

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!

If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader:	Debi Musick
Prayer Leader:	Tracy Caine
Children's Message:	Tom Todd
Altar Guild:	Debi Musick
Video assistant:	Tracy Caine
Ushers:	Robert Adair, Russ Bainbridge, Steve Krause, Benji Sitton & Kenrick Veit
Communion Assistants:	Debi Musick, Robert & Alana Adair, Linda Allison, Carolyn Behrens, Jill Botkin & Tom Todd
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Mia Greiner & Nicholas Bainbridge

PRELUDE: ***Let All Things Now Living*** Canticle Ringers

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #693 ***Come Ye Thankful People Come*** Vs 1, 3 & 4

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be 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 harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Kyrie 3 & 4



Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God!***

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

3You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
5you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING **Romans 15: 1-21**

15We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. 3For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." 4For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors 9 and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; 10and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; 11and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; 12and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope."
13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
14I myself feel confident about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. 15Nevertheless, on some points I have written to you rather boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God 16to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast of my work for God. 18For I will not be so bold as to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the gentiles, by word and deed, 19by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. 20Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, 21but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand."

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- *(Please stand)* ***Alleluia!***

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25:14-30**

14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over

to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Tom Todd**
SPECIAL MUSIC ***A Simple Thanksgiving*** SPLC Adult Choir
MESSAGE **Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

HYMN #694 ***Sing to the Lord of Harvest***

Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness, the desserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

APOSTLE'S CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Father, we pray for your holy Christian Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living 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, Father, 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 forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Ron Wallace

SENDING - Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

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Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY after worship in the sanctuary. Budgets will be discussed and voted on.

XYZ

Thursday, November 19th at 1 pm in the activities center. Alana & Robert Adair are the hosts and invite you to come and play 313, an easy and fun card game. Please join us for a fun afternoon.

COFFEE MAKERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to make coffee on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will need to arrive around 8:15 on Sunday mornings. Please sign up at the coffee bar or on the worship assistant sign up genius on the website. Questions: contact Milt Elias or Randal Cain.

YOUTH BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 22 - The SPLC Kids and Youth are invited to bake items. Items need to be ready and at church by 9am sharp on that morning. **Contributions by any church members are also welcomed, whether baked goods or monetary.** Please contact Abby Davis for any questions via ph:580-603-0095 or email: ahoppe86@gmail.com

ANNUAL STEWARD SHIP DRIVE

The annual stewardship is underway and end on **November 22nd**! Members – pick up your pledge cards in the narthex and turn in to the Stewardship committee's mailbox by the south doors. Questions: Contact Myra Smith.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 21st. 9am-noon – a chili lunch will be served. Clean up will look different this year as the Property Board is on converting many of our flower beds to low maintenance beds (i.e. rocks and a few plants) by spring. Please bring shovels and gardening tools! More information is posted in the narthex. Questions: contact Luke Green.

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

11/15 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
Congregational Meeting
11/16 – Canticle Ringers
11/17 – Twilight Tones
11/18 – Wednesday Night Activities
5:30 – Meal – Thanksgiving Dinner
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal
11/19 – XYZ
11/21 – 9am **Fall Clean Up**
11/22 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
11/23 – 11/27 Thanksgiving Break
Office Closed
11/23 – Canticle Ringers
11/25 – *No Wednesday Night Activities*
11/26 – Thanksgiving Day
11/29 – 9:30 – **Worship**
11/30 – Canticle Ringers



DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Wed. Advent 5:45 Meal 6:30 Service 7:00 Choir & Activity - cookie boxes	3	4	5
6 9:30am Worship & Education 2 pm Choir Christmas Party	7	8 6pm Twilight Tones Christmas Party	9 Wed. Advent 5:45 Meal 6:30 Service 7:00 Choir & Activity - prayer walk	10	11	12
13 9:30am Worship & Education 11:30 Christmas Around the World	14 9 am Canticle Ringers Christmas Breakfast	15	16 Wed. Advent 5:45 Meal 6:30 Service 7:00 Choir & Activity - blessing bags	17	18	19 2-5pm Parents' Day Out
20 9:30am Worship & Jesus's Birthday Party	21 6:30pm Blue Christmas Service	22	23	24 4 pm & 7 pm Christmas Eve Services	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!	26
27 9:30am Worship	28 <<<<<<<<<<	29 <<<<<<<<< Office 12/28 - 12/31	30 Closed >>>>>>>>>	31 >>>>>>>>		

December Events

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS

3 KINGS

Soup supper begins at 5:45 (sign up in the Narthex), all church service at 6:30, choir rehearsal and Advent activity at 7.

Activities:
12/2 – Bring cookies to fill boxes to share with the community
12/9 – Prayer walk (or drive)
12/16 – Make "blessing bags" to share with our homeless neighbors.

POINSETTIA SALES

Help decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and support Blackwelder Brass by purchasing a poinsettia. Order online using the QR code above or visiting www.stpaulsokc.com> "online giving" or order forms are available in the narthex. Please include "poinsettias" on the note/memo line and indicate if you will be taking your plant home. $25 per plant - order deadline – **December 16th**. Questions: contact Nancy Krause.

DECEMBER 13TH – CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Christmas around the world is back this year!! December 13 after Sunday school in the activity center about 11:30 AM. There's a sign-up sheet out in the narthex to add your name, phone number and country you want to represent. We are looking forward to a fun-filled Christmas around the world representing different countries by our congregational members!! Questions contact Sarah Baker 405-206-1613

DECEMBER 19 – PARENTS' DAY OUT

Giving parents an opportunity for kid-free time during this busy time of year. The SPLC youth will be providing a fun time 12/19 from 2-5pm in the activity center. Youth and children sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. $20 per child, $10 for addition children. Proceeds will benefit future youth activities.

DECEMBER 21 – BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Join us at 6:30pm for a quiet, reflective service in the sanctuary that will include scripture reading, hymns, a homily, prayers and communion. This service gives a place for the grief and worries we often feel around the holidays but don't always have a place to acknowledge. From 7:30-8:30pm there will be a come and go prayer vigil in the back garden courtyard.

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4 & 7 PM – both services will have carols, scriptures, a sermon, communion and candlelight! If you child or teen would like to participate in a nativity re-enactment, reach out to Pastor Stefanie to let her know which service you will be attending.

The office will be closed 12/28-31. Ashley will be checking in occasionally during the week. Please keep this in mind for your end of the year giving.