



November 23, 2025
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: *Fairest Lord Jesus- St. Elizabeth tune, arr. Bay*
11:00: *Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart- D. Hustad*

Processional Hymn: *Jesus Shall reign Where'er the Sun* **H-544**

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.*

*Blessings abound where e'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 355**

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord

People **Amen.**

Gloria **S-280**

*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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson:**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (8:45: *Spoken responsively*/ 11:00: *Sung by Adult Choir.*)

BCP, p. 649

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.**

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

**12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

The Second Reading:**Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*(During the singing of the Gospel Hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle.
Children are invited to follow it to Children's chapel.
Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)*

*Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness,
The Father's conquering Word, true source of gladness;
Your name we glorify, O Jesus, throned on high;
You gave yourself to die for our salvation.*

*Good shepherd of your sheep, your own defending,
In love your children keep to life unending.
You are yourself the Way: lead us then day by day
In your own steps, we pray, O Lord most holy.*

*Glorious their life who sing, with glad thanksgiving,
True hymns to Christ the King in all their living;
All who confess his Name, come then with hearts aflame;
The God of peace acclaim as Lord and Savior.*

The Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit,
that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. 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

Offertory Anthem:

8:45: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*- Purcell, arr. Bay

11:00: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*- Coe

Presentation Hymn:

H-397, vs 1 and 2

*Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hand, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices:
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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

Hymnal, S-130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. 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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 who 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*

S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music During Communion

8:45: *Spirit Song*- Wimber

Shall We Gather at the River- Lowry

My Song is Love unknown- Crossman and Ireland

11:00: *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*- Bourne and Owen

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.

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 at the communion rail.

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *All Praise to Thee*

H-477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,

Didst yield the glory that of right was thine.

That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;

By thee the outcast and the poor were sought;

And by thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,

Who wast a servant that we might be free,

Humbling thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou

Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,

And given the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!

*Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia! Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:45: *The Hallelujah Side-* Entwisle, arr. Duncan
11:00: *Voluntary in E-flat-* G. F. Handel

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* • Holli Scholz, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Maggie Gilchrist, *Nursery Coordinator* • Ashley Anderson, *Youth Intern*

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

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Hugh Hart's first birthday by his parents, Ellen and Mason Hart, and big brother, Paul.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Andy Peterson **Monday:** Sheila Morreale, Henry Robinson, Francesca Lamb **Tuesday:** Eric Johnson, Susan Hughes, Jerry Rasnic **Wednesday:** Samantha Saalwaechter, Susan Black **Thursday:** Rex Anderson **Friday:** Myla Johnson **Saturday:** Renee Reinhardt

ANNIVERSARIES:

Wednesday: Jack and Donna Honeycutt **Friday:** Mickey and Susan Trailov **Friday:** Andy Peterson and Bob Barrett

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Bill Phelps	Loren Robicheaux
Usher:	Ed Miller	Judy Stockton
Chalice Bearer:	Daniel Alvarado	Fletcher Robinson
Chalice Bearer:	Becky Gengler	Frank Baugh
Crucifer:	Mike Gengler	Andy Peterson
1 st Reader:	Kathy Ulezelski	Virginia Callicott
2 nd Reader:	Gerald Hancock	Desi Noller
Prayers:	Ellen Kirk	Cindy Tumblin
Torch Bearer:	Adelina Brown	Forrest Latta
Torch Bearer:		
Altar Guild:	Karen Garfield	Phyllis Thompson
Altar Guild:	*	Steve Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Mindy Boggs	
Musicians:	Kent Burnside, guitar	
	Derek Pell, violin	

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Chris King, Darrell Harris, Debbie Sharp, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Mason Hart, Dewees Berry, Mickey Trailov, Neil Atkinson, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Mike, Ralph, Cheryl, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, Jessica, Paul, Tim, Floyd, Linda, Janelle, Tom, Rhoda, Dexter, Bob and Gloria, Janie, Margaret Hart, and Wilma

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, Jacob, and Roy

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Amanda, Gray, Zach, Jake, William, and Adria



TODAY – November 23, 2025

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

9:45-10:00

Biscuit Minute in Founders Hall and Barnabas

10:00-11:00

Christian Formation for all ages

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

“News From the Pews”

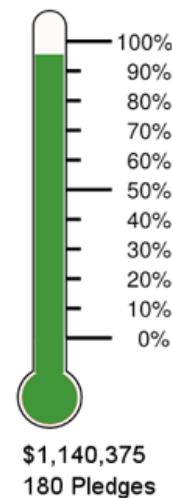
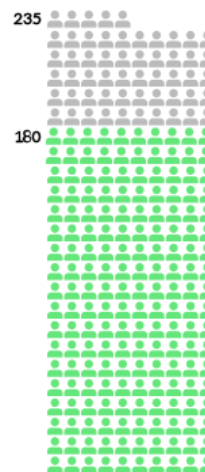


Including: Building Updates and exciting photos, Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!

Stewardship

Stewardship Campaign

We have received 180 pledges for a total of \$1,140,375 towards our goal. We need 55 more pledging households to meet our goal – any amount helps. Our goal this year is 235 pledges and \$1,200,000. Scan QR code to pledge:



Churchwide Events

Bishop Search Listening Sessions • Today, Nov 23 • 3:00 • St. Peter's, Columbia • Other dates: 12/4, 12/6

You are invited and encouraged to participate in one of the eight Listening Sessions, hosted by churches across the diocese. The purpose of the listening sessions is for the members of the Search Committee to listen to the voices of the people of the Diocese. This is YOUR opportunity to offer your observations. Your input will shape both our diocesan profile and a description of the kind of bishop we seek. Scan Weekly Newsletter Code on 1st page to see other locations.

Advent Wreaths • Sun, Nov 30 • 10:00 • Barnabas

Join us to make an Advent Wreath. We will have all you need to create a lovely Advent addition to your home! Kits are \$10 each, and you can create your wreath on-site while enjoying Biscuit Minute refreshments, or you can take your kit to go. Traveling for Thanksgiving? You can pick your kit up on Monday, Dec 1 or Tues, Dec 2. Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com for later pick up.

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

Adult Formation • Today • Founders Hall

Disciples in the 21st Century: Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and follow him. What is Jesus calling us to do today? Facilitated by Jean Larson.

Youth Formation • Today • Barnabas

All 6th – 12th grade students are welcome! The Story of My Life series will continue through January, with a break in December to focus on Advent! Christian Formation will not meet on November 30.

Children Formation • Godly Play • Today • Barnabas

All children from 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome!

Parish Life

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • 6:45 AM • Barnabas

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wed mornings to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Columbia/Franklin Quarterly TTA Meeting • Tues, 12/2 • 6:00 • Barnabas

Details: Social Hour begins at 6 pm with the scheduled meeting beginning at 7 pm. Social Hour begins at 6 pm with a discussion concerning hikes and any other events that you think we should pursue. This will be our Christmas meeting with Christmas surprises and gifts. We are a hiking club, but there are other events that we will consider. We would also like your feedback on the TTA Annual Meeting held in October 2025 in association with the Clarksville Chapter. Hope to see you then!! We welcome anyone interested in hiking to join us. For questions....contact Janeth McKendrick, Janethmck@aol.com

Grief Support Group • Wed, Dec 3 & 17 • 9-10 am • Barnabas

Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's offers a morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Women In Theological Studies • Dec 4 & 11 • 9:30-11:00 • Barnabas

For December, WITS (Women in Theological Study), is offering a new study series based on the book, "Homegrown Mystics: Restoring Our Nation with the Healing Wisdom of America's Visionaries" by Bruce Epperly *December 4 and 11 in our New Building!* If you have any questions, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • Dec 9

If you like a party, and if you have a heart for visiting people, then we have an opportunity for you that combines the two. We will plan to meet there from 12:40 pm -1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too! Interested? Contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

HeArt & Soul Retreat • Feb 6-8, 2026 • The Lodge at Montgomery Bell

We invite ALL WOMEN of St. Paul's to come enjoy this sacred time to nourish and love your creative spirit, your soul, and your body as a child of God. Confidential Scholarships are available; contact Monna Mayhall for information on this. Questions? Contact Cassy Gilchrist at 615-957-7020 or cassygilchrist@gmail.com. Registration is now open, and the deadline is Dec 20. Register here: <https://bit.ly/heArtandSoul2026>

Announcements

Move in Volunteers

It's time to move back in to our new building and we need your help! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for a shift. We will be staging boxes in Otey Parish Hall so meet there at beginning of your shift. We will then go through boxes and move them to designated locations. Please read task descriptions below and sign up for appropriate

tasks you want to perform. We have a lot to do in one week to get our new space ready for the celebration party so come prepared to work hard.

<https://bit.ly/SP-move>

Lighting of the Candles

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

The lighting of candles is often used as a sign of joy and festivity in Christian worship. They remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World and the presence of God in the Gospel reading. The Altar Guild invites you to share in this light and take home with you gently used beeswax candle stubs that have been in service on our Altar at St. Paul's during the last year. They may be found in a basket in the Narthex on Christ the King Sunday, November 23rd.

Youth Pilgrimage 2026

We have 3 youth spaces remaining for the high school junior and senior Pilgrimage! Register at bit.ly/Montreal2026 by **December 15**. Secure your spot today! Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more details.

Bishop Search Survey • Don't miss your chance to be heard!

The survey is for all canonically resident clergy and active members in a congregation of the Diocese of Tennessee. The survey will be open until Monday, December 1, and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DIOCESEOFTN>

St. Paul's Nursery needs your help!

It's no secret that we are getting ready to move into a beautiful new space which includes a functional nursery for our youngest members. You can help fill our new Nursery with fun toys that will be engaging and enjoyable for the next generation of St. Paul's little ones! Visit our Amazon Wishlist here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ADBMAU3YSK72?ref=wl_share

or visit our Target Wishlist here: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/st-2>