs during Lent. They will begin on Tuesday, February 11 (for Stovers and Hinkles). Beginning February 25 they will begin making eggs for sale to the public and continue through March 31. They are making Peanut Butter (light and dark), Peanut Butter Krispy (light and dark), Coconut (light and dark), Butter Cream (light and dark), Cherry (dark) and Orange Cream (dark). Cost: \$11.00 a dozen; \$6.00 a ½ dozen; or \$1.25 each. **Orders must be placed by 11:00 a.m. the Tuesday before the Saturday you intend to pick them up.** The first pick-up is Saturday, February 29 with the last pick-up being Saturday, April 4. Eggs can be ordered by calling the Parish Office at 717-684-8496 and may be picked-up in the parish hall between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturday, as well as Sunday mornings after church.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Due to lack of interest over the last few years, there will not be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this year.

Attention Readers: St. Paul has a small library located in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. Feel free to borrow a book (or books). When you have finished reading it, please drop your book

into the “Book Return” basket located to the left of the book shelves. We have also included a donation box if you would like to make a contribution. Enjoy! Thanks to Vickie Stump for all her hard work in organizing and maintaining our library.

Reminder: Please remember that when you use the Parish Hall nothing can be put on the walls or the woodwork. Using scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, and even some types of painter’s tape has the possibility of pulling the paint off the wall or damaging the surface. Items can only be placed on the wooden food bank cabinets or the metal kitchen window and its metal surrounding. Only masking tape or painter's tape can be used on these surfaces. This applies to both parish members and outside groups that use the hall and is clearly stated in the policy outlining use of the parish hall or the church. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Here are a few Youth dates to put on the calendar:

March 27-29, Middle School Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther - Theme is Narnia

OTHER EVENTS

Quilts for Kids: If you know how to quilt, want to learn how to quilt, know how to sew, don’t know how but want to learn, or just have a relaxing hour or two finding out how, we can cheer up a sick kid with a quilt. If you have quilting supplies you do not need anymore, we may be able to use them too. Call Gayanne Basham through the parish office (717-684-8496) if any questions. The quilting group meets Wednesday afternoons.

Craft Group: There are several craft sessions scheduled to make crafts for the church to sell or for your own personal use.

The dates are as follows: February 23; March 22; April 19. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. following the Sunday morning service.

Free Sunday Breakfast: On the last Sunday of every month, the Columbia United Methodist Church offers a Free Community Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in their Fellowship Hall. All are invited.

