



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



December 15, 2021

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

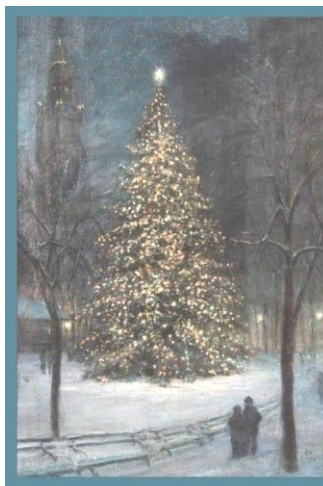
***Sundays at 10:30 am***

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



Into this climate  
of fear and  
apprehension,  
Christmas enters.  
Streaming  
lights of joy,  
Ringing  
bells of hope,  
And singing  
carols of  
forgiveness  
high up in  
the bright air...

Come away  
from rancor.  
Come the way  
of friendship.

-Maya Angelou



All are invited to 1st United Methodist's Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 19th at 9:00 am. The Methodist choir will be sharing their music entitled "Celebrate the Child".

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*Friday, December 24  
10:30 am  
All are welcome!*

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*A Message concerning Bishop-elect Paula Clark*

Beloveds:

In this Advent season of holy watching and waiting, we write to bid your prayers for Bishop-elect Paula Clark and for her family as they prepare for the funeral of Paula's husband, Andrew McLean, on Saturday, December 18 at 11 a.m. Eastern/10 a.m. Central. The service will take place at Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. You can find the details, including options for participating online, **on the diocesan website**.

During this difficult time, Paula is being well cared for by her family and a large and supportive network of friends in Washington D.C. She has also continued to focus diligently on her recovery. As Paula said last month in her message to our diocesan convention, she is completing her outpatient speech, physical and occupational therapies at the Washington National Rehabilitation Hospital, and eagerly awaits her return to Chicago once her formal therapy is completed.

To provide Paula with time and space to grieve before she undergoes a comprehensive medical assessment, the Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the Standing Committee, elected to postpone the conference with Paula and her doctors that he had planned to hold several weeks ago. The Standing Committee remains in regular conversation with the Presiding Bishop's office and will share more information as his plans for holding this consultation unfold.

In her convention message, Paula quoted Proverbs 3: 5-6, her favorite passage of scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths." Together with Paula, our paths continue to wind, but we share her confidence that God will bring us all safely home.

God's Peace,

The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen  
Assisting Bishop

The Rev. Anne B Jolly  
President, Standing Committee

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### **COVID-19 Booster Shots Encouraged**

**The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)** recommends anyone 18 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

"For continued, ongoing protection, we are urging everyone who is eligible to get a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine to get one," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Scientific and medical experts have reviewed the data and found booster doses are beneficial. While we need more people who are completely unvaccinated to get their first doses, we cannot risk losing some of the protection the vaccines have already provided due to waning immunity."

Congregations are encouraged to:

- Continue to provide online worship opportunities
  - When indoors, gather in spaces that allow for social distancing
  - Gather outside whenever possible
  - **Review the Illinois Department of Public Health guidance on music**, including singing and rehearsals
  - Use the **CDC COVID Data Tracker** to view metrics by county.
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### ***Servants for Sunday, December 19***

Lector/Usher – Al Robel  
Intercessor - Judy Robel  
Vestry Persons of the Day - Al and Judy Robel

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### ***On the Calendar***

Sunday, December 19 - FUMC Christmas Cantata, 9:00 am  
Sunday, December 19 - Vestry meeting, 8:30 am  
Sunday, December 19 - Morning Prayer  
Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 am  
Sunday, December 26 - ZOOM Morning Prayer service, 10:30 am

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## **St. Paul's Prayer List**

***Week of December 19 - December 25***

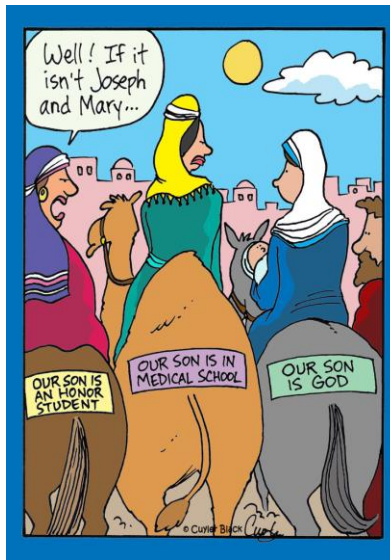
Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

**Ongoing prayers:** Yasmin, Kay, Tim, Jenn, Janice, Dick, and Sandy

**Current prayers:** Paula, Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Claudia, Julie, Arne, Heather, Melissa, Carol, Mike, and Rick

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

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*Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth*

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### ***Questions or concerns?***

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: [Gramlukas2@gmail.com](mailto:Gramlukas2@gmail.com)

### ***In need of pastoral care?***

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon: [DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com)

### ***Office Hours***

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

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