



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
November 9, 2016



New and Notable...

For National Unity BCP 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Grocery Cart is Empty....



*Please donate canned or dry goods to our grocery cart
in the Narthex. Let's see if we can fill it up!
Donations will go to area food pantries.*

Children's Chapel



This week's lesson will be "Feast of Christ the King." Leaders will be Kim Morris and Terry Jaworski.

All children are welcome to come to the Seaton Room after the service for a story, snack, and activity.

In case you missed it....



*The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows
Bishop Elect*

You may remember Jennifer as our guest preacher in Advent two years ago. She has been Bishop Lee's Director of Networking for the Diocese of Chicago since 2012. Last Friday, Jennifer was elected Bishop of Indianapolis; the first African-American woman to be elected as a diocesan bishop. See Bishop Lee's wonderful letter at <https://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-stories/2016/10/28/bishop-lee-jennifer-baskerville-burrows-elected-bishop-india>

SPECIAL THANKS

We're offering special thanks to an anonymous donor who has given money for a new air conditioning unit for the Upper Room. Though we won't need it until next spring/summer, this is a good time to buy one. You know who you are: THANKS!

Other needs include a small refrigerator, a small (gas) stove, a wall clock, and kitchen supplies. If you would like to donate (or contribute to) the purchase of one or more of these items, please contact the rector or one of the wardens. We would very much like to have the Upper Room fully functional for parish and community use.

The usual fare...



Noon Eucharist- Wednesday, November 16, 12:15 pm
Vestry - Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 pm
Eve of Thanksgiving Service - November 23, 7:00 pm
Advent begins Sunday, November 27!

November 13th Servants

Usher: Bill Lang
Lector: Rick Carlstedt
Intercessor: Barb Moriarty
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak
Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, November 13, 2016
Pentecost XXVI
(Proper 28, Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a. The prophet Isaiah reveals that God is about to "create new heavens and a new earth."

The Psalm: Psalm 98. "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things."

Second Lesson: II Thessalonians 3:6-13. Paul chastises some followers who are "living in idleness" and adds, "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary doing what is right."

The Gospel: Luke 21:5-19. Jesus offers his followers some apocalyptic warnings about God's kingdom.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 616. "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." This hymn was written in 1821 by James Montgomery to be used by a Moravian Settlement during the Christmas season. It is based upon Psalm 72. "He comes with succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong." The tune is an adaptation of a German folk song and should be sung happily with hearts of joy!

Sequence Hymn: No. 632. "O Christ the Word Incarnate." This hymn was written by William Walsham How and is based on Psalm 119:105. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." This hymn has been in the Hymnal of the Episcopal Church since 1874 but in our current volume, the first line has been changed from "O Word of God Incarnate" to "O Christ the Word Incarnate." The tune "Munich" is taken from a quartet piece in Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah" (1847).

Presentation Hymn: No. 482. "Lord of all hopefulness." This hymn was written by Jan Struther (1901-1953), a woman poet and writer, born in London, and for many years she served on the editorial board of the London Times. She died of cancer in New York City on July 20, 1953. Her hymn covers a person's day from morning till bed time. The tune, "Slane," is an Irish ballad melody.

Communion Hymn: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer." This is another Taize community musical paraphrase to a psalm (102:1-2). It was set to music by Jacques Bertheir (1923-1994) in 1991, shortly before he died. The Psalm reads, "Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble."

Recessional Hymn: No. 371. "Thou Whose Almighty Word." According to his son, this hymn based on Genesis 1:3, was written by John Marriott around 1813. It was not published during his lifetime, but was quoted six weeks after his death in a speech given to the London Missionary Society. The tune "Moscow" was composed by Felice de Giardini in the 18th century. God's healing is mentioned in the second verse of this hymn, "Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, heal to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light."

From the cartoons created by
The Rev. William P. McLemore



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