

JANUARY 10, 2021

# SUNDAY NOTES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

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We are glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please [fill out our welcome card](#). A member of the clergy or staff will reach out.

## TODAY

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### **Baptism of Our Lord**

*Sunday, January 10th*

Join us for Morning Prayer on the First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord. The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach preaches.

### **Meet Brandon**

*Sunday, January 10, 10 a.m.*

Join us as we gather as an online congregation for a cup of virtual coffee to welcome our new Assistant Rector, The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft. [LINK](#)

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

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Our prayer list is still active! Call the Parish Office, (216) 932-5815, if you have an addition to the list. Click the link for this week's prayer list. [LINK](#)

## STEWARDSHIP

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Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to St. Paul's by [using this link](#). Gifts of any size help us fulfill our mission, sustain our ministries, and enable us to provide hope and healing.

Due to severe mail delays, we've noted gifts and pledges arriving as many as three weeks after check dates. If you arranged gifts through a donor advised account or an IRA before year-end, it would be helpful to confirm whether we received them.

We will soon send out year-end giving statements. Please check these statements carefully to ensure we recorded all your gifts accurately. Remember, you can check your giving records at any time by [signing in to your account in Realm](#).

## THIS WEEK

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### **Compline**

*Wednesday, January 6, 8 p.m.*

Join us for this peaceful service of prayer to end the day.

### **Spirituality on the Silver Screen**

*Thursday, January 14, 7 p.m.*

For 2021, we'll watch the film on our own and then, for about an hour, we'll talk about the movie, its spiritual themes, and learn why our host selected it on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m., we'll gather over Zoom to discuss. [Learn more and register here](#).

### **Food Drive**

*Saturday, January 16, 9 - 11 a.m.*

More than 250,000 of our Cleveland neighbors are food insecure and are not sure of where their food will come from. Help our city by participating in this month's food drive.

## SAVE THE DATE

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### **Annual Meeting**

*Sunday, January 24, 10 a.m.*

Gather as a parish to reflect on 2020 and look ahead to the coming year. In addition, the 2021 Budget will be presented, and we'll give thanks to outgoing Vestry members and elect new members. We'll use our Zoom Coffee Hour link and time, so [register here if you haven't already](#).

### **A Wrinkle In Time**

*Saturday, January 30, 7 p.m.*

Proudly presented by CAST, St. Paul's Youth brings to life this timeless sci-fi classic about a misfit girl who must travel to another planet to save her father and find her courage. Starring Celia Doherty as Meg Murray and directed by Thomas Vodrey. Email Lauren for the Zoom link: [ldockery@stpauls-church.org](mailto:ldockery@stpauls-church.org)



JANUARY 10, 2021 — THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
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# MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE Greensleeves (What child is this)

*Richard Purvis*

HYMN No. 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

*Deus tuorum militum*



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  
 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  
 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.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant* I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **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.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

*Venite Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

PSALM

*Psalm 29*

*All*

**1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \***

**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \***

**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

**3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;**

**the God of glory thunders; \***

**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \***

**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

**5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \***

**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \***

**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

**7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;**

**the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \***

**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \***

**and strips the forests bare.**

**9 And in the temple of the Lord \***

**all are crying, "Glory!"**

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \***

**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

**11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \***

**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE 16 *The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### SECOND LESSON

*Mark 1:4-11*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Officiant* On this Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, let us renew the covenant we made in our Baptism.

*Officiant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Officiant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Officiant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Officiant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Officiant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All* **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, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

*Officiant* O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## COMMISSIONING OF A NEW PRIEST

*Jeanne* Today we celebrate a new blessing as we welcome The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft as our Assistant Rector. We begin this journey with intention, with community, and with prayer.

*Jeanne* Let us pray.

God of all new beginnings, we ask for your presence and blessing among us as we welcome Brandon into our congregation. Thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We pray for Brandon, that he may carry out his ministry among us with faithfulness and joy. We pray that he thrives here in his new role as he leads us in worship, outreach, and pastoral care.

Brandon, do you, in presence of faithful gathered here virtually, commit yourself to this new role and to this congregation?

*Brandon* I, Brandon, commit myself to you, the people of St. Paul's as your priest and pastor, bringing my strengths and weaknesses, my hopes and concerns, my gifts and talents bestowed on me by God's grace, and will endeavor, with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

*Jeanne* Since we cannot be physically together to pray with you, I'll address the next question to our Senior Warden Liz Patterson, who will speak on behalf of the congregation.

Do you, the people of St. Paul's, commit yourselves to share in ministry with Brandon?

*Liz* We the people of St. Paul's, commit ourselves to you as one of our priests and pastors, bringing our strengths and weaknesses, our hopes and concerns, our gifts and talents bestowed on us by God's Grace, and will endeavor with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

*Jessie* May God bless our ministry in the years to come. Grant that we who serve here together will always rejoice in your glory, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SEQUENCE MUSIC There's a wideness in God's mercy

*Children's & Youth Choirs*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form II*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, Arthur, and Bill, our Bishops; for Jeanne, Jessie, and Brandon, our priests; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Officiant* God of ages, in your sight nations rise and fall and pass through times of peril. Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and to save. May leaders be led by your wisdom; may they search for your will and see it clearly. In any ways we have turned from your way, help us to reverse them. Give us your light and your truth to guide us; through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of this world, and our Savior.

*People* **Amen.**

#### A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*All* **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

HYMN No. 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

*Caithness*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,  
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call  
 4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.  
 free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

POSTLUDE Allegro from Sonata No. 1 in E-flat

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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<i>Officiant</i>	Jessie Dodson	<i>Lectors</i>	Sam Hartwell, Jeffrey Shook, Faith Shook
<i>Preacher</i>	Jeanne Leinbach	<i>Musicians</i>	Karel Paukert, Hannah Koby, Elizabeth Frey, Brian Skoog
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	Brandon Ashcraft		

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