

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Christ the King
The Last Sunday After Pentecost
One Body-One Service
November 20, 2022
9:30 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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do ask nonvaccinated
persons to wear their
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The Gathering

Prelude

Meditation on "Amazing Grace"

Robert J. Powell (b.1932)

Welcome and Announcements

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #397

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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—S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his 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 High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.**

Please be seated

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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."

The Response

Psalm 46

Deus noster refugium

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.**

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

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

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**


Please stand, as you are most comfortable

SEQUENCE HYMN #433

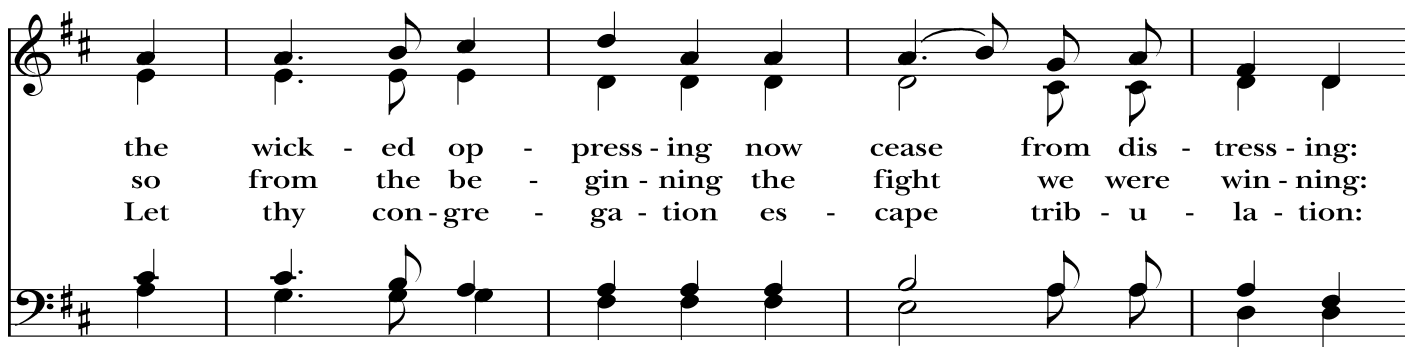
We Gather Together



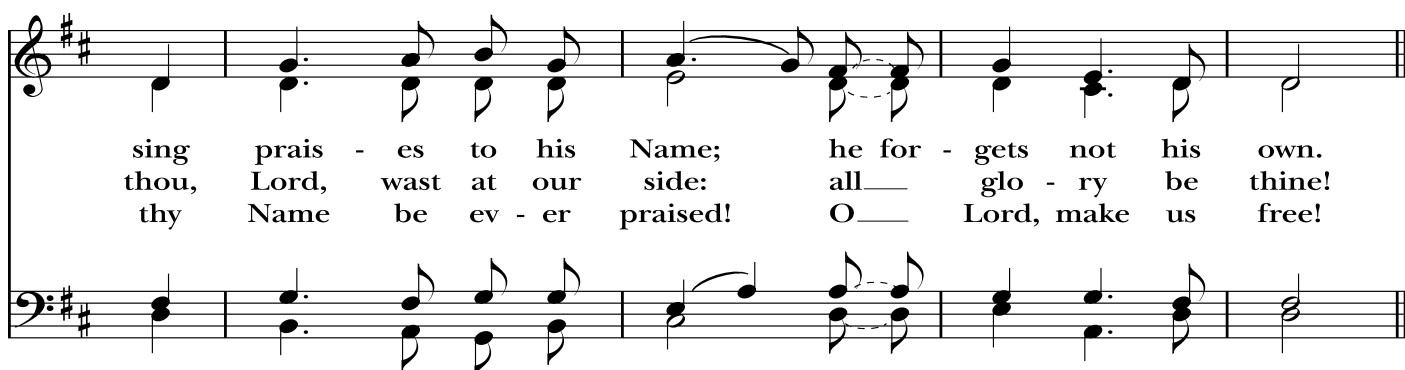
1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). Music: *Kremser*, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914).

Presider The 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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

All are seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Susan Whittington

A time of silence following the sermon.

Please stand as able

The Nicene Creed—Wonder, Love & Praise (Spoken)

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father,
you have promised to hear when we pray
in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh Life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all,
lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom
those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give Grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion .
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:
especially Wes Martin and his family

Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.
May we, by our compassion, inspire and encourage them.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills:

until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Occasion of Retirement:

The Reverend Deacon Susan Whittington

Holy One, you are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, beyond time and space yet present in each moment and every place where we are. We give you thanks today for all the ways you have revealed your Word, your will, your image, your nature, to your people throughout the ages. We thank you especially for Deacon Susan who answered your call to preach good news to the poor and the poor in spirit, to proclaim the gospel of healing and liberation through words and actions, attitudes, and relationships.

We celebrate Deacon Susan for all the ways she embodied your calling and modeled the path of discipleship. We pray for her current needs in body and soul, we ask your peace, your strength, and your grace as she continues to serve you. We pray for a new outpouring of your Holy Spirit for Susan, for ourselves and for your whole Church.

May her compassion for the vulnerable become our compassion; may her joy in the gospel become our joy; may her endurance in the face of adversity become our ability to endure; so that we, with her, may continue to bear witness to your love in Jesus Christ.

Retirement is a temporal reality, ordination, and service to you is eternal:

Rev. Deacon Susan Whittington, Susan, St. Paul's, Wilkesboro, NC offers our heartfelt thanks and praise for your service among us and more importantly, your service in our wider community. May God bless you and keep you and continue to inspire you in all the varied ways you still serve among us. 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

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Lift up your Heads, o ye gates,
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your Heads, o ye gates,
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts.
He is the King of Glory. (Psalm 24:7-10)*

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.

Proper preface said here

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 #858

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Please stand or kneel as you are able

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 Hymn #764 (*refrain only*)

Taste and See (Sing 2 times)

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/2 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness".

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/2 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and".

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/2 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the treble staff.

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

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

Geoffrey Burgon (b. 1941)

Nancy Scroggs, soprano

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word;
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Presider Let us pray,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn #290, stanzas 1, 2 and 4
Come, Ye Thankful People Come**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to
be supplied; come to God's own temple,
come, raise the song of glorious harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto this praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorry grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
shall appear; grant, O harvest Lord, that
we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified, in thy presence
to abide; come, with all thine angels
come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Now thank We all Our God

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

Nick Eller, Buddy Forester, Mildred Kimball, Bonita Stewart, 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, Esther Eller, David Temple, Ken Asel, Doug Merritt, Julius Parks & Family

Armed Forces

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Micha Duerk, Faith Lankford, Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Walker Pardue, Mark Stone, 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





November 20-Kathi Johnson
 November 20-Maria Curtis
 November 23-James Smoak
 November 24-Stephen Nardini
 November 25-Kendall Forester

November 20-Justin & Bobba Norman



EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 WOMEN'S
 ANNUAL BAKE SALE
 AND CRAFT BAZZAR



★ **CALLING ALL BAKERS
 AND CRAFTERS !!!** ★

**Sunday Nov. 20
 in The Parish House**

**Bring your donations of Baked Goods and Crafts
 to the Parish House on Saturday Nov. 19 between 10 and noon...**
**We're also accepting jewelry, items you would like to "regift" or other
 suitable donations. All proceeds will go to
 St. Paul's Crisis Ministry and to Hope Ministries.**

**The Bake Sale and Bazaar will be held after the 9:30
One Service, which will be in the Church.**

THE CLOTHING MINISTRY AT CRISIS
ASSISTANCE IS IN NEED OF
MEN'S AND LADIES WINTER COATS

SIZES NEEDED:

LARGE AND X-LARGE

ALL CHILDREN'S SIZES



**Please drop off your donation at the Church office or you
may call Ruth Harris 336.984.9690 for pick-up**



Given today in honor of Deacon Susan and her many years of service to St. Paul's and our community.



**Men's Breakfast is returning TODAY,
November 20!
8:30 to 9:30 and
10:30 to 11:30**

We are very excited about this opportunity to fellowship together once again.

Breakfast is for EVERYONE, and is prepared by the men of the Church.

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Mike & Mary Southwell

Reader 9:30: Mary Southwell

Acolytes 10:30: Edward Southwell & Tom Carnes

Usher 9:30: Jeff Beard



St. Paul's Vestry

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