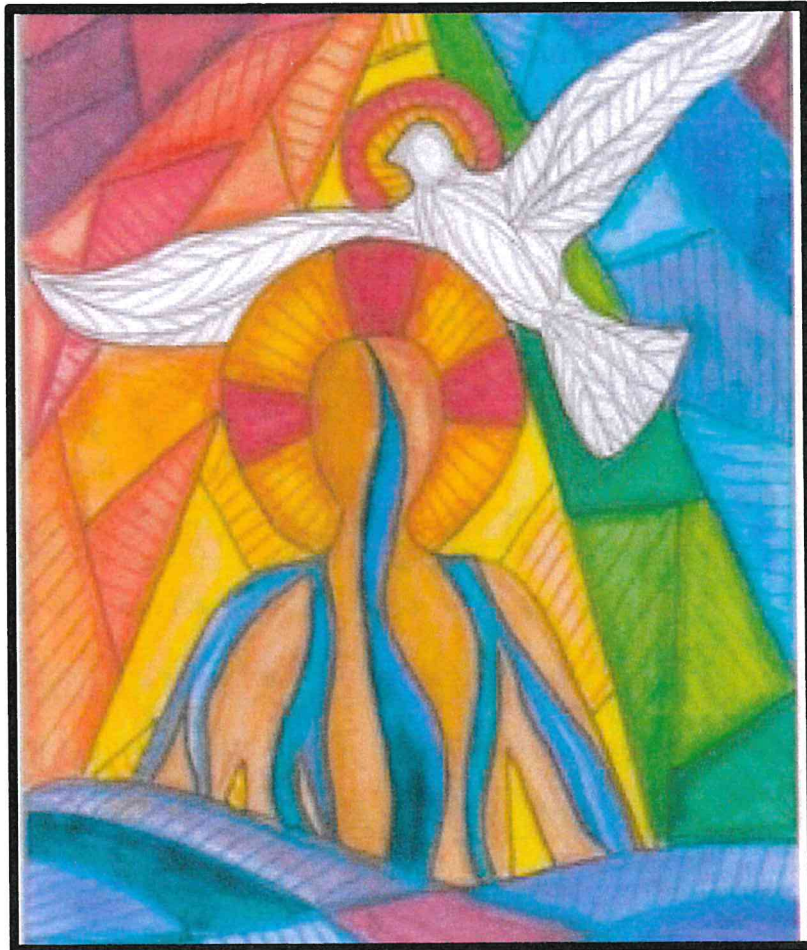


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*



Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2020, 10:30 A.M.

"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."

The Rule of St. Benedict

Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn # 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

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

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis S 280

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.

The Collect of the Day - Baptism of Our Lord

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 29

Lector Let us read Psalm 29 responsively,

29:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,*
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;*
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

29:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders,*
the LORD, over mighty waters.

- 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful,*
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 29:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,*
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 29:6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,*
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 29:7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 29:8 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,*
and strips the forest bare;
- 29:9 And in his temple*
all say, "Glory!"
- 29:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood,*
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- 29:11 May the LORD give strength to his people!*
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

The Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

Then Peter began to speak to them "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
 People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation # 124 What star is this, that beams so bright Vs. 4, 5

Unison or harmony

4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" _But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest Let us join in recommitting ourselves to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.

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

People I do.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Priest 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.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Priest 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.

Priest May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us 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. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(At the following words, the Priest touches the water.)

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Priest asperges the people with holy water and these words. The people respond by saying "Amen" and may make the sign of the cross.

Priest Remember your baptism!

People **Amen!**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence*)

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation,
especially for those affected by the fires in Australia;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff, our Diocesan Bishop, and for all other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For Congregations in the Aurora Deanery: Incarnation, St. Luke's Philippine Independent Church and 1st Asian Church in Bloomingdale; St. Benedict in Bolingbrook; Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills; St. Andrew in Downers Grove; Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: San Pedro in Veracruz; Glory Church in Renk
People Lord hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(Silence) (The People may add their own petitions.)

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Silence) (The People may add their own thanksgivings.)

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(Silence) (The People may add their own petitions.)

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you!
People: **And also with you!**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence

This is what the Lord asks of you and only this: that you act justly,
love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Offertory Anthem

The St. Paul's Choirs

Let Joyful Music fill the Air Peter Cornelius, Arr., Hal Hopson

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and
betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through
prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And
in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a
woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of
freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly
chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all
those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord S 129

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

Priest

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Priest

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rachel, Rebekah, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Priest

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom 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 have sinned 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 forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread and wine at the Lord's table. We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.

Communion Hymn # 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

Prayer after Communion

Priest Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Epiphany Blessing

Priest

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago

Member of the Episcopal Church

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Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available

Sundays 10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education: *Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.*

Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May

Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Our Wardens and Vestry

Maureen Gerrity, Warden, Pat Brown, Treasurer,

Rebecca Smith, Clerk, Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson	Presiding Clergy
Peg Newby	Eucharistic Minister
Dick Downen	Lector
Jacob Maas	Intercessor
Cliff and Marilyn Cleland	Ushers
Peg Newby	Altar Guild
Betsy Pool	Flower Guild
Lori Judkins	Coffee Hour
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Nursery

Today, Sunday, January 12, 2020, Baptism of Our Lord		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Kids Hope USA Meeting	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Nursery and Childcare Available	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
"Mysteries of Taize" Class	12:15 P.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - January 12, 2020 through January 19, 2020				
Mon	Jan 13	Endowment Committee	6:00 P.M.	Conf. Room
Wed	Jan 15	OakCrest Service	2:00 P.M.	OakCrest
Thu	Jan 16	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Jan 16	Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Jan 19	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery/ Childcare	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Vestry Meeting.	12:00 P.M.	Conf. Room

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

Mysteries of Taize - Sundays 12:15-1:30 PM

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson will offer a class on the overall mysticism of the Taizé experience, exploring how candles, silent meditation, prayers, readings, and song work together to support both an individual and corporate meditative practice that has the ability to soothe our busy lives. Begins next week, **January 12th, at 12:15 P.M., and continues Sunday, January 26th and Sunday, February 2nd.** (No class on January 19th.)

The Adult/Youth and Children's Choirs

All Choir rehearsals resume for the new year on Thursday, **January 16th.**

Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Friday, January 24th, 2020** at 6:30 PM at the home of Mary Short. The discussion will center on Chapter 5, "A Complicated God" from the book *The Changing Face of God*.

Food Pantry Collection is This Week

Parishioners are reminded that this **Sunday, January 12th**, is be Food Pantry Sunday. Please place your donations in the baskets provided. No glass jars, please. **Contributions may be made at any time during the month, not just today.** We hope that everyone will participate, even in a small way.

Annual Meetings

The Annual Budget Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **February 2nd**. This is an informational meeting to explain the 2020 Budget. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, **February 9th** at 9:00 AM. Voting will be held for Vestry Members and Diocesan Convention delegates. Light breakfast will be provided at each meeting.

All Parishioners! Come to the Parish Cafe!

So that we can all continue fellowship and welcome newcomers, please plan on taking coffee or tea (with savories and sweets) on Sundays after church at our Parish Cafe. Many of us are enjoying conversation and connections there. We recall when people have joined us and how we invited them for coffee after church and they joined us there, bringing their enthusiasm and energy and faith. We recall, too, people who bring the blessings of their family life and wonderful food to our Parish Cafe. **This is the place to be.** Please plan on coming and staying awhile as often as possible.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

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