

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II

15 February 2026

Holy Eucharist: Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: Wareham *by William Knapp*

Processional Hymn H 137

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria H S280

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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*) Insert

Psalm Insert

Second Lesson Insert

Sequence Hymn (*stand*) H 129

The Gospel Lesson Insert

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI (*Kneel or Stand*) BCP 392

The Confession BCP 393

The Peace (*Stand*)

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Randy and Erin Short's Anniversary on March 15 by the Short family.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *Sing Alleluia Forth In Duteous Praise*

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 383

The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 366

Benediction and Dismissal

The Blessing (*Stand*)

Closing Hymn H 135

Dismissal (*Remain Standing*) BCP 366

Postlude: *Maestoso* by Fr. Walczynski

Service Participants

Rector The Rev. Connor Newlun

Organist Meya Collings

Chalicer/Acolyte Dante Willis/Ella Short

Greeter Donna Miner/Cindy Weaver

Lector/Intercessor Anne-Marie McCullough/Katie Beall

Camera Operator Robbie Shaw

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

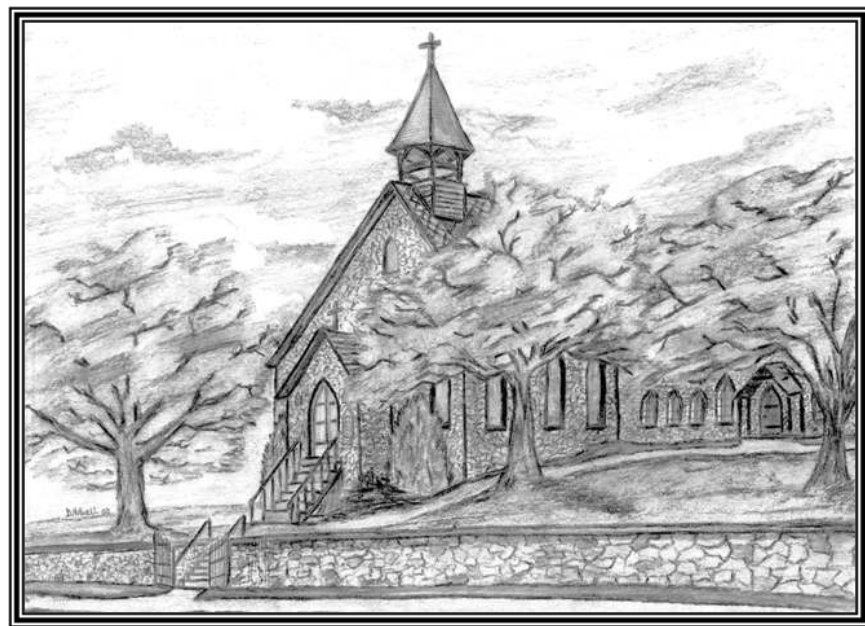
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30-7:30 pm.** Pancakes, (plain, blueberry and chocolate chip) sausage links, applesauce, coffee, tea and milk will be served. The dinner is a fundraiser for the outreach projects of the ECW, donations are a free will offering.
- **Ash Wednesday is February 18.** Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes will be offered at noon and 7pm. Please join us to mark the beginning of Lent. The later service will have music and be livestreamed.
- **Lenten Retreat February 21 10am - 2:30pm.** The Western Maryland Episcopal Churches are hosting a retreat at St. Thomas' Hancock "Faith and Action: a Lenten Spiritual Practice." Lunch is potluck. Please bring a dish to share.
- **St. Paul's will be open for prayer Wednesdays at 5:30.** **The Way of the Cross begins at 6pm.**
- **The Lenten season** began as a period of intense preparation for baptism on Easter morning. Over time the practice of bringing notorious sinners back into church starting in Lent developed. One focus of Lent is our mortality and that eternal life is a gift from God. Lent is also a penitential season for "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" therefore all are in need of forgiveness. In current form, Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends the Saturday before Easter. The forty day fast of Lent excludes Sundays.

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 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and
awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in
Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his
Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered
them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he
gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Scripture Lessons: Last Epiphany A

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.