

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II

30 November 2025

Holy Eucharist: First Sunday of Advent

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* by Johann Gottfried Walther
The Great Litany (*stand or kneel*) BCP 148

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the
life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson (<i>sit</i>)	Insert
Psalm	Insert
Second Lesson	Insert
Sequence Hymn (<i>stand</i>)	H 61
The Gospel Lesson	Insert
<i>Sit</i>	
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
The Confession	BCP 360
The Peace (<i>Stand</i>)	
Announcements	

The Advent Greens are given to the glory of God and in memory of
his loved ones by Tim Valerio.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *Watch For Messiah* by Wayne L. Wold
Doxology: H 380 st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus	H S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	H S164

Communion of the People of God

All baptized persons may receive holy communion in this Church.

Hymn during Communion	H 73
The Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn	H 57
The Blessing (<i>Stand</i>)	
Dismissal (<i>Remain Standing</i>)	BCP 366
Postlude: <i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme</i> by Ulrich S. Lepold	

Service Participants

Rector	The Rev. Connor Newlun
Organist	Meya Collings
Chalicer/Acolyte	Anne-Marie McCullough/Alyssa Newlun
Greeter	Donna Miner/Sandy Miner
Lector/Intercessor	Simon Barber/Tim Valerio
Camera Operator	Sandy Miner
Altar Guild	Kendra Harmon/Scott Turner

Vestry

2023 – 2025: Michael Arant and Anne-Marie McCullough
2024 – 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley
2025 – 2027: Elyssa Doub, Robbie Shaw and Dante Willis

Leadership

<i>Senior Warden:</i> Sandy Miner	<i>Junior Warden:</i> Randy Short
<i>Treasurer:</i> George Ashbaugh	<i>Registrar:</i> Anne-Marie McCullough
<i>ECW President:</i> Rebecca Bright-Willis	<i>Altar Flowers:</i> Tim Valerio
<i>Altar Guild:</i> Tim Valerio and Donna Miner	

Announcements and Upcoming Events

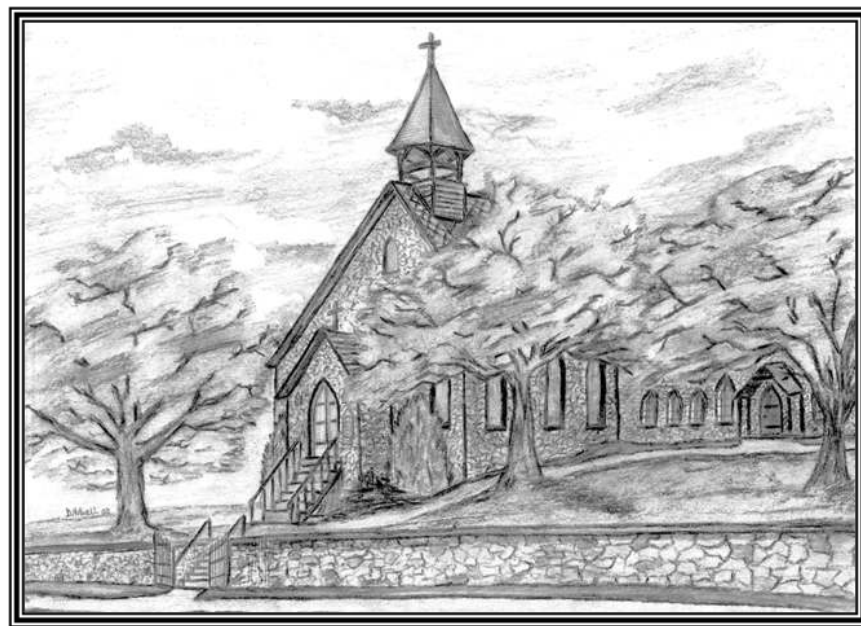
- **Special worship features in Advent:** You will notice a few different things in the Sunday liturgies for Advent. On the first Sunday of Advent, we use the great litany rather than prayers of the people. A form of this litany was the first piece of liturgy written in English (1544) when the Church of England began using the vernacular. We use it to mark the new church year. On the second and third Sundays of Advent, we use the penitential order with the Ten Commandments. The penitential order is a means of preparation for meeting Christ at his return and when we recall his coming in ministry and incarnation. The point is not to make us feel guilty but to remind us that at baptism we promise to follow Jesus Christ and that we will return to the Lord when we stray. Finally, on the fourth Sunday of Advent we use the penitential order with an exhortation to worthy reception of holy communion. The exhortation is meant to be a reminder of the sacredness of the sacrament and the privilege we have in receiving it.
- **Sunday School is today, November 30.**
- **St. Paul's will be open for prayer Wednesdays 5:30-6:30.** Stop for quiet devotions or pray with a member of the church, starts October 8.
- **Order forms for Christmas flowers are in your bulletin.** Forms need to be returned by December 21.
- **Pledge Cards**, thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge card for 2026. If you do not pledge but want offering envelopes we still need a card with your name and check the box for envelopes.

Our priest is available for pastoral care, visitation to sick and shut-ins, and emergencies. Fr. Connor can be reached by phone at 703-470-9638 or email: priest@stpaulssharpburg.com. The Church is open Thursdays 10:00am – 12:00pm.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



*Now faith, hope and love abide these three
and the greatest of these is love. 1Cor. 13.13*



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Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not

in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!