

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II 19 April 2026

Holy Baptism: The Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: *Awake My Heart With Gladness* by Wilbur Held
Processional Hymn H 210
Opening Acclamation BCP 299

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson (*sit*) Insert
Psalm Insert
Second Lesson Insert
Sequence Hymn (*stand*) H 306
The Gospel Lesson Insert
The Sermon (*sit*)
The Presentation of the Candidates BCP 301
The Baptismal Covenant BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidates BCP 305
The Baptism BCP 307
The Peace (*Stand*)
Prayers of the People Form IV BCP 388
Announcements

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Meya by the St. Paul's Choir.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *Christ Has Arisen* by Howard Olson
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 may receive holy communion in this church.

Hymn during Communion H 343
The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn H 296
The Blessing (*Stand*)
Dismissal (*Remain Standing*) BCP 365
Postlude: "*Finale*" on *Christ Is Alive* by Matthew H. Corl

Service Participants

Rector The Rev. Connor Newlun
Organist Meya Collings
Chalicer/Acolyte Peyton Doub/Ella Short
Greeter Scott Turner/Sandy Miner
Lector/Intercessor Dante Willis/Anne-Marie McCullough
Camera Operator Gary Candelaria
Altar Guild Kendra Harmon/Tim Valerio

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:* Jacob Miner
ECW President: Rebecca Bright-Willis *Altar Flowers:* Tim Valerio
Altar Guild: Tim Valerio and Donna Miner

Announcements and Upcoming Events

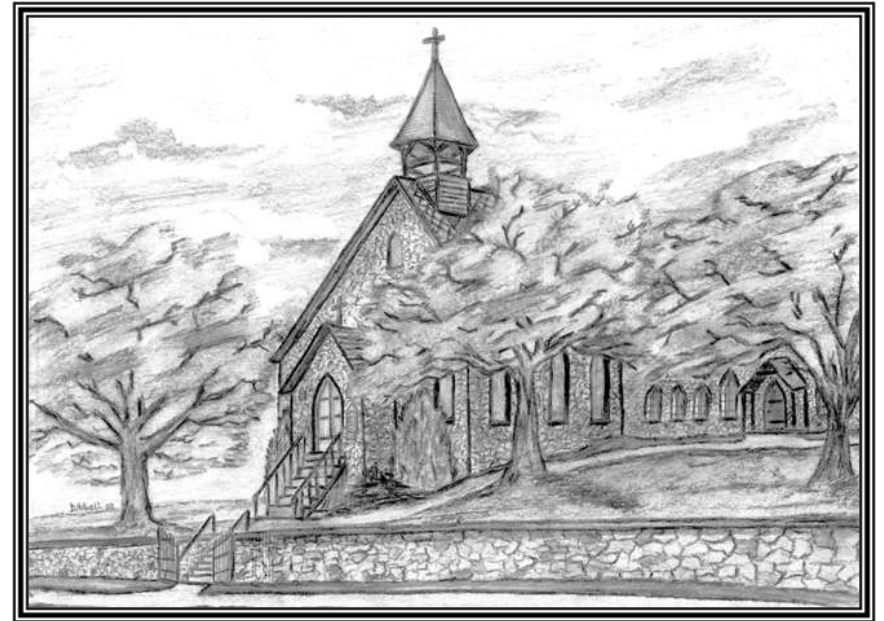
- **Sunday School is next week, April 26.** Jesus said let the children come unto me.
- **St. Paul's will be open for prayer Wednesdays at 5:30.** **The Way of the Light begins at 6pm.**
- **UTO Collection is ongoing through April 26.** Mite boxes are on the table in the Edwards Room. This year's theme is gratitude.
- **Church Grounds Spring Cleaning is May 2.** We start at 9am, bring gloves and yard tools.
- **Community Dinner is May 16.** The theme this time is trivia night, bring a team or join one. Dinner at 5:30 followed by fun and fellowship.

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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10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the

dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there,

they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Scripture Lessons: 3EasterA

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."