

## ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

*A parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church (ACNA)*

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### REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Holy Communion** – Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

**Christian Education** – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Morning Prayer** – Fridays at 8:30 a.m. (begins Feb. 20)

**Evening Prayer** – Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

**Worship Etiquette:** Children are warmly encouraged to worship with us. Please remember to turn your cellphone and/or wristwatch to silent.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for you are in the House of the Lord. Speak to God before the service; let God speak to you during the service; and speak to each other after the service.

**Invitation to Holy Communion:** Our fellow baptized Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, and who love our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table.



# St. Paul's Anglican Church

## Septuagesima

*Pre-Lenten Season*



## The Order for Holy Communion Feb. 1, 2026

*Celebrant: The Rev. Damien C. Grout*

*A house of prayer. Faithful to the word of Christ.*

*A place of hope for Rockbridge County.*



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The Province of the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA)*



## The Order for Holy Communion

<u>Hymnal</u>	<u>Prayer Book</u>
	Psalm 20 364
545-1	Processional: <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>
	<b>The Order for Holy Communion</b> 67
	The Collect for Purity 67
709	<i>Kyrie Eleison</i> 70
	The Collect for the Day 118
	The Old Testament: Joshua 1:1-9
	The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 119
511	Gradual: <i>Jesus, Thou Divine Companion (vv. 1-2, 3)</i>
	The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16 119
	The Nicene Creed 71
	Welcome & Announcements
577	Sermon Hymn: <i>Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve</i>
	The Sermon Fr. Damien Grout
	The Offertory
139	Doxology: <i>Old Hundredth</i>
	Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church 74
	Invitation & General Confession 75
	Absolution & Comfortable Words 76
797	<i>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus</i>
	The Prayers of Consecration, Oblation & Invocation 80-81
	The Lord's Prayer & Prayer of Humble Access 82
706	<i>Agnus Dei</i>
	Communion of the People 82-83
449	Communion Hymn: <i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i> (sung softly, kneeling/seated*)
	The Prayer of Thanksgiving 83
	<i>Gloria in excelsis</i> 84
	The Blessing 84
568	Recessional: <i>On Our Way Rejoicing</i>

## WELCOME!

If you are visiting St. Paul's today, please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the alms basin and sign the guest book in the narthex to let us know you were here. Join us after the service for coffee hour in the undercroft below the sanctuary.

## PRAYER LIST

**Parish:** oan H., Melissa, Brady, Reggie, Diane, Mickey, Mary F., Ryan, Jonathan G., Tom M. Mary Y., Robert, Liz, Bob S., George & Janet, Stone & Sarah, Shay, Carol, Annette, Becka

### **Departed:**

**Clergy:** Fr. Alex Marlowe & Fr. Mike DuCharme, Johnson City Anglican Mission, Johnson City, TN; for the REC in Cuba

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dick Jones, Feb. 5  
Fr. Rich Workowski, Feb. 7

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Sunday, February 8 at 11:00 am** we will celebrate Holy Communion for Sexagesima (approximately 60 days until Easter) and the second Sunday before Lent. **We will also meet for Christian Education at 10:00 am in the undercroft.**

**St. Paul's Annual Business Meeting:** We will let you know the date of the rescheduled annual business meeting as soon as possible.

**The Daily Office: We are hoping to meet this Wed. Feb. 4 for Evening Prayer.** Because of unpredictable winter weather we will not meet for in-person Fri. Morning Prayer until Lent later in February.

**Looking Ahead:** Lent is quickly approaching, please plan to join us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tues., Feb. 17 and for Ash Wednesday Service on Wed. Feb. 18, which marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent and approximately 40 days (not counting Sundays) until Easter Day, Sunday, April 5.

## THE “GESIMA” SUNDAYS AND THE PRE-LENTEN SEASON

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There have been many joyous events these last few weeks — the Incarnation or birth of Jesus, His Naming and Circumcision, His manifestation to the Gentiles and His Baptism which revealed the Holy Trinity. We knew as we celebrated His Incarnation that He was born for us and that He would die for us. We knew as His blood was spilled in circumcision and He was presented in the Temple, putting Him under the Law, that His blood would be spilled on the Cross and become the perfect sacrifice for our sins to redeem us from the Law. We saw that the Gentile Magi who found Him had to return by a different way, as the way of all who find him must be different after finding Him. And after His Baptism, Jesus spent forty days in the desert before beginning His public ministry, wherein He will be tempted by the devil to make Himself into the various false Messiahs which fallen men still make him. We will soon imitate those 40 days to deepen our love, devotion, and union with our Lord Jesus in the season of Lent and we pray we will see more astonishing things about our Savior— and ourselves.

The gesima Sundays are a time to treasure in our hearts all the “epiphanies” we received during Christmas and Epiphanytide which bestowed upon us a wondrous vision of who Jesus is and a time to prepare ourselves for our own journey with Him into the wilderness and to the Cross. It won’t be easy, we will learn that Lent will require of us self-examination, acts of repentance and a genuine longing for a new way of being in Christ. But we will also be reminded of God’s great consolation to us in Christ, His grace and mercy, His healing Salvation and covenantal lovingkindness to all those who, by the working of the Holy Spirit, see and follow Him to the end by faith. The gesimas are a count down - 70, 60, 50 days until Man’s Salvation bursts upon Death, our last enemy, and rises to Life Everlasting.

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