

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10:30 AM

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker
Rector

Welcome to our Church

WELCOME

to

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We are delighted you are seeking God in this special place. We want you to know that wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome to ask your questions here.

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The Gathering

Prelude

Partita on "Jesu, Priceless Treasure"

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Welcome and Announcements

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #437

Tell Out, My Soul

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us Pray

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory To God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

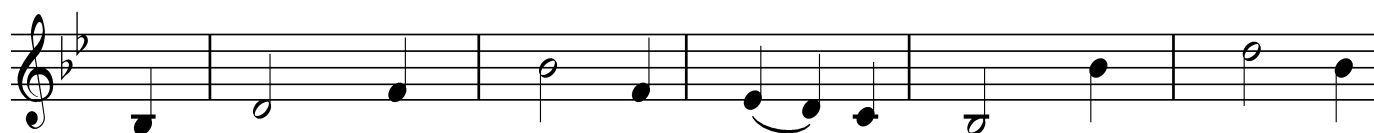
Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand, as you are most comfortable

SEQUENCE HYMN #448 (stanzas 1-3)

O Love, How Deep



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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Please stand as you are most comfortable

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

All are seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

A time of silence following the sermon.

Please stand as you are comfortable

The Nicene Creed—Wonder, Love & Praise

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with accompaniment in the other parts. The lyrics are arranged in lines corresponding to the musical phrases.

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God
break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
right hand. He will come to judge and save.
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to our Lord God, our shining light made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine, for your light has come”, empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, Star of Wonder, **guide us to thy perfect light.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child: send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.
Star of Wonder, **guide us to thy perfect light.**

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior’s birth; we pray for this community, for those who have asked for our prayers: and we pray for quiet moments of joy and hope.
Star of wonder, **guide us to thy perfect light.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame. We remember those who have died; may light perpetual shine upon them.
Star of wonder, **guide us to thy perfect light.**

Presider: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light. We pray that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your brightness and that all nations would be drawn to your grace and peace.
Amen.

Please stand or kneel as able

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Farewell Prayers

Presider: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

People: And Jesus and the Disciples traveled from town to town making known the love of God that was in them.

Presider: Gracious and loving God, we pray for Kelly and Tom and for the knowledge that your grace precedes and follows them wherever they go . We thank you for their time with us and that you are with them in this new chapter in their lives. May they go knowing that our best hopes and prayers go with them. In Jesus most holy name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

✧ “The Peace” is a Christian tradition deriving its roots from Jesus himself who greeted people saying, “Peace be with you.” “The Peace” may feel awkward if you are new or an introvert or trying not to be noticed. We take this portion of our worship seriously as we live in a deeply divided world full of violence. These actions in God’s house model what we are called to do in the world.

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People : **And also with you.**

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

O Light of Light

(for text, see Hymn #133)

Cary Ratcliff (b.1953)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand, as able.

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP page 367

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord
People **And of thine own have we given thee**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

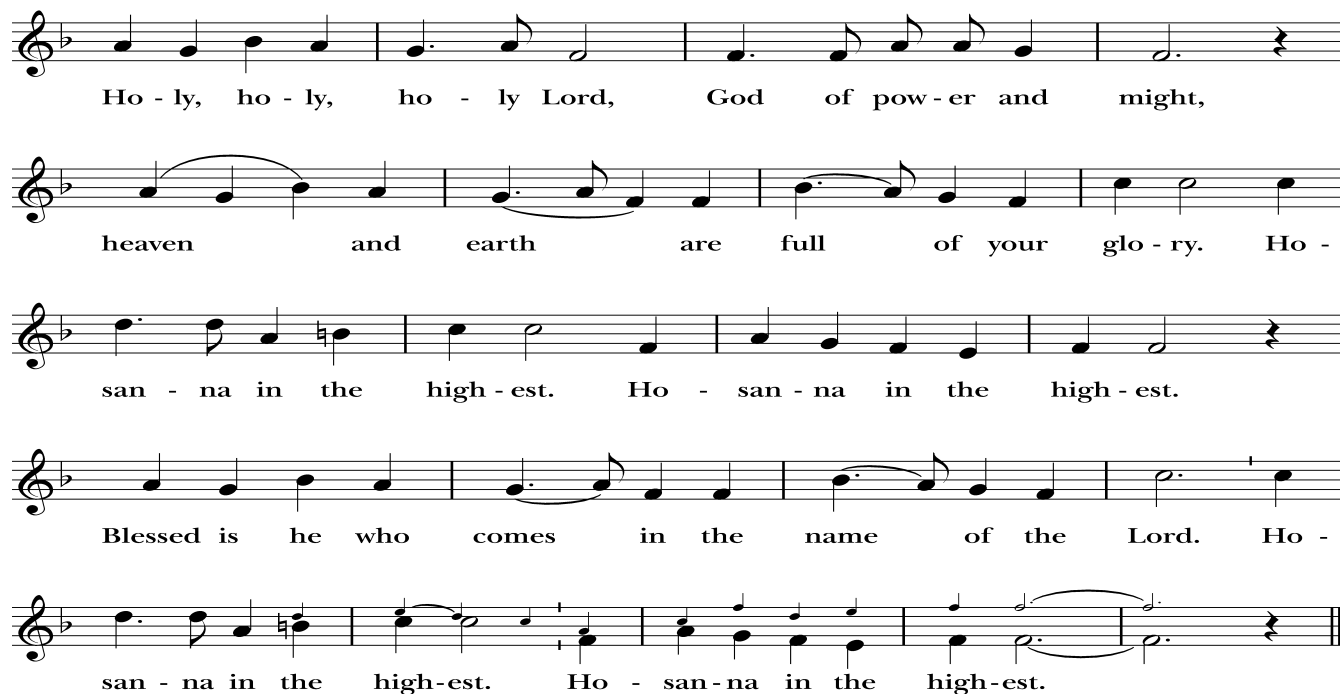
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine on our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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-Hymn S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Now is the time to stand or kneel as you prefer

Presider *continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with our Patron, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. AMEN.**

Fraction

The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem

Eat This Bread Taizé (Sing 2 times)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread,
drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God...

*This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you have little, you who have been here often and you have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, for it is the Lord who invites you.*

You will now have three ways to receive communion:

In one kind--this means you receive only the bread or only the wine. Receive the bread by extending your hands, palm upward, when the presider comes to you and then leaving the rail or crossing your hands over your chest when the chalice comes to you.

To receive the wine only, cross your hands when the bread is presented and then drink from the chalice by gently assisting the chalice bearer by grasping the base of the chalice lightly to help guide it to your lips.

Intinction (having the bread dipped in the wine and placed in your hand) is only done by the presider from the intinction tray. To receive communion by intinction simply keep your hands down by your sides as we have been doing. Then raise them to take intincted bread between thumb and forefinger.

In two kinds--this is where you consume both the bread and the wine either by receiving the bread and then drinking from the chalice or by Intinction.

There is no intinction by multiple individuals from the chalice. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Meditation on “Amazing Grace”

George Shearing (1919-2011)

Post Communion Prayer

Presider 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, God, 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.

Please stand

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #523, stanzas 1, 2 and 4

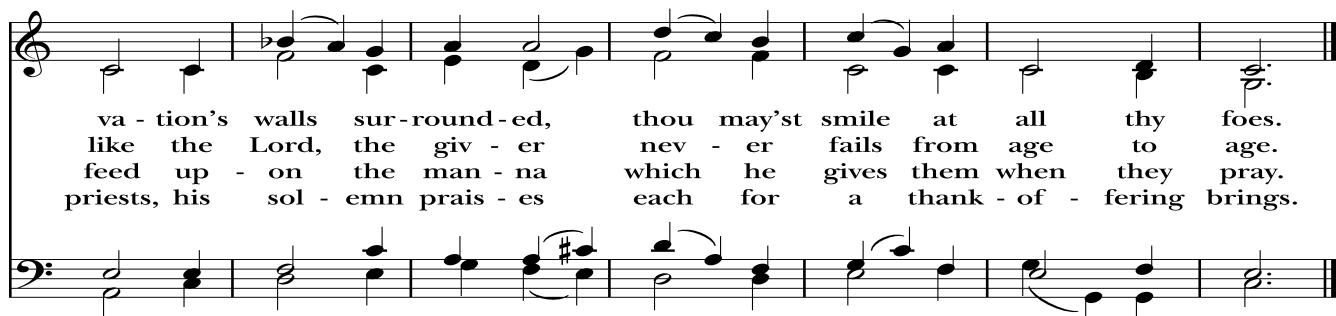
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as



va - tion's walls sur-round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Postlude and Fugue in G Minor

attr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: All who are ill or unemployed and those who are on our prayer list.

Short-term

Bryan Lane, Monty Shaw, Susan Whittington, Carol Canter, Kenneth Canter, Cindy Hartley, Nick Eller, Joe Samuel, Julian Family, Jackie Foster, Juanita Phillips, Sloan Barnhill, Aletha Johnson

Long-term

Steve Jackson, Lloyd Putzek, Ryan Marlow, Jordan Denny & Family, Paul Barlow, Kathi Johnson, Dot Beamon, Ken Asel, Julius Parks & Family

Armed Forces

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Micha Duerk, Faith Lankford, Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Jason Westmeyer, and all others who serve throughout the world.

Please send the addresses of troops with connections to St Paul's to the church office office@stpaulwilkesboro.org, especially those abroad.

Prayer requests can be submitted through the prayer request form by scanning the QR code, or by contacting the office





January 30-Doug Merritt
January 31-Benjamin Staley
February 1-Kim Faw
February 2-Kellan Barton
February 3-Ricki Barger
February 3-Cynthia Palazzolo
February 4-Paula Jameson

No Anniversaries this week.



Serving Today

Altar Guild: Mary Lankford, Sharon Greene, Bonnie Merritt

Reader 8:30: Edward Southwell

Reader 10:30: Jenny Nelson

Acolytes: Linda Schneider & Drew Mayberry

Usher 8:30: Jeff Beard

Usher 10:30: Ron Myers



Wilkesboro Methodist Church makes sleeping mats for the homeless from plastic grocery bags. They are in need of plastic bags for this ministry. A box has been placed in the commons. Teri Canter has brought this wonderful ministry to our attention and will be responsible for delivery of the bags.



Sign ups for altar flowers are posted in the commons, or use the QR code and sign up online!



Share Your Blessings

Cold weather is here and our neighbors need food — won't you share some of your blessings with them? Please make a point of checking on the Little Food Pantry in front of the Parish House — many days it's empty or has only a few items in it. It's so easy to pick up a couple of extra things each week at the grocery store. Try to keep a few boxes or cans of food in your car and put them in the Little Pantry when you see it is bare — it empties out quickly!

You can also put hygiene products in the Little Pantry!

Here are a few items that are always needed:

Salt and other spices like onion and garlic powder

Dried or canned milk

Canned vegetables, fruits, pasta dishes, soups and chili, meats, and marinara sauce

Boxes or bags of pasta, dried potato dishes, and mac and cheese

Breakfast foods like cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, pancake mix, and syrup

Peanut butter and jelly





St. Paul's Vestry

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