



January 9, 2022
First Sunday After The Epiphany
Baptism of our Lord
7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45 am: *The Sinless One to Jordan Came*- Timms/*Solemnis haec festivitas*

11:00 *Christum wir sollen loben schon*- Georg Boehm

Processional Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

H-135, vs 1 and 4

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,

Manifested by the star to the sages from afar:

Branch of royal David's stem in the birth at Bethlehem;

Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,

Where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.

When from there thou leadest them steadfast to Jerusalem,

Cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BCP, p. 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria (Sung at 8:45am and 11:00)

BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 sins 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I

will say to the north, "Give them up, and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse, sung at 11:00 am.*)

BCP, p. 620

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson:

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(At the 8:45 and 11:00 am services, during the singing of the Gospel hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle and the children are invited to follow and to go to Children's chapel- they will rejoin their family at the Peace)

Gospel Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*

H-132, vs 1, 3, and 5

*When Christ's appearing was made known, King Herod trembled for his throne;
But he who offers heavenly birth sought not the kingdoms of this earth.*

*Within the Jordan's sacred flood the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,
That he, to whom no sin was known, might cleanse his people from their own.*

*All glory, Jesus, be to thee for this thy glad epiphany:
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.*

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. W.R. "Rusty" McCown

Renewal of the Baptismal Vows

BCP, p. 292

Officiant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***People* I do.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

***People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People* 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.**

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Officiant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People – Form III

BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory: *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*- Richard Shephard

Presentation Hymn: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

H-408

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of Love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Spoken at 7:30 am & 6:00 pm, sung at 8:45 & 11:00 am: S-130*)

BCP, p. 362

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (*Hosanna in the highest.)*

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover*

BCP, p.

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(Spoken at 7:30 am and 6:00 pm)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(Sung at 8:45 and 11 am: Hymnal, S-154)

S-154

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table as you are directed to by the usher. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew. If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down when you come forward to receive.

Music During Communion: *Out of the Orient Crystal Skies*- William Byrd

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

H-448, vs 1, 2, and 5

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortal's sake.*

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy and hungered sore;

For us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;

For us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Dismissal:

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:45 am: *O love, how deep, how broad, how high-* Webb/*Deo gracias (with Alleluia)*

11:00 am: *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam-* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Rick Jackson, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Nic Parmer, *Youth Minister*

Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator* • Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Adam Dawkins, *Seminarian*

PARTICIPANTS:

	7:30 am	8:45 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
Usher:	Paul Hannah	Chris Oberholtzer	Chris O.	Tom Stearns
Usher:				*
1 st Reader:	Kim Helper	Cyndy Howes	Iain Macpherson	Judy Oxford
2 nd Reader:	*	Ann Denson	Elizabeth Tyer.	*
Prayers:	*	Matthew Muenzen	Chris O.	*
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ulezelski	Laura McCown	Carolyn Seabrooks	Marida Stearns
Altar Guild:				
Musicians:	*	Derek Pell, violin James Westerfield Kent Burnside, guitar		Don Dicie, organ

St Paul's Prayer List

BIRTHDAYS

Sunday: Jennifer Barton **Monday:** Jamie Trahan, JT Sullivan, Bennett Brown, Michael Walters Young **Tuesday:** Duncan Callicott, Kelly Pitsenberger, Lauren Branson, Rob Curwen **Wednesday:** William Keiser **Thursday:** Iain Macpherson, Henry Bowles **Friday:** Brandon Hall, Sophia Hutchens, Bob Davis **Saturday:** Max Haddon

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Bill and Wendy Heard, J. Scott and Julia Hutchens **Friday:** Tav and Carolyn Cooke

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Susannah Pierce, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Michelle Blackwelder, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jeni Burnside, Bill Muir, Jim Lauricella, Dorcas Mansell, Phyllis Gray, Fanny Haynes, Dean Bose, Kristin Chew, Eliot Williams, Bob Kinsley, Terry Cross, Bill Keith, Rita Warner, Joy Craig, Scott Faulkner, Jane Muir, Mark Paris, Nancy Boring, Pat McCracken, Michael, Martha, Fred, Kerstin, Meg and Fulton, Fred, Delores, Joanne, Joe, Jackie and Wayne, Claire, Marianne, Sean, Madelyn, Reed, Molly, John, Nancy, Craig, Anne Marie, Ethan, Mimi, Don, Gray, Cindy, Todd, Sean, Kathy, Judy, Jon, Suzie, Tonka, Sandy, Autumn, Tamara, Molly, Babs, Meg, Veronia, Loy, Bill, Richard, Mary, Kathryn, Linda and Tom, Madia, Shougofa, Patty, Ed, Maddie, Alister, Thomas, Tom and Cathy, Chuck, Robin, Heather, Zoe, Jagdish, Paul, Alice Jane, Brother Henry, Adam, Kevin, Barbara, David, and the Jorgensen family

MILITARY

Currently deployed: Danny and Roy

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Alex, Tyler, Yumi, Collin, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, William, Jacob, Nick, Larry and Pete



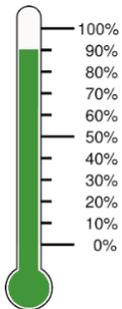
TODAY – January 9, 2021

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

St. Paul's Christian Formation Today

- 8:45 AM **Children's Chapel**
- 10:00 AM **Children's Chapel**

Stewardship Campaign



We are so close! Only 10% to go to reach our goal! Thank you to everyone that has filled out a pledge form. If you have not done that yet, click the green button below. To learn more about the impact of stewardship to St. Paul's on the parish and community click here:

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/stewardship>



Epiphany Brunch, Gathering for Good, Talent Show Update

Due to concerns over the rising number of cases of COVID in our community, we have decided to cancel this Sunday's Epiphany brunch scheduled for 10:00 AM. Also, there will not be a Gathering for Good in January and the Talent Show is postponed until February 23rd.

St. Paul's Feasibility Study Results are in! Parish-Wide Meeting this month

Sunday, January 16th, at 10:00 am in Otey Hall Parish

We will be reporting results of the parish wide feasibility study on January 16th at 10 AM in person. If you can't attend, you can join the presentation with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84684725376?pwd=QVpkbzdLYzgzS0x2OUZCSFVyWkFGQT09>. The Meeting ID is 846 8472 5376 and Password is 781188.

Annual Meeting and Vestry Candidates

Sunday, January 30th, at 10:00 am in Otey Parish Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, January 30th at 10 AM. We will meet to review the previous year, pass the budget and elect new Vestry members. Beth Woodruff (Senior Warden), Will Boggs (Junior Warden), Sheila Morreale (Outreach), and Pat McCracken (Hospitality) are all rotating off of the Vestry. Thank you so much for your service. Mary Emilie Acklen, Pam Horne, Rob Curwen, and Ron Howes are the 2022 Vestry Candidates. You can read their bios in this month's *The Epistle*, or on the website at <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry-bios>.

EYG (Episcopal Youth Group)

This week at EYG, we are playing games in and around Barnabas! We will also read compline and eat dinner. Come ready to run around! Additionally, Mountain TOP registration will close this Friday, January 7th. All rising 7th-12th graders are eligible to attend! To sign up, please email nic@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Youth Confirmation – Begins today!

St. Paul's is pleased to announce that after a one-year hiatus, we will be resuming our Youth Confirmation classes early next year. Beginning Sunday, Jan. 9 we will gather together and learn some amazing things about our church until the bishop's annual visitation on May 1. This year we will have two classes participate—8th and 9th grades. However, if you

are older (10th-12th grades) and still would like to consider being confirmed the class is for you too. The class schedule is a bit different. All participants will gather with other youth at our Episcopal Youth Gathering (EYG) each Sunday at 5:00. Dinner will be served around 5:30. The groups will then separate with the Youth Confirmation class meeting in Otey Parish Hall. We are very excited to announce that Dr. Jesse Tumblin will be leading the classes. Jesse has taught Youth Confirmation for a number of years and has a vast knowledge of the church and its history and theology. Assisting Jesse will be Libby Sullivan, our Children's Ministry Coordinator. We are so thrilled to be able to have this important class once again. Much more information will follow. However, if you have any questions please contact Libby, Nic, or Rusty at the church. Can't wait to see you on January 9!

Bad Girl's Book Club

Tuesday, January 25th, from 6:30-8:00 pm in Founders Hall

The Bad Girls Book Club will meet again on Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. January's book is *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis.

Women of St. Paul's (WSP) Social

Friday, January 28th, at 6:00 pm at Jackie King's Home

There will be a WSP Social held at Jackie King's home (307 Battery Court, Franklin). Bring something to share. The WSP Board will meet at 5pm. All women who attend St. Paul's are part of WSP and are welcome and encouraged to join us for our bi-monthly meetings – otherwise known as “Socials” – held in a members' home throughout the year. It's a great way to get to know each other.

WSP HeArt & Soul Retreat – Registration is now open!

February 25-27th at Camp McDowell

We Are Wonderfully Made-Ps 139 –For more information, please see this month's Epistle or the weekly News From the Pews. Register here: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/heart-and-soul-retreat-registration/> Paper forms are available in the Narthex or in pdf for you to print out at <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/heart-and-soul-retreat-registration.pdf>

Contemplative Prayer – Lectio Divina

Mondays at 6:30 pm in Damascus

Lectio divina contemplative prayer will be held every Monday night at 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Damascus. We started this group in 2012 and are excited to have it continue post pandemic.

Women in Theological Studies (WITS)

Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00am (in-person) in Barnabas

Here's what's happening for Women in Theological Study in January:

January is all about remembering some incredible people, and reflecting on what they taught us about life and love.

*January 13 – Remembering Betty White

*January 20 – Remembering Eric Carle

*January 27 – Remembering...

Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527 with any questions.

St. Paul's Food Pantry

If you are able, there are lots of people in need. We are out of jelly, cereal, crackers, dried milk, cake/brownie mix and recyclable bags and sugar-free items are always needed. Thank you to **everyone** who has donated! Please drop them off in front of the church front office door (there is a collection box).

Zoom Groups Contact facilitator or office (Shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com)

Mondays

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Prayer ([Gerald Hancock](#))
- 6:00 PM K-Group ([Gerald Hancock](#))

Tuesdays

- 10:20 AM Lectionary Class (ctcrumpton@hotmail.com)

Thursdays

- 4:00-5:30 PM Meditation and Reflection ([Gerald Hancock](#))

Fridays

- 3:30 PM Richard Rohr Class (Susan Nance)
- 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM WSP Happy Hour ([Sarah Karpie](#))

