

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	H 398
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	H S280

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 (<i>sit</i>)	Insert
Psalm	Insert
Second Lesson	Insert
Sequence Hymn (<i>stand</i>)	H 554
The Gospel Lesson	Insert
The Sermon (<i>sit</i>)	
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, Form VI (<i>Kneel or Stand</i>)	BCP 392
The Confession	BCP 393
The Peace (<i>Stand</i>)	
Announcements	

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 (<i>Stand</i>)	
Closing Hymn	H 556 (Stanzas 1-5)
Dismissal (<i>Remain Standing</i>)	BCP 366
Postlude: <i>Do Lord</i> by Jason W. Krug Bach	

Service Participants

Rector	The Rev. Connor Newlun
Organist	Meya Collings
Chalicer/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

<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

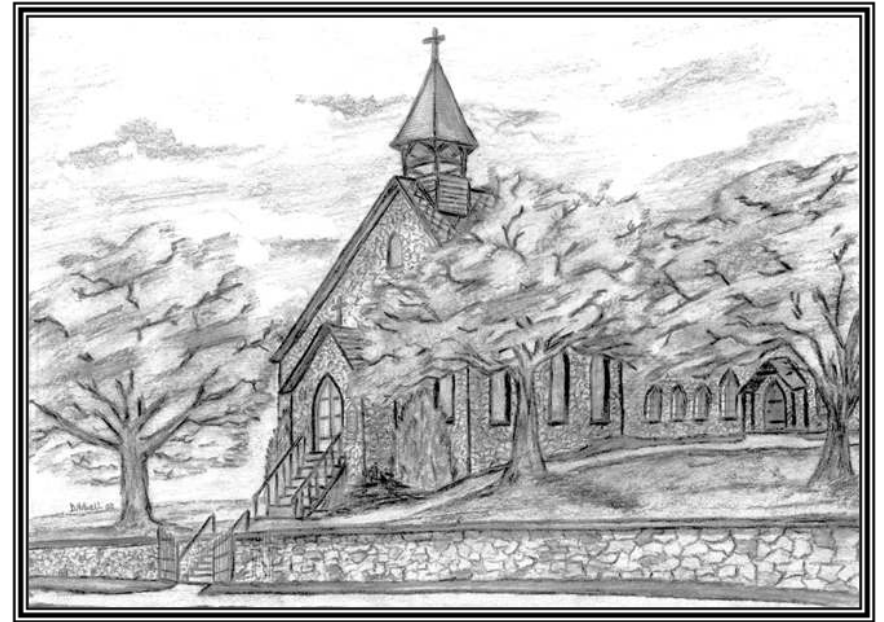
- ECW meets this Sunday February 1 after worship
- Scout Sunday is February 8, join us in celebrating Troop 2119
- **St. Paul's will be open for prayer Wednesdays 5:30-6:30.**
Stop for quiet devotions or pray with a member of the church.
- **St. Paul's Bible Study** is reading the Gospel according to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