The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

November 9, 2025 at 10:00am



From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 27 YEAR C) Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude *Musicians*

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Gathering Rites / Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Gathering Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.

Hymnal 1982, #408 - Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



Section: Praise to God Title: Sing praise to God who reigns above Meter: 87. 87. 887 Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

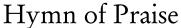
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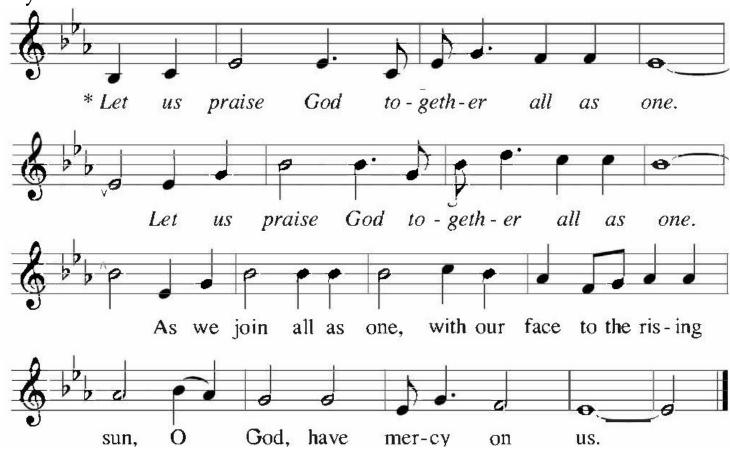
Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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 Savior. Amen.





Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Child came into the world to destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as Christ is pure; that, when Christ comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Christ in Christ's eternal and glorious kindom; where Christ lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated
The First Reading

Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives, who at the last will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another." Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 17:1-9

We pray the psalm responsively by whole verse

Hear my plea of innocence, O God; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

From the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

As to the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Christ, we beg you, siblings, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of our God is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. The lawless one opposes and exalts themself above every so-called god or object of worship, taking their seat in the temple of God, declaring themself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, siblings beloved by our God, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose God called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. So then, siblings, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

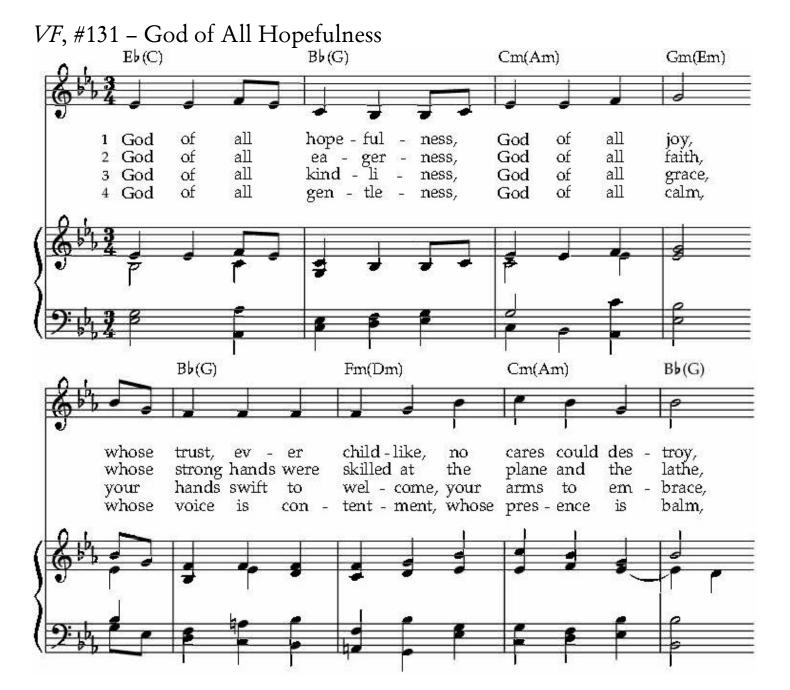
Now may our Savior Jesus Christ and God our Creator, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.





Section: The Christian Life Title: Lord of all hopefulness Meter: 10 10. 10 Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) Music: Slane, Irish traditional melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927; harm, The Hymnal 1982 Copyright: Words: © Oxford University Press, New York, NY 10016. Music: Harm. © 1985 The Church Pension Fund (admin. Church Publishing Incorporated, New York, NY 10016). All rights reserved. Used by permission.

The Gospel Luke 20:27-38

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. People Glory to you, O Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry

the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Holy One as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now our God is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to God all of them are alive."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Priest-in-Charge

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is the historic statement of faith of the Church. It helps to knit the Church together across peoples and places, time and space. We pray it together as a single body, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.



Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Loving God, that all who praise your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion, for the Episcopal Church, for our presiding bishop, Sean, and our diocesan bishop, Julia. We pray for all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St. Paul; St. Mark's Church, Foxborough; St. John's Church, Franklin; Good Shepherd, Attleboro; and for The Diocesan Convention. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else in the Church do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Either in silence or aloud, for which peoples and leaders of the world do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Either in silence or aloud, for what in God's creation do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Either in silence or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks in our lives today? (You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.)

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; all those who suffer from addiction or depression; all those who live in and with fear; and all those who may need encouragement and uplift. Give them courage and hope, and bring them the joy of your peace and salvation. We pray especially for the family and friends of Kirsten; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; Paul Friedman; Terry; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the peoples and ministries of the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kindom. We pray for Kirsten Walker Rota. And we remember especially Rosemary Pierron, in whose memory today's flowers are given. Either in silence or aloud, whom do we remember today by name? (You are invited to offer names.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer for the Social Order (BCP p. 824)

Intercessor Together let us pray.

All O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and

truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Presider offers a collect

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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

All O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

Silence

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

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt. 11:28-30).

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

The Presider offers instructions for communion, and bids the offertory sentence.

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Pilgrims' Hymn

Even before we call on Your name

To ask You, O God,

When we seek for the words to glorify You,

You hear our prayer;

Unceasing love, O unceasing love,

Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever, And unto ages and ages, Amen

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

The Doxology - Old Hundredth

Please rise as you are comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Holy One our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

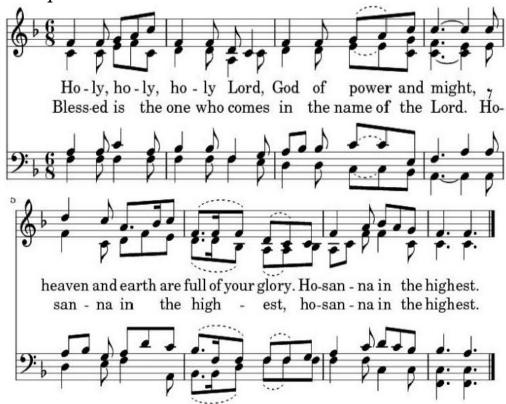
Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Presider offers a Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People



Please rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.

The 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before Jesus died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to Jesus's command, O God,

Presider and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [______and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say whichever version of the Lord's Prayer moves you.

Presider

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kindom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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 kindom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. We who are many are one body;
People For we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Jesus says, "Come and see."

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

Gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let the priest know when you come for communion.

If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(The following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn

You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.

Hymnal 1982, #466 - Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart



Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: Eternal light, shine in my heart Meter: LM Words: Christopher Idle (b. 1938), from a prayer of Alcuin (735?-804) Music: *Jacob*, Jane Manton Marshall (b. 1924) Copyright: Words: © 1982 by Jubilate Hymns (admin. by Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL. 60188). All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music: © 1984 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Postcommunion Prayer

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

People and Presider

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ,

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

in the promise of Christ's love, which defeats evil and death, and grant us strength and courage,

in face of fear and doubt,

through the power of the Holy Spirit,

to be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, to love and serve you,

to seek justice and to live in peace,

with gladness and singleness of heart;

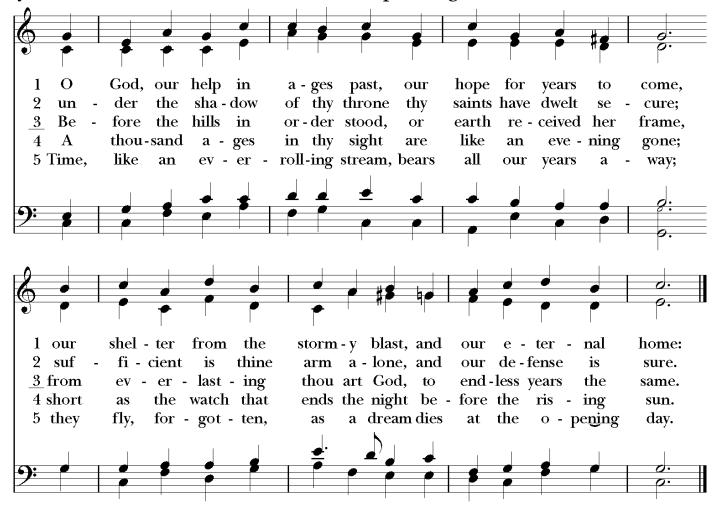
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer is an adaptation from the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Expansive Edition) and the Statement of Faith from the Iona Abbey Worship Book (2001).

Blessing

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #680 - O God, Our Help In Ages Past



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Section: The Christian Life Title: O God, our help in ages past Meter: CM Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90 Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Presider Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God, God's people, and God's world.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Choir

Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,
may the God that loves us all
hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

arr. Joyce Eilers Bacak (1941-2009)



TODAY'S LITURGY

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – Priest-in-Charge
Phil Whitbeck – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm
Tricia Tyler – Lector of Second Reading
Carter Lustig – Acolyte
Mary Lou Pierron – Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister
Brenda Carter – Pianist
Ellie Pandorf and Amy Trueblood – Altar Guild
Eliza Blay – Usher/Attendance
David Montgomery and Kathryn Anderson – Counters
Will Holz – Tech

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PRAYERS

In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; St. Mark's Church, Foxborough; St. John's Church, Franklin; Good Shepherd, Attleboro; and for The Diocesan Convention.

Parish Prayer List - Prayers are Requested for:

The family and friends of Kirsten; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; Paul Friedman; Terry; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are donated by Mary Lou Pierron for the glory of God and in loving memory of Rosemary Pierron, who would have been 100 years old this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening at the Parish of St. Paul - Save the Dates!

- Sunday, November 16: Jason von Ehrenkrook, Guest Preacher
- Sunday, November 23: Stewardship Ingathering
- Sunday, November 30: Advent Wreath Making After Church

Stewardship Season

We have begun our stewardship campaign. Hopefully by now you have received your stewardship material in the mail. Extra copies of the material are also available on the table at the entrance to the church. Over the next few weeks, please bring images or words with you to contribute to our parish triptych of the spiritual influences you bring with you to POSP; of who we are now as a POSP community; and to whom and where we go in the world because of how we are fed and spiritually nourished at POSP. If you have photos you'd like printed, please email them to Rev. Meghan at meghan@parishofstpaul.org

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an inperson conversation about something of concern. Rev. Meghan or our pastoral care intern, Jason von Ehrenkrook, are available to meet with you.

Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners and *lots* of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.

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Scan to sign up to receive the newsletter



Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.



Staff and Office Hours

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody - office@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

Vestry

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting is on November 19.

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Elected Parish Leaders

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: David Montgomery and Mary Lou Pierron Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Mary Lou Pierron; alternate Kim Koger

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