

**SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II

1 February 2026

**Holy Eucharist: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude: *Pastoral su "Wie schon leuchtet"* by Pietro Cattaneo

Processional Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson (*sit*)

Psalm

Second Lesson

Sequence Hymn (*stand*)

The Gospel Lesson

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People, Form VI (*Kneel or Stand*)

The Confession

The Peace (*Stand*)

Announcements

H 398

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory: *These are the Three Treasures* by Colin Hodgetts  
Doxology:

H 380 st. 3

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367  
Sanctus H S129  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
The Breaking of the Bread H S155

**Communion of the People of God**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church.*

Hymn during Communion H 605  
The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

**Benediction and Dismissal**

The Blessing (*Stand*) H 556 (Stanzas 1-5)  
Closing Hymn BCP 366  
Dismissal (*Remain Standing*)  
Postlude: *Do Lord* by Jason W. Krug Bach

**Service Participants**

Rector	The Rev. Connor Newlun
Organist	Meya Collings
Chalicist/Acolyte	Anne-Marie McCullough/Haley Gray
Greeter	Michael Arant/Donna Miner
Lector/Intercessor	Katie Beall/Simon Barber
Camera Operator	Sandy Miner
Altar Guild	Cindy Weaver/Mary Embree

**Vestry**

2024 - 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley  
2025 - 2027: Elyssa Doub, Robbie Shaw and Dante Willis  
2026 - 2028: Kendra Harmon and Scott Turner

**Leadership**

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

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

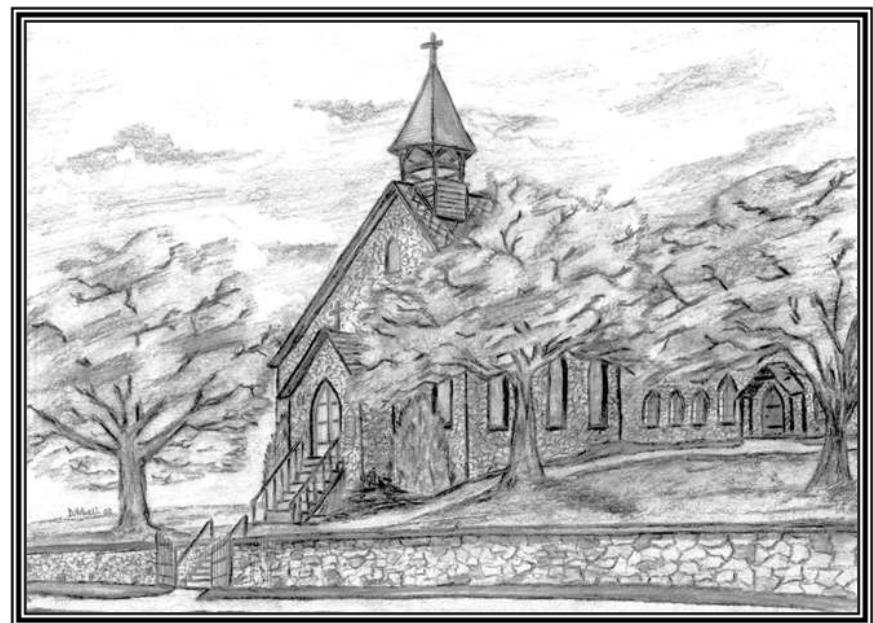
- ECW meets this Sunday February 1 after worship
- Scout Sunday is February 8, join us in celebrating Troop 2119
- St. Paul's will be open for prayer Wednesdays 5:30-6:30. Stop for quiet devotions or pray with a member of the church.
- St. Paul's Bible Study is reading the Gospel according to John in the new year. Tuesdays at 7pm on [meet.google.com/fgh-hbir-jpx](https://meet.google.com/fgh-hbir-jpx) starting January 6.

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@stpaulssharpsburg.com](mailto:priest@stpaulssharpsburg.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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Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

### Psalm 15

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is  
right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

### Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those  
who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is  
the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will  
thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?  
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made  
foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the  
wisdom of God, the world did not know God through  
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our  
proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews  
demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we  
proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews  
and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the  
called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God  
and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser  
than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger  
than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many  
of you were wise by human standards, not many were  
powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose  
what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God  
chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;  
God chose what is low and despised in the world,  
things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,  
so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He  
is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became  
for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and  
sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is  
written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## Scripture Lessons: 4EpiphanyA

### First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?