

St Pauls-in-the-Pines

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November 2017 Epistle *(looking toward Christmas)*

"As a diverse family we seek and serve God through joyful worship, love and respect for creation, promotion of social justice, and growth into the image of Christ."

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From the Rector's Study....

Greetings,

It's November again! It's time to figure out how important our communal worship is. Our Church (Diocese and our General Church) has its existence through God working in you. Many commercial financial advisors teach us the old mantra of "pay yourself first." However, our Bible commands us to put God first. I want to share with you a stewardship story that most of us don't see it for what it is:

The Widow of Zarephath (1st Kings 17:8 – 16)

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son."

¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Notice that the widow did not know that God had already chosen her to be of assistance to Elijah, the man of God. She was very poor but her belief in the words of the man of God overcame her impoverished situation and she gave of what she had first to the one representing the Word of God and then cared for her family. This is what Ronnie and I do. We first give to St Paul's in the Pines as the place where we believe God has chosen us to be. After that, it all works out. Giving is faith based. It is not fear based. Our Church prays for us and appeals to us. It does not demand or deride us. Let us hear Elijah again as he says, *"Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself."*

Of all the ways in which one can invest his or her resources today, our Church is the only one that continually reminds us of Jesus' Word of Eternal life. Our Church is here only to be a spiritual place where we can grow in the Image of Christ as we prepare for eternal life. How important is that to you? What is it that you believe about this life and the next? We will continue to bring you the Good News of God in Christ as is our vocation, our call. As Elijah was a man of God, so too we are a Church of God, as our Presiding Bishop says, along the Episcopal path. We appeal to you to pray as a family and discern the importance of supporting St Paul's in the Pines through 2018.

Blessings, John Thomas Frazier +

Discipline : Respect : Integrity : Prayer : Patience

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Thru the Window...

Peer thru the windows
at mysterious trees
decked out in baubles, decorated in glee.

Boxes in wrappings
layered beneath;
gifts to those the revelers choose to bequeath

Love unearned
unexpected
mid emotions un-named
yet with joy, heart, and laughter profoundly
proclaimed.

Passing on the great Love
God chose to bestow
on creatures He'd bring to Himself here below.



Merry Christmas! to alland Blessings to you always, Robin the P.A.



We are the Church

. + Prayer List + .



Brooke Larsen
Mary Lee Shanahan
Lori (Frawley) Buffinton
CJ Wheeler (Gail's nephew)
Sydney Finau (J. Krantz)
Dana and Jennifer Frawley
Ann Hagelberger
John Clardy (Judith Johnson)
Violet & Stephen Johnson (J. Johnson)
Chuck & Debbie Liebers
Ronnie Smith, lung cancer (Frawley)
Debby Tunning, cancer
Toni Berry (Suzanne Tuttle)
Laura Smith

Jane Stewart
George Winder
Kenny West
Judy Krantz
Margaret Estephane
Cathy LovatoVicci Fixx
Jerald Grayot
Nancy Straw
Carol Clise
Kelsey S
Veronica Frazier
Wilfred Liaping (Jill Charon)
Bill & Debbie Wooten
Randy Fleming

*click on Schedule (left / top) or Calendar (right / bottom)
to view or download the current ones from our site*

July 2017 Year C	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
	1 Pentecost Pr B	8 Pentecost Pr G	2 Pentecost Pr A	8 Pentecost Pr B
8:00 am E.M.	Summer schedule: no BDO service			
10:30 am E.M.	A. Eubanks	C. Barnett	B. Perham	L. Flom
Chalice				
Lector	F. Fravelly	M. Edmondson	D. Lucas	J. Crabill
Crucifer				
Assistants & extras	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Ushers				
Greeters & Front Doors	K. Wical	D. Lucas	A. Eubanks	L. Fravelly
	L. Fravelly	tbd	K. Wical	J. Prantz
Altar Guild				
	S. Tuttle	I. Washington	I. Washington	P. Perham
Tellers				
	J. Crabill	B. Perham	L. Flom	B. Perham
	B. Perham	M. Galic	J. Crabill	L. Flom
Nursery	tbd	tbd	tbd	P. Perham

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2017						1 8:00 am Bible School of St. Andrew
2 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am with cook-out after to Celebrate		4 Happy 4th of JULY	5	6	7	8 8:00 am Bible School of St. Andrew
9 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am	10	11 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	12 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:30 pm	13	14	15 8:00 am Bible School of St. Andrew
16 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am	17	18 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	19 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:30 pm	20	21	22 8:00 am Bible School of St. Andrew
23 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am	24	25 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	26 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:30 pm	27	28	29 8:00 am Bible School of St. Andrew
30 Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am	31					

Father John's Christmas Poem:

The First Night of Christmas

[click here to read](#)



A Thank you Note to St. Paul's....

Dear St Paul's

I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your support. As you all know, I love this Church. I've seen the times where we had 50 to 75 parishioners every Sunday. I would love to see it again and believe I will. We are the most diverse church in the Diocese, straight out of the Bishop's mouth. That is one of the main reasons I still belong to this church and call it home.

It's been a true honor to be the Senior Warden for the past 4 years. It's been hard from

time to time but with God's help and a lot of venting to Mother, Leslie, and others, it's been great. It's the best way to learn about the church and all the functions it takes to make it a place of Worship. Unfortunately a church is no different than a business. This is where the hard work would become difficult. It takes so much time and talent. One person can't do it all; it takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work. For those of you doing that don't ever say no, I thank you for making it happen. I really want to say thank you to each and all of the committee/ministry chairs for all your hard work. The Vestry - I can't thank you enough for your guidance and support. You have been the best bosses I've worked for. I know you're thinking, "What is he talking about?" , but from leaders I've worked for, they have all told me you are only as wise as your staff or as good as the tools in your toolbox. So again I thank you for all your hard work and keeping me straight. I know it wasn't always easy or fun. I'm not going ANYWHERE - this is my home.

I'm really proud to call St Paul's my home, and it feels so good to say. I look forward to coming to church on Sunday because, it's what I do. JT, see? I'm listening. With that said I'm so thankful and blessed that God brought you into all of our lives. You have truly been there for me. During your sabbatical I would count the weeks until your return, not because it was bad. I just couldn't pick at you and you come back at me. Mrs. Ronnie, thank you for sharing JT with us. It takes a lot of time away from you for all of his commitment to our church. Again whenever he gets out of line, you call me. Well, enough of this; if I don't stop I'll be crying.

May God Bless each of you and our church. Thanks again from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate each of you and love you. See you on Sunday. Because...?????

Thank you.

Roy L Lowder

Worship Support for Upcoming Sundays.....a table of those serving can be found on our site

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Nov 19 - 24 Pentecost Pr 28
Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:
Judith Johnson
Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:
Donna Roraback
Lector: David Lucas
Acolyte: Ayanna Gibbs
Altar Guild: tbd
Ushers and Greeters:
JoAnne Lowder and Jonathan Flom
Tellers:
Vera Guarino and Doreen DeJaynes
Nursery: Pam Perham
Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Nov 26 - Last Sunday after Pentecost Pr 26
Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:
Christina Barnett
Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:
Larry Frawley
Lector: Marnie Edmundson
Acolyte: Colin Charon
Altar Guild: tbd
Ushers and Greeters:
Roy Lowder and David Lucas
Tellers: Bill Perham and Judith Krantz
Nursery: Ayanna Gibbs
Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Eucharistic Minister, tbd

Dec 3 - 1 Advent

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:

Deb George

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Gail Brown

Lector: Pam Frawley

Acolyte: Colin Charon

Altar Guild: tbd

Ushers and Greeters:

Roy Lowder and David Lucas

Tellers:

Don Walter and Bill Perham

Nursery: Ayanna Gibbs

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Dec 10 - 2 Advent

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:

Judith Johnson

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Andrea Eubanks

Lector: Jane Crabill

Acolyte: Ayanna Gibbs

Altar Guild: tbd

Ushers and Greeters:

Ben Flom and Ken Wical

Tellers: tbd and Hazel Gale

Nursery: Suzanne Tuttle

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Dec 17 - 3 Advent -

Lessons and Carols and Christmas

Pageant

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00 am:

Christina Barnett

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Donna Roraback

Lector: as assigned

Acolyte: Symone Gibbs

Altar Guild: tbd

Ushers and Greeters:

Larry Frawley and Jonathan Flom

Tellers:

Leslie Flom and Doreen DeJaynes

Nursery: Pam Perham

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve morning

No 8:00 am service

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Leslie Flom

Lector: Marnie Edmundson

Acolyte: Colin Charon

Altar Guild: tbd

Ushers and Greeters:

Ben Flom

Tellers:

Nursery:

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve night

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 pm:

Bill Perham

Lector: Jillian Flom

Crucifer: Ayanna Gibbs

Torch: Symone Gibbs

Altar Guild: tbd

Ushers and Greeters:

Roy Lowder

Tellers:

Nursery:

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Doreen DeJaynes

Lector:

Dec 31 - 1 Christmas -

Morning Prayer

No 8:00 am service

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Leslie Flom

Lector: Penny Fleming

Acolyte: Symone Gibbs

Altar Guild: tbd

Ushers and Greeters:

Jonathan Flom and David Lucas

Tellers: Leslie Flom and Bill Perham

Nursery: Ayanna Gibbs

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

Highlights From the Vestry



Don't forget!

**Thanksgiving Day Service on
Thursday, Nov 23 at Noon
followed by our shared meal at 1pm**

& a *Happy Thanksgiving* to all!

**Next Vestry meeting will be
December 10th**

- It has been suggested we investigate having fundraisers every quarter
- We need more volunteers for Teller positions
- Pledge cards will be given out during December, to be returned by the end of the month
- Donna Roraback is handling acquiring our Advent wreath and garlands; Advent candles have been ordered

Upcoming December activities include:

- Dec 10 - Bishop of Myra
- Dec 15 - Gathering of the Greens
- Dec 16 - Making of the Greens
- Dec 17 - Our Christmas Pageant
- Dec 22 - Christmas Singalong with Santa 7:00 pm
- **Dec 24 - Sunday 10:30 a.m. service only (no 8:00 a.m.) PLUS Midnight service beginning at 10:30 p.m.**
- **Dec 25 - Christmas Day 10:30 am service**
- Dec 31 - Morning Prayer 10:30 am

Fr. John and P.A. Robin will both be on vacation the week after Christmas. THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE ENTIRE WEEK.

Robin will return to the office January 2, 2018. Fr. John will return on January 3.

Please join us for a wonderful and Holy Advent Season, and especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. ~ We'd love to see you!

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St. Paul's-in-the-Pines
The Reverend John Thomas Frazier, Rector

Parish Administrator, Robin Minnick
Musician: Anastasia Bryant
Custodian: George Evans

VESTRY

Sr. Warden.....Gail Brown
Jr. Warden.....Roy Lowder
Stewardship.....Bill Perham
Worship.....Leslie Flom

OFFICES

Clerk of the Vestry.....Krystle Russell
Treasurer.....Donna Roraback

MINISTRY CHAIRS

Christian Formation.....Rev. John Frazier
Missions/Outreach.....Doreen DeJaynes
Pastoral Care.....Pam Frawley
Fundraising.....Larry Frawley
Hospitality.....Hazel Gale

Choir Director.... Mike Gould
Children's Chapel...Laurel Ross
Altar Guild.....Ivana Washington
Brotherhood of St. Andrew.....George Winder

Women's Bible Study...Rev. John Frazier
EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)...Rev. John Frazier
Spanish Lunch...Kenny West
EfM (Education for Ministry)...Rev. John Frazier

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Nov/Dec 2017 Year A/B	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17
	22 Pentecost Pr 26	23 Pentecost Pr 27	24 Pentecost Pr 28	Last Sunday after Pentecost Pr 29	1st Sunday in Advent	2nd Sunday in Advent	3rd Sunday in Advent
8:00 am EM	C. Barnett	D. DeJaynes	J. Johnson	C. Barnett	D. George	J. Johnson	C. Barnett
10:30 am EM	A. Eubanks	L. Flom	D. Roraback	L. Frawley	G. Brown	A. Eubanks	D. Roraback
Chalice							
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Tellers	D. Walter	H. Gale	D. DeJaynes	B. Perham	B. Perham	tbd	D. DeJaynes
Nursery	<u>P. Perham</u>	<u>S. Tuttle</u>	<u>P. Perham</u>	<u>A. Gibbs</u>	A. Gibbs	S. Tuttle	P. Perham

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