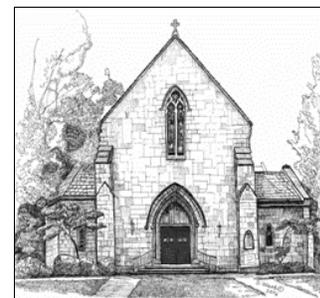


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17, 2017—8:45 a.m.

Preaching —The Rev. Garrett Yates

Celebrating—The Rev. Noah H. Evans

Children's Homily—The Rev. Noah H. Evans

### Prelude

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

### Song of Praise “Holy is your Name”

1 My soul is filled with joy as I  
2 I am low - ly as a child, but I  
3 I pro-claim the power of God, you do  
sing to God my Sav - ior: you have looked up - on your  
know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -  
mar - vels for your ser - vants; though you scat - ter the proud -  
ser - vant, you have vis - i - ted your peo - ple.  
mem - bered, for all will call me bless - ed.  
heart - ed, and de - stroy the might of princ - es.  
And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -  
a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the  
peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your  
name.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

## Gospel Hymn "Christ be our light"

*Please stand as you are able.*

3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —  
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed. —  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
Christ, — be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day. —

## The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please remain standing.*

*Following the Gospel reading, children may follow the cross to the Undercroft for a children's homily. They will return during the exchange of the peace.*

*Children are also welcome to remain in their pews.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Garrett Yates

## The Creed



1. We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that be; Ma-ker of the earth and  
2. We be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-fied; Ta-ken from the cross, was  
3. We be-lieve in God's own Spi-rit, bond-ing all the saints with-in one church, cath-o-lic and



hea-vens, Keep-er of the sky and sea. We be-lieve in God's son, Je-sus, now for us both  
bu-ried - True Life there had tru-ly died. We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up  
ho-ly, where for-give-ness frees from sin; in the bod-y's res-ur-rec-tion, for the break-ing



Lord and Christ, Of the Spi-rit and of Ma-ry, born to bring a-bun-dant life.  
from the grave, then as-cen-ded to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
of death's chain gives the life that's ev-er-last-ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

*A Prayer Response will be sung, after which a petition is said, followed again by the sung prayer response.*



O God make speed to save us. O Lord make haste to help us.

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*You may kneel or stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Music** "You'll Come" by Brooke Fraser

**Presentation Hymn** "O come, o come, Emmanuel"

*Please stand as you able.*



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from \_\_\_\_\_ on high, Who or - d' rest all things  
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of might, Who to thy tribes on



1. Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -  
2. might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And  
3. Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give \_\_\_\_\_ the law, In



1. til the Son of God \_\_\_\_\_ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
2. teach us in her ways \_\_\_\_\_ to go.  
3. cloud and maj - es - ty \_\_\_\_\_ and awe.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 our thanks and praise.

### *The Celebrant proceeds*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and might  
 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Lord we sing Your praise  
 Ho-san-na in the high - -est Ho-san-na in the high -  
 -est Ho-san-na in the high - - est. Lord, we sing your praise  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and might  
 D.S. al Coda  
 Bless-ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord  
**CODA**  
 Lord, we sing your praise Lord, we sing your praise  
 ritard.....  
 Lord, we sing your praise

*You may stand or kneel as you are able.*

*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 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 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, he 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

**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.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

*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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*All are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. If you need communion brought to your pew, please let the ushers know.*

Communion Music: "Choose to hope"



Hope is born when we choose to be-lieve that  
Hope will grow when we choose to be-lieve that  
Hope will shine when we choose to be-lieve a  
Sing out hope through the vio - lence and fear, for



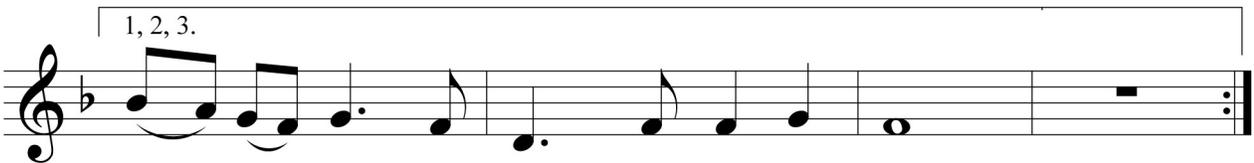
love is stron-ger than ha - tred; Love is born when our  
we are sis - ters and bro - thers; Love will grow when our  
lit - tle child will lead us; Love will shine when our  
God is pres - ent be - side us; Prince of Peace, make your



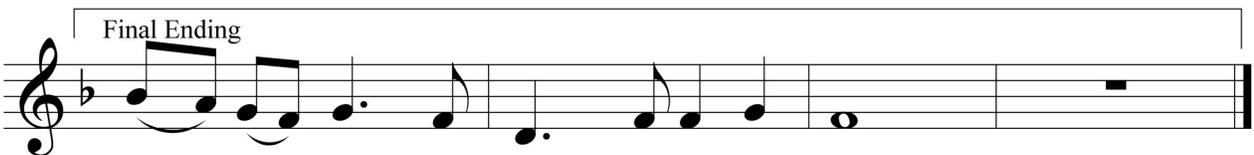
hearts learn to see that ev - 'ry per - son is sa - cred. In the  
hearts learn to see the life we share with each oth - er.  
hearts learn to see that God is dwell - ing with - in us.  
home with us here, your love and wis - dom will guide us.



times of dark-ness, in times of fear, choose to hope,



choose to love, and know that God is near.



choose to love, Em - man - u - el is near.\*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

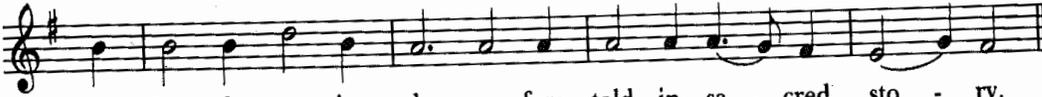
### Recessional Hymn "Prepare the way, O Zion"



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## The Dismissal

*People* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*After the dismissal, all children should proceed to their Sunday School classrooms.*

**Prayer List**— We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for Veronica, Ruth, Carley, Gabe, Emma, Alex, Ali, Carly, Paige, Haley, Tyler, Mike, Emma, Robert, Daneen, Evan, Auriana, Breylen, and Athena, and for all who are included in our parish prayer list, for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers, for all who serve in the armed forces of the United States, and for all who are suffering from violence, persecution, or disease around the world.

We pray for those who have died, for former parishioner Jim Wilbur, husband of former St. Paul's church secretary Charla Wilbur, for Mark Carrington, husband of Daneen Carrington, father of Evan, Auriana and Breylen Carrington, and neighbor of Tom and Ginny Barnicoat, and for our loved ones who have gone before us.

## STAFF RESPONSIBILITY UPDATE

### Change in Staff Job Responsibilities:

#### Parish Announcements

In order to help streamline administrative functions, and eliminated work duplication I have moved responsibility over parish announcements from Dorothy Conway, Parish Secretary to Erin Morey, Director of Communications and Community Engagement. Dorothy will still coordinate the parish calendar and worship schedules. Erin will now produce the weekly announcements for the bulletin, and send out the weekly email. Please now submit all parish announcements to Erin Morey at [emorey@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:emorey@stpaulspgh.org). Announcements for the following Sunday are due by 10AM the Tuesday before. If you have any questions, please let me know. – The Reverend Noah H. Evans, Rector

#### STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship 2018: My Church, Our Community

Thank you to everyone who has made a 2018 pledge to St. Paul's. As of Thursday, we have received 229 pledges for a total \$666,888.62. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

For all of our stewardship materials, and to pledge online, go to <https://www.stpaulspgh.org/stewardship-2018/>.

### A Note from the Treasurer

As we end the financial year at St. Paul's, please make every effort to pay your 2017 pledge balance off by December 31, 2017. If you would like your contribution credited for 2017, the contribution either needs to be received at the church on or before 12/31, or mailed with a postmark on or before 12/31. All checks must be dated for 2017. If you need to know your pledge balance please contact, Janet Bodnar, Financial Administrator – (412.531.7153 x17, [jbodnar@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:jbodnar@stpaulspgh.org)) or if you have other questions, please contact our Parish Treasurer Bob Johnston ([rajohnston62@verizon.net](mailto:rajohnston62@verizon.net), 412.327.9342).

## AMAZON SUPPORTS ST. PAUL'S

### Support St. Paul's each time you shop on Amazon.com

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## SUNDAY EVENTS

### St. Paul's 101 – Dec. 17, 9:45 – Lounge

Are you new to St. Paul's, and trying to figure out the parish? Have you been here for a while, and just want to learn more about the Episcopal Church or still find yourself wondering what's going on? Do you have questions you want to talk about? Join us for St. Paul's 101 - an overview of our parish and the Episcopal Church. This class is led by our Rector, the Rev. Noah H. Evans. For more information please go to <https://www.stpaulspgh.org/blog/st-pauls-101-returns/>

### December 17: *Vocation & Ministry: Practicing Our Faith in Everyday Life*

### Adult Forum - Medieval Christian Culture, Dec. 17 - 9:45

Medieval Christianity was much more exuberant and colorful than today's movies and TV might lead you to believe. This three-part series will debunk a few misconceptions about Medieval European culture, and will explore art and architecture as a means of understanding how Christians of that era viewed God, creation, and human experience.

### 3. BOOKS - December 17

How did people think about the Bible, and other Christian texts, when every book they had was a unique, handwritten copy? In this session, we'll survey how books were made in Medieval Europe, and talk about some of the changes -- both accidental and deliberate -- that happened when books were copied by hand. We'll also consider how medieval ideas about book-copying connected with ideas about icons, saints, and living a Christ-like life.

### St. Paul's Angel Tree

It's time to return your Angel Tree Gifts! - We are getting ready to distribute the gifts collected for our caring ministries! If you have a gift, make sure you return it to St. Paul's by Sunday, December 17th. All gifts should have the tag attached to them when they are returned. Gifts for the refugee families, and the family that experienced a fire, should be wrapped (gifts for Jere-

miah's Place, Women's Center and Shelter, and the Blessed Mustard Seed Babies Home do not need to be wrapped. It's also very important that you check your gift in at the table beside the tree when you bring it in. Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have questions, please contact Erin (emorey@stpaulspgh.org) or see Karen Viggiano.

### **St. Paul's Name Tags**

Name tags have arrived, and may be picked up at the Donut Table on Sunday morning. The cost is \$7.50 per name tag. If you are paying by check, please make it out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with name tag on the memo line. If you have questions, or would like to order a name tag please see the Donut Table.

### **Concert at Old St. Luke's: The Early Mays, Dec. 17, 7pm**

Chamber Music at Old St. Luke's presents the Early Mays. The Early Mays bring their Appalachian inspired three part harmonies, banjo, fiddle and guitar for an enchanting candle light concert of carols and folk songs. Free Admission (donations accepted and appreciated). For more info call 412.969.7072.

## **WORSHIP**

### **Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service Schedule**

The Saturday 6:00 p.m. service is held in the Good Shepherd Chapel at St. Paul's through Saturday, March 24, 2018.

**The Prayers of the People** are written for December by Erin Morey, for January by the Worship Committee, for February by Jon Delano, and during Lent by Kathleen Davies. If you are interested in helping to write the Prayers of the People, please speak to Rev. Noah.

### **The Rev. Alyse Viggiano Preaching & Celebrating: Dec. 31**

St. Paul's own Alyse Viggiano will be home on Sunday, December 31st. She will be preaching and celebrating the Eucharist at the 8AM service, and celebrating the Eucharist at the 9:45AM Christmas Lessons and Carols service. This will be the first time Alyse celebrates at St. Paul's since being ordained to the priesthood last summer. Come help welcome Alyse back to St. Paul's!

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Pageant practice: Sat., Dec. 23:** 10 a.m., snacks to follow

**The Christmas Pageant: Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

### **Christmas Worship Schedule**

#### **Saturday, December 23, Advent 4**

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Chapel*

#### **Sunday, December 24, Advent 4**

9:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Hymns *Chapel*

#### **Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

2:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Church with Music*

4:30 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Pageant *Church/Music*

8:30 P.M. Christmas Music *Church*

9:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Church with Orchestra*

#### **Monday, December 25, Christmas**

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Church with Music*

#### **Saturday, December 30**

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Chapel*

#### **Sunday, December 31, First Sunday after Christmas**

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Chapel*

9:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Lessons & Carols *Church*

### **Acolytes Needed**

All Acolytes are expected to serve during Christmas, so sign up with Paul Barker (pbarker@stpaulspgh.org)

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 2 pm (Team 1 + volunteers)

4:30 pm Pageant (Team 2 + volunteers)

9:00 pm (Team 3 + volunteers)

Monday, Dec. 25 - 10 am (Team 4 + volunteers)

Sunday, Dec. 31 - 9:45 am (volunteers)

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

### **Christmas Poinsettias Delivery**

**Spread Christmas joy to special St. Paul's parishioners by delivering poinsettias from our Altar decorations. Plants will be available after the 10 AM service on Christmas Day or in the days following. Addressed gift cards with addresses may be picked up in the Undercroft. Make a family outing of outreach a part of your Christmas traditions and bring a smile to someone in your church family. Please Note: The church building will be closed on the day after Christmas.**

### NURSERY SCHOOL

**Christmas Ornament**—St. Paul's Episcopal Nursery School has commemorative Christmas ornaments for sale celebrating the school's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ornaments are \$5 each. To purchase, contact Eileen at [esharbaugh@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:esharbaugh@stpaulspgh.org) or see Karen Viggiano at the donut table on Sunday.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sr. EYC Welcome Back: Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room**

A special Sr. EYC Welcome Back will be held on Wednesday, December 20. All you former EYCers are invited to come back and relive your Youth glory days and catch up with friends. Any questions, please contact Paul Barker (412.531.7153 x20, [pbarker@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:pbarker@stpaulspgh.org))

### PASTORAL

**Next Baptism: Sunday, January 7, Feast of the Epiphany**

If you have an infant, child, or adult who is not yet baptized, please contact Rev. Garrett ([garrett@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:garrett@stpaulspgh.org), 412.531.7153, x 12).

**Tai Chi for Health at St. Paul's** is taught by Gurney Bolster, MA, Registered Dance Therapist, Senior trainer for the Tai Chi for Health Institute and certified instructor of the Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi program. Enjoy the slow flowing movements of Tai Chi, which improves balance, reduces stress, stiffness and pain while building self-confidence. This program is endorsed by the Center for Disease Control for fall prevention. Beginner Classes are Wednesdays, January 10 through March 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. or Thursdays beginning January 11 through April 5 (No class March 29) from 11:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. The cost of the 12 week session is \$96. For more information or to register, please contact Gurney Bolster ([tchpgh.gurney@gmail.com](mailto:tchpgh.gurney@gmail.com), 412.480.4492).

### PHOTO DIRECTORY

**Photo Directory - We need your photos!**

We are creating a parish photo-directory and we NEED everyone to participate! We are using our church database software to create this directory.

To include your photo in the directory - you have three options:

- 1) Send a digital photo to [photo@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:photo@stpaulspgh.org)
- 2) Stop by, or leave a physical photo for the parish office, and have Dorothy scan it
- 3) Get an informal photo taken during Sunday coffee hour each Sunday in January

Garrett, Noah and various Pastoral Visitors will also take photos of those who cannot make it to church.

We will give out photo directories at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 11th.

Please send a photo - pets are welcome! It does not need to be a formal shot. As long as it's you and your family, we will include it! Deadline is Monday, February 1. Any questions? Contact Lisa Brown ([lcbrown15243@gmail.com](mailto:lcbrown15243@gmail.com), 412.759.8315).

### FELLOWSHIP

**Pickwick Boys: Thurs., Dec. 21, noon, Bravo's (Galleria)**

If you have questions or to RSVP please contact your host, Al Plantz (412.257.2513).

**Coffee Hour Cookie Table - December 31**

A new twist on an old tradition! The last Sunday in December falls on New Year's Eve. Instead of doughnuts, we will have a cookie table that many of us experience at a Pittsburgh wedding. The twist is...don't make any new cookies or cakes or pastries, bring in the sweets that have yet to be eaten. Cookies that last past that cookie table will be donated to Jubilee Kitchen the first of the year. Contact Karen Viggiano (412.445.3262) with any questions.

### OUTREACH

**(Meat) Loaves and Fishes**

In John 6: 5-7, Jesus sees a large crowd coming toward them. He asks Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" Philip answers, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." We see in his response that Philip feels overwhelmed by the prospect of feeding multitudes of people. As a parish, we may feel overwhelmed by the prospect of filling the church freezer with enough meat loaves to feed the physical and spiritual needs of those who might go hungry without our help. However, with everyone's help, we can fill the freezer miraculously (sort of) and do it joyfully with a bit of friendly competition. Whenever an individual or family places a meatloaf in the freezer, he, she, or they can also fill out a "meat loaf lottery ticket." The "lottery ticket" will go in one of three jars labeled FAMILY, EMPTY NEST-ER or RETIRED (on the window to the right of the freezer). On Sunday, January 14th, at 10:30 a.m., one ticket from each jar will be drawn. The 3 winners will receive a \$25 AMC cinema gift card. In addition, one additional ticket will be drawn from the "jar" with the most tickets. Thank you to the individual and families who have already contributed meat loaves. Be

sure to fill out a slip and place it in one of the “jars”. If you have questions, you can get in touch with your team “captain”:

**FAMILIES** – Amy/Mark Lamendola (aimee.lamendola@gmail.com)

**EMPTY NESTERS** - John Sozansky (johnsoz@verizon.net)

**RETIRED** – Jane Offutt (joffutt15228@gmail.com)

If you don't fit neatly into one of the groups, you can join the group that you want to support.

### **Clothes for the Homeless**

Winter is upon us! Keep yourself and your family warm (in their souls) through the holidays by helping those less fortunate by donating new socks/underwear, new or lightly used gloves, winter hats and coats for all ages. During our December food distribution at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral clothing will be distributed. Please place donations in the marked box in the Undercroft through December 23! Questions – call John Sozansky 724.942.4179.

### **Christmas Day Dinner Help Needed**

Volunteers to deliver and/or serve on Christmas Day are needed at Church of the Atonement in Carnegie. And of course any financial donations are welcome and should be sent prior to the event so that they can buy food. You are also invited to make and bring a dessert to be served. You are welcome to come and help for any period of time - as many minutes or hours as you have! Opportunities to help are available during the following time frames:

10am - 1pm- Prepare desserts for serving

11:15am - 12:30pm - Pack food for to go

11:30am - 12:30pm - Deliver food

1pm - 3pm: Serve dinner in the dining room

Noon - 4pm: Cleanup

To volunteer, contact Joyce Corkery (412.276.0366, joycor640@comcast.net). Volunteers are welcome to join the dinner in the dining room, too!

## **VESTRY CANDIDATES & ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Needed: Candidates for Vestry**

The Vestry Nominating Committee is looking for committed members of St. Paul's who might be interested in serving on the Vestry or lay governing body of this parish. Four members of the 12-member body will be elected at the Parish Meeting early next year to serve a 3-year term. This is an exciting time in the life of St. Paul's! If you'd like to know more about this important volunteer service to our church, please contact any member of the nominating committee: Ginny Barnicoat (barnicoatg@gmail.com), Jon Delano (jon.delano@verizon.net), Paige Russell (paige62373@gmail.com), Eileen Sharbaugh (sharbaugh@verizon.net), or Jeff Dunbar (jbdunbar@verizon.net).

### **Annual Report Deadline**

The Annual parish meeting is on the horizon, and the Annual Report needs to be distributed to the members of St. Paul's prior to the meeting. Therefore, the Annual Report's mandatory deadline is Friday, January 12. If you need a copy of last year's report, or if you have information for the Report, please contact Erin (emorey@stpaulspgh.org, 412.531.7153 x15) Reports must be sent electronically to Erin's email address.

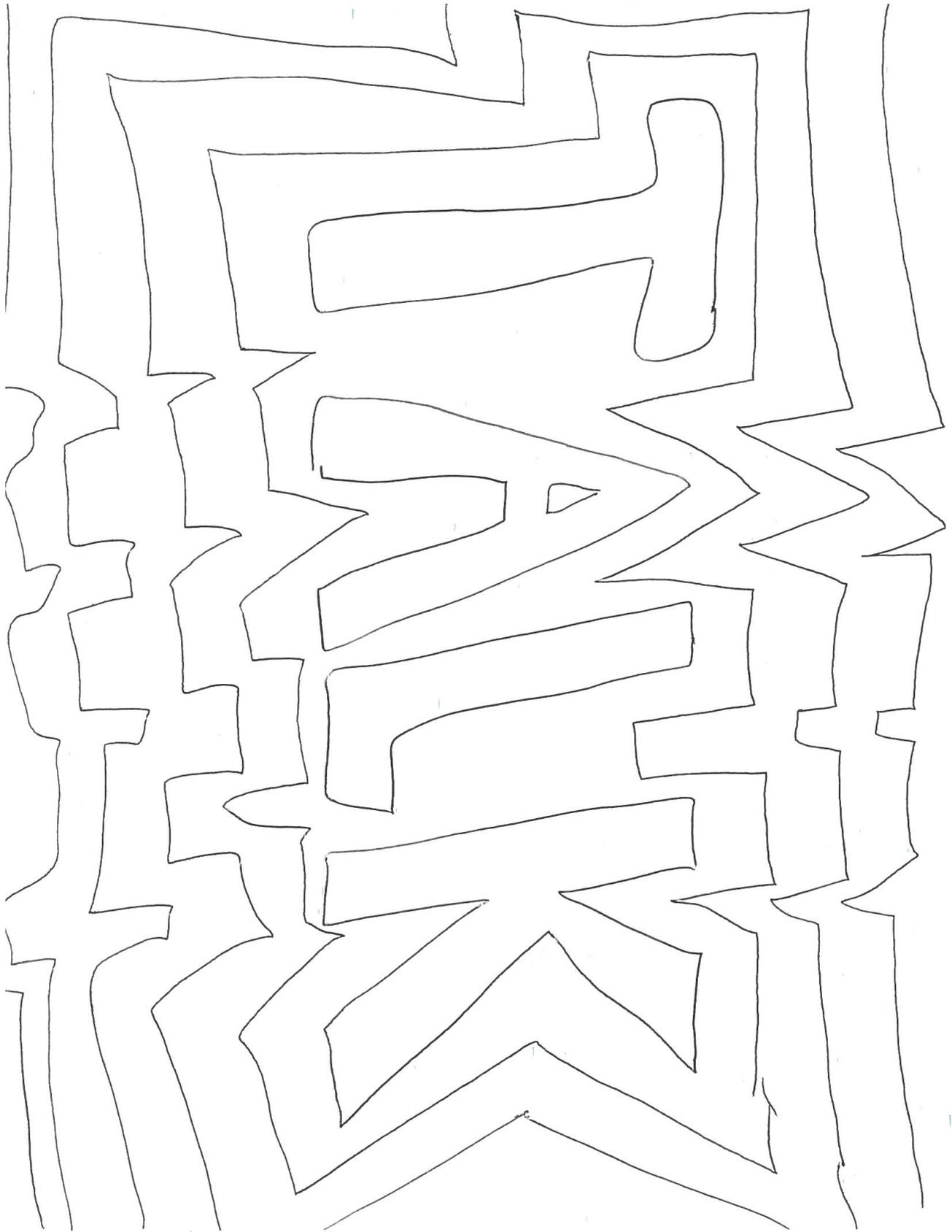
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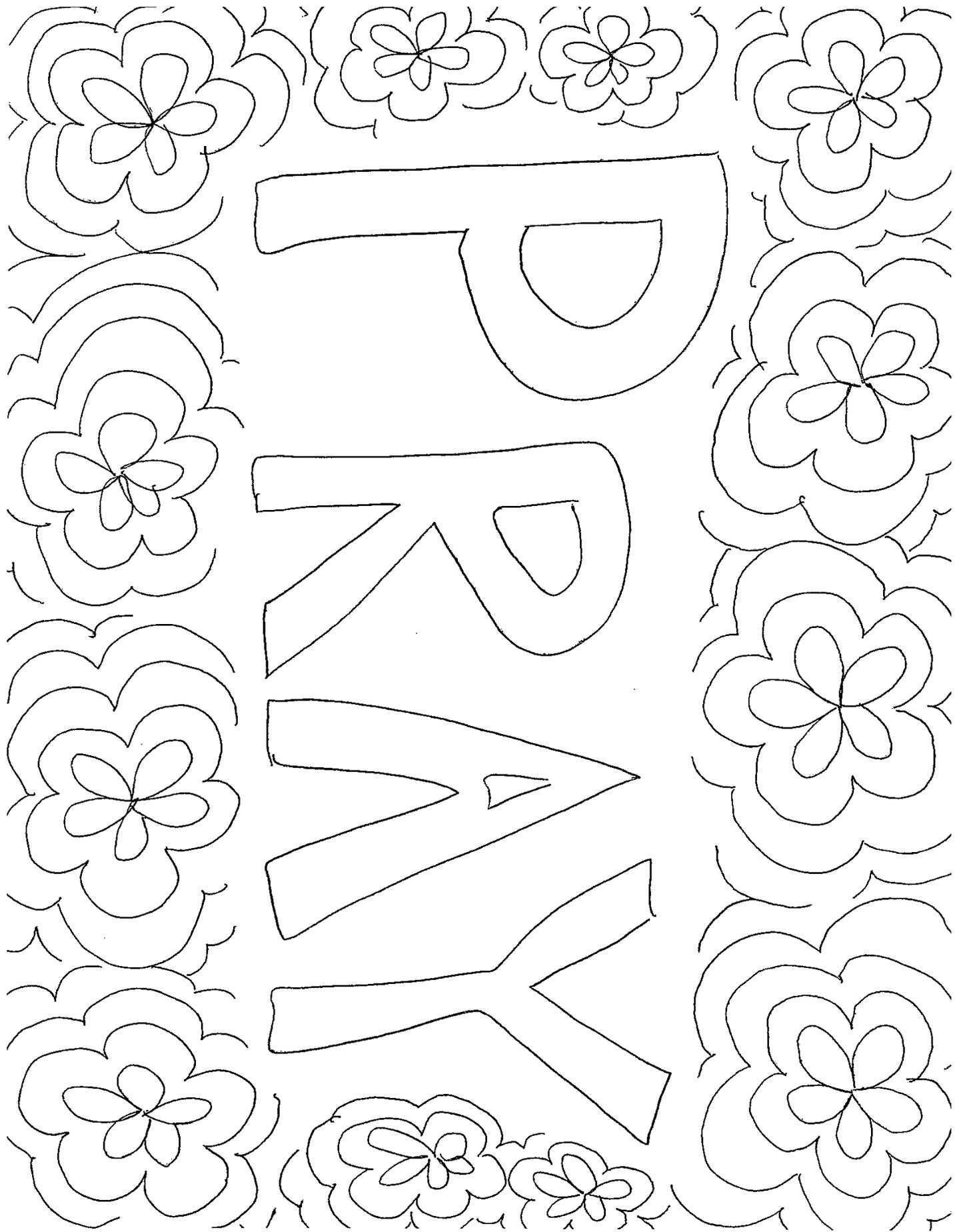
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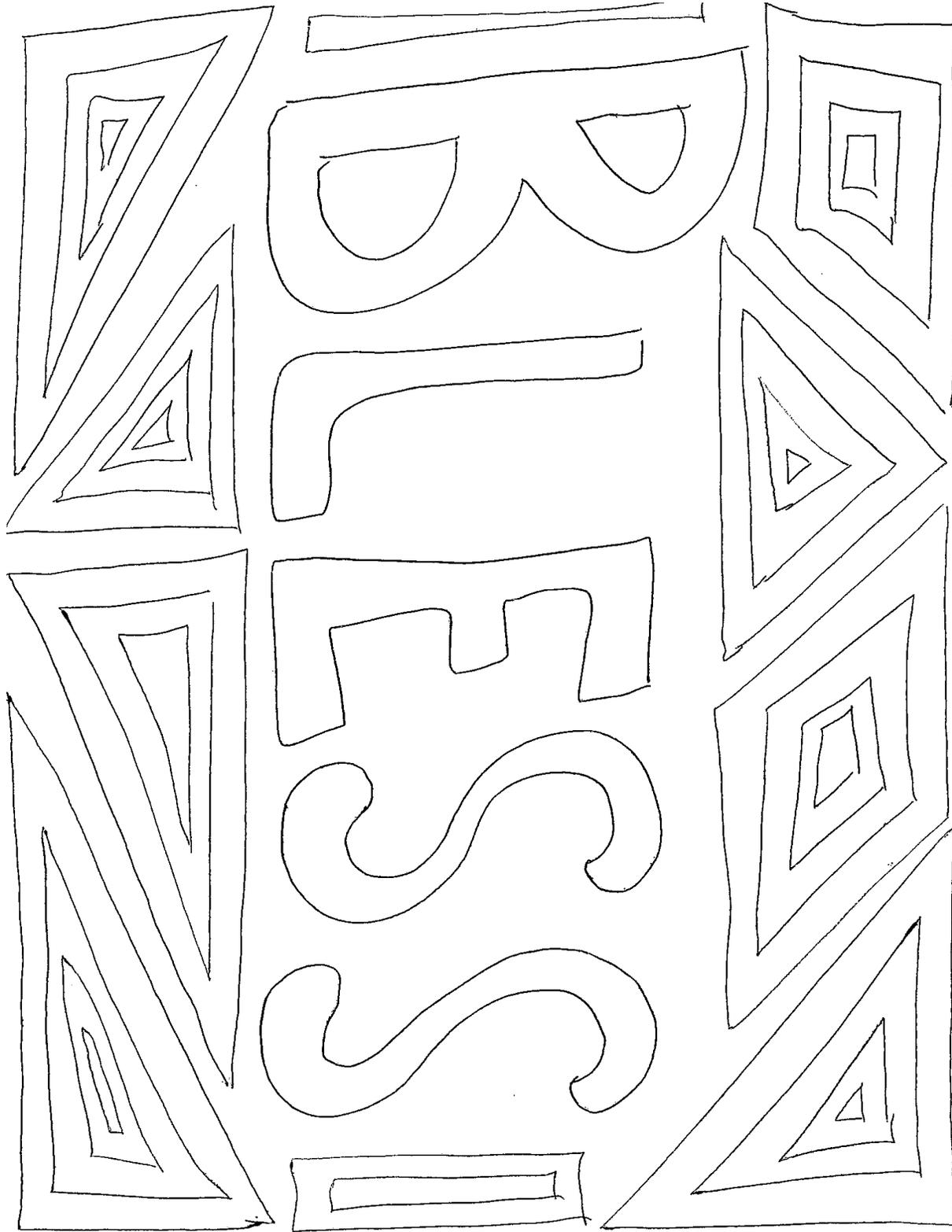
If you have information for the January issue, please contact Erin Morey (emorey@stpaulspgh.org, 412.531.7153, x15).

### **Church Offices Closed**

The Church Offices will be closed on December 25 and December 26 in observance of Christmas Day, and on January 1 and January 2 in observance of New Year's Day. The clergy and staff wish all parishioners and their families a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.







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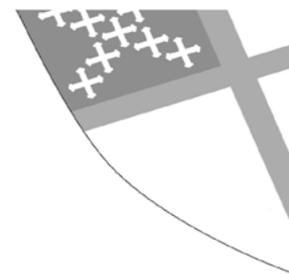
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## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

### Ministers, The Entire Congregation

#### Vestry

Jon Delano, Sr. Warden Eric Linn, Jr. Warden  
Ginny Barnicoat, Lisa Brown, Louise Cannon, Betty Duckstein,  
Bob Johnston, Jon Paulus, Pat Eagon Stafford,  
Stephen Sumpter, Mark Tranquilli, Ell Vines

The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Rector

The Rev. Garrett Yates, Assistant Rector

Douglas Starr, Director of Music and Arts

Christin Cooper, Music Assistant for Children

Dorothy Conway, Parish Secretary

Janet Bodnar, Financial Administrator

Erin Morey, Director of Communications and Community Engagement

Kristen Morgan, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Paul Barker, Director of Youth Ministry

Bill Higgins, Head Sexton

Eileen Sharbaugh, Nursery School Director

### We're glad you're worshipping with us today.

Everything you will need for the service  
will be found in this booklet.

### Know that God loves everyone, no exceptions.

#### You are always welcome at God's table at St. Paul's.

St Paul's is a spiritual home and welcoming community to people of all ages, generations, educational backgrounds, financial means, abilities and disabilities, races, ethnicities and nationalities, without regard to sexual orientation, gender, gender identity/expression, with many different family and religious backgrounds. Some of us are lifelong Episcopalians; some were raised in other Protestant denominations or in the Roman Catholic Church; some are new to the Christian faith; some are not quite sure what they believe. There is a place here for you.

Parents of young children, if your child needs to nurse, we encourage you to do so wherever and whenever you feel most comfortable.

God created children just as they are, and all are welcome in God's house. You can relax knowing you don't have to suppress your children's "joyful noise" here. We en-

courage you to sit close to the front so they can more easily see and hear. You can quietly explain the parts of the service, and what the priest, ushers, choir, etc. are doing. If you would like to step outside the service with your child, please come back! (Remember, Jesus said "Let the children come to me.")

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and one another. Let them know they are welcome in this house of worship.

For those who wish to use it, **childcare for children under the age of 3 is available** during the services. The childcare room is for children up to age 3. It is located on the same floor as the Church, exit the doors to the left of the altar. It is the first room on the left.

**Pray & Play Bags** are available for children who need something extra to do during worship. The bags are located at the entrances to the Church.

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!

**If you are not familiar with receiving Communion** (also known as the Eucharist, Mass or Lord's Supper) in the Episcopal Church, please know that all people, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive.

Follow the directions of the ushers to one of the Communion stations at the front or back of the Church. We will place a communion wafer in your outstretched hands, which you may either eat, or wait to dip it in the cup of communion wine. If you eat the bread, you may drink from the cup when it is extended to you. If you prefer, you may choose not to drink the wine.

**Are you or your child on a Gluten Free Diet?** Gluten-free wafers are available at the left altar rail. Please let one of the clergy know if you require these special wafers.

**If you have any questions or comments concerning the service or St. Paul's**, please share them with a member of the clergy. More information about the parish may be found at our website, [www.stpaulspgh.org](http://www.stpaulspgh.org). If you are not on our mailing list, please fill out a newcomers' card found in the pew in front of you and put it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter or one of the clergy. Thank you for being with us. We hope you will come back soon and often.

