

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 11, 2026

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

Jesus' Baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in this event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God proclaimed him the beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

The composer of this morning's offertory anthem, Peter Hallock (1924-2014) served as Organist and Choirmaster of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle, Washington from 1951 until 1991. He composed *The Baptism of Jesus* in 1980 and dedicated it to another legendary church musician, Richard Proulx.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: TBA (8:00)

Melinda Johnston, Pat Moran, Andrew Ferrante (10:15)

Eucharistic Nancy Gear (8:00)

Cynthia Miller, Kitty MacDowell (10:15)

Crucifer: Andrew Ferrante

Altar Guild: Margaret Cochran, Nancy Reale, Jackie Barnes, Carey Wilcox

Ushers: Bonnie Martin, Diane Healy, Floyd Bayley, Sue Dow

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Nancy Gear (10:15)

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Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.

After worship, speak to one another.

VOLUNTARY

Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan
Hornpipe from *The Water Music Suite*

Johann Pachelbel
G. F. Handel

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Salzburg

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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.

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

8:00 **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:15 WLP 900

John Rutter

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

St. Thomas (Williams)

- 1 Ascribe to God, you gods, ascribe glory and might,
Ascribe the glory due his Name, worship in holy light.
- 2 God's voice is on the deep, his thunder rolls on high;
The Lord is on the water-flood, God's voice a mighty cry.
- 3 God's voice breaks mighty trees, tall cedars of great worth;
They writhe and leap like mountain sheep, God's voice shakes all the earth.
- 4 God's voice splits flames of fire, God's voice shakes desert sands;
God's voice makes oak trees shake and strips the leaves from forest stands.
- 5 Within God's temple all cry "Glory!" and adore;
The Lord sits throned above the flood as King for evermore.
- 6 The Lord will give his strength to all his own, nor cease
To give his people evermore the blessing of his peace.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung twice before Gospel and once following* Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 6/8. The second staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

✠ 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

Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor May you be manifest in us;

People **May we bear your light to the world.**

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

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.**

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalm 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Baptism of Jesus

Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. (Today Jesus returned from the Jordan.) When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my Son, listen to him.) There were three persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my Son, listen to him.) Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee say then: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my Son, listen to him.)

✠ SAID AT 8:00 All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

✠ SUNG AT 10:15: HYMN 705 (*stz 3*)

Forest Green

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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 through Jesus Christ our Lord, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

From *A Mass for a Soulful 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.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly - , Ho - ly, ho - ly - , Ho - ly Lord God -
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- of ho - sts - Hea - ven and ear - th are - filled with your glo -
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ry, Ho - san - na in - the - high - est - Ble - ssed is - He who -
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- comes in the name - of the Lord - of the Lord -
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, Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san - na
30
in - the - high - est

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____, and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Taste and See

John Goss

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is, blessed is the one that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints, for they that fear him lack nothing. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.

✠ HYMN 121

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The children and Presider invoke God's blessing with the people repeating before the dismissal concludes:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

I've Just Come from
the Fountain

African American spiritual
arr. Richard Billingham

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's Church, Rochester

Edward Scott, Eric Beach, Shelia Eiss, Cheri Potter, Jean Rodman, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Matthew, Donna Grear, Gwen Cheney, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died: Jane Kitchen, Len Smith

We give thanks for the birth of Mackenzie Reese Nicoletti.

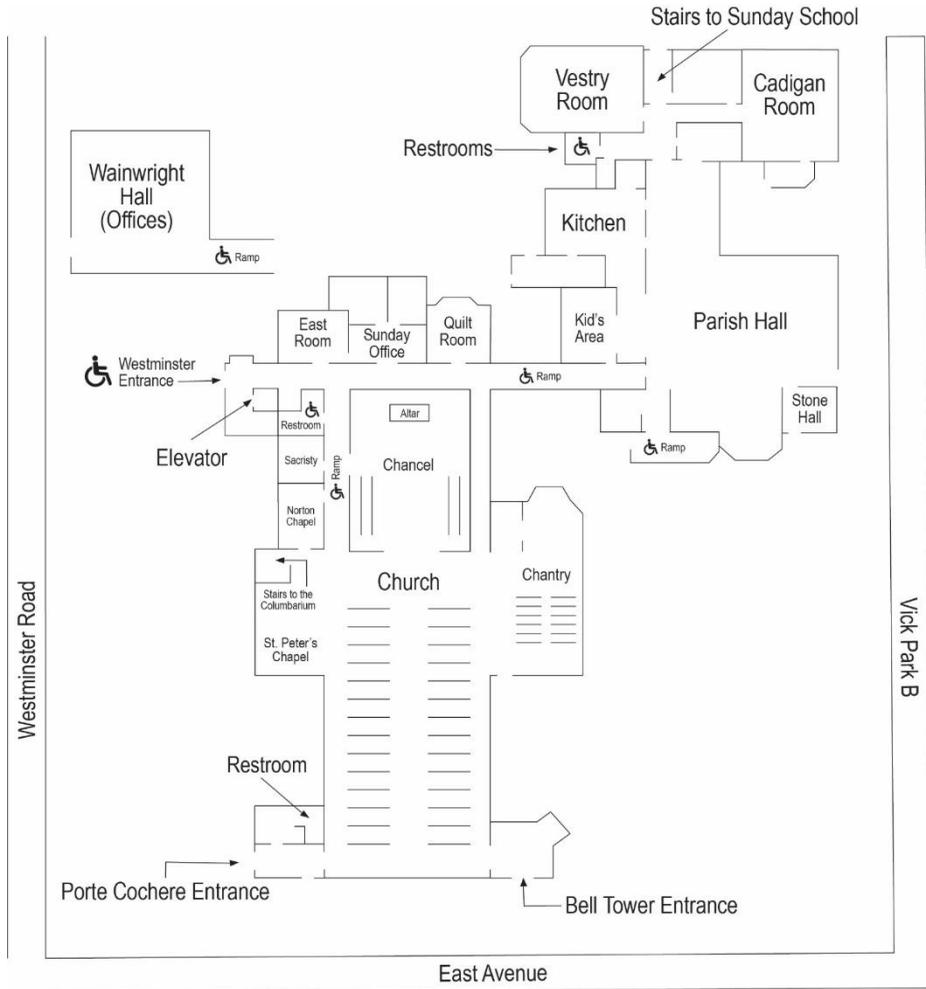
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert A. Clark, Jane B. Clark, Shirley H. Tappan, and David S. Tappan II, and Elizabeth & William Wandersee

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them. Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:
 As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at stpaulsec.org/donate. • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.
 Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

- 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)
- 11:30 am: Stewardship Meeting (Quilt Room)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Monday, January 12th

- 7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, January 14th

- 9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
- Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)
- 8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)
- 6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, January 15th

- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
- 8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, January 17th

- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ As we move into the new year, **please remember to continue to wear your name tags.** They are a wonderful way for us to be hospitable to anyone who may be visiting with us.
- ❖ **Pledge Envelopes** for 2026 are in the back of the church if you requested them on your pledge card. If you'd like to request pledge envelopes, please email Lisa at lwerner@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **The Altar Guild** will be holding their yearly meeting on January 18th at 9:00 am. Please let Lindsay Korth know if you plan to attend.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on January 18 & 25 for the Chantry altar. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or email nandrus308@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues January 18th at 3:00 pm with classical guitarist Alex Nazaretski. Bring a friend to enjoy this free concert.
- ❖ **The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 25th in the Parish Hall following the 10:15 service. We will be electing the new slate of vestry members, receiving the annual budget, and hearing an update on the search process, including how you can participate and share your hopes for our new rector.
- ❖ **Nominees for Warden and Vestry** include: Erin Glanton (Warden); Doug Kelley; Swing Harre; and Christopher Moore (Vestry). Bios appear in the latest edition of The Epistle. Additional nominations may be made in advance of the meeting; please speak with Erin Glanton, Warden, for more information.
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House of Hospitality:** Throughout January, we will be gathering donations of men's underwear (all sizes), men's and women's travel-size deodorant, coffee, sugar, coats, gloves, hats, bath towels, laundry detergent, and men's boots. Please place your donations in the baskets at the back of the church.
- ❖ **St. Joe's Sandwich Making** - Due to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality's February schedule, St. Joe's Sandwich Making will be held on the second Saturday in February at 9:30 am in the Parish Kitchen. Starting in March, it will resume on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Meredith Halter at meredith5@myyahoo.com.

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