



Second Sunday of Christmas— January 3, 2021

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:25 a.m.

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We, the people of St. Paul's, are a community for spiritual health, centered in Christ.

We challenge ourselves to share and live Christ's love
within the congregation, within the community and to the larger world.

VIRTUALLY SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector..... Deb Horton
Organist.....Jeff Gentry

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trisha Valcarcel
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein
Secretary—Patty Rimel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Carols of the Star" by Lani Smith

Based of familiar carols

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

C: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN.....*Angels We Have Heard on High*.....ELW 289

Text: French carol; tr. H.F. Hemy, The Crown of Jesus Music, 1864

Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Greeting (ELW, p. 147)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW, p. 147)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: **Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW pg. 148*

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

P: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 147:12-20

- ¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.
¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.
¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Sung by Cantor*

Cantor: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel according to John, the First Chapter*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD*

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY.....*Of the Father's Love Begotten*.....ELW 295

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| <p>1 Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.</p> | <p>5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore! Amen.</p> |
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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

What am I thankful for.....Linda Yopp

***OFFERTORY HYMN: Sung by Cantor**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.
Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION:**

P: Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen

SENDING HYMN.....Good Christian Friend, Rejoice!.....ELW 288

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

**DISMISSAL*

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE The March of the Three Kings by Stewart Landon Based on a 13th century French carol
(Please remain seated until dismissed by an usher)

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PRAYER LIST

Ellen Hatgi, *Member*
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 Rick Fischler, *Friend of the Ports*
 The Stuck Family, *Friends of Amy Mildenstein*
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 Heather & Lexi Anderson, *Family of Merle & Kelly Anderson*
 Karen White, *Friend of Tammy Snurr*
 Audrey McDougall, *Member*
 Erica Hoff, *Daughter of Betty Walker*
Sharyl Mildenstein, *Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein*
 Robb Port, *Member*
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 The Foster Family, *Friends of the Ports*
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Connie Chesnik, *Member*
Deb Loso, *Member*
Joann Valanis and family, *Office Admin*
Nancy & Eva Berthold, *family of Sue & Phil Beck*



+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
niece to Linwood Snider
 +Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
 +U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
grandson of Sam Purswell
 +Dan Beck, 1st Lt., U.S. Army, son of
Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
 +Nick Parker, U.S. Marines, grandson
of Peggy and Ed Chaney
 +Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law
of Marcia & Raj Gupta
 +1st LT Patrick Campion, US Army, son
of Michelle and Michael Harrod

*Do you have need for prayer?
 Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
 If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
 St. Paul's that is ready to help.
 Simply contact the Church Office.
 All requests are confidential.*

*****Please remember all the names on our prayer list,
 and especially those that are **bold**.
 They have a specific current need for
 Christian love and support.***

*******IMPORTANT REMINDER*******

Please remember, it is imperative that you completely fill out the **PINK** sign in sheets located on the bulletin board in the Church and on the table inside the door in the Parish Hall if you are entering either building at a time other than a scheduled meeting or service. **Please** remember to check in with the Office **before** entering the Church building or the Parish Hall.

OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

Please Note: We are not currently making a deposit each week due to the limited number of checks being sent into the office on a weekly basis.

Typically we have been making a deposit mid-month and prior to the end of the month.



As we close out 2020 and prepare for 2021, if you are currently utilizing your giving envelopes and would like to receive them again in the new year, please contact the office so that we can make arrangements

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: TBD

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

Actual/Electronic Income
December 24, 2020

December 27, 2020

Renovation Fund: \$ 550.00

Weekly Contribution: \$4,518.05

ATTENDANCE:

December 27, 2020

In person: 13

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, January 3rd

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Second Sunday of Christmas

Thursday, January 7th

Gathered at the Table Livestream Noon

Sunday January 10th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Baptism of Our Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
From those who dedicated poinsettias for Christmas Eve*



Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers?
Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if
you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.

We are currently in the process of publishing the directory to be
distributed at the annual Congregation Meeting in January. Please
let the Parish Office know of any updates or changes in your
contact information. You can send an email here or call the Parish
Office at 301-845-4600 to make any updates.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 31, 2021 After the service

You can attend virtually or in-person. Meeting details will be available soon.
Please plan to come and be a part of the decisions
being made for the new year.

GVCS Food Bank

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Items of need are soup, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, shampoo/conditioner
and toilet paper.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall



We are looking for volunteers to help shovel snow around the church buildings
if necessary. We do have a snowblower for the majority of it. It will mostly be
cleaning around the doors and the ramp at the parish hall. If interested you can
email or text Russ at 301-646-3306 or mruddy@gmail.com. Thanks.

