



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



December 1, 2021

***Worship at St. Paul's
In-person and at home***

Sundays at 10:30 am

We are now worshipping in person here at St. Paul's, but for those who prefer at home worship, below is the link for live-stream Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98034316249>

Meeting ID: 980 3431 6249

To dial in: 312-626-6799

From Deacon Deb

Friends,

We often hear Advent described as the Church's New Year as it marks the beginning of a new liturgical calendar. Recently I read something that described Advent as the Church's spring. This description resonates with me as it offers a glimpse of how Advent should feel.

In the spring, we take a walk around our gardens, clear out what has withered and plant new. Just like our seasonal spring, Advent is a time to assess; take a look around and see what needs tending. Sunday we will hear the familiar reading from Isaiah that calls us to prepare for the Lord; make paths straight and make rough ways smooth. In other words, stop what we are doing now and choose a better way.

"All things come and go. Be at peace on this blessed day, whether it brings sunlight or storms, serenity or struggle. Be at peace in passing through it, doing what needs to be done, living as fully as you can, as authentically as you can, at peace in your soul. Know that all things come and go on the way to where you are called to be. They pass around you, they pass over and under you, but they do not define you or contain you. For your

life is not an inventory of pains and pleasures, but a sonnet of the spirit, a mystery fashioned from and for eternity, a strength so powerful that it can afford to be vulnerable to love. Be at peace on this blessed day."

Steven Charleston, Ladder to the Light

In Christ,
Deacon Deborah

Funeral Service for Eleanor Crump

The service for Eleanor Crump will be Friday, December 3 at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Please let the office know if you plan to attend the luncheon.



Tomorrow!

Our next St. Paul's Ladies Lunch will be tomorrow, **December 2** at 11:30 am. We'll meet at Bulldog Ale House located at 1501 Route 31, McHenry. Hope to see you there!

Servants for Sunday, December 5

Lector/Usher – Rick Carlstedt
Intercessor - Judy Robel
Vestry Person of the Day - Bill Lang

On the Calendar

Thursday, December 2 – Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am
Friday, December 3 - Eleanor Crump funeral, 11:00 am
Sunday, December 5 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Sunday, December 12 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Sunday, December 19 - FUMC Christmas Cantata, 9:00 am
Sunday, December 19 - Morning Prayer
Sunday, December 19 - Vestry meeting, 8:30 am
Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 am
Sunday, December 26 - ZOOM service, 10:30 am

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of December 5 - December 11

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing prayers: Yasmin, Kay, Tim, Jenn, and Janice

Current prayers: Paula, Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Claudia, Julie, Arne, Heather, and Melissa

For our MCC scholarship recipients: Autumn, Ashley, Yaqui, Kimberlee, and John

For those celebrating birthdays: Bill Lang (Dec. 10)

For those celebrating anniversaries: Vincent and Grace Linnane (Dec. 10)



Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth

Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: Gramlukas2@gmail.com

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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