

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION
5th Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta
***Please stand as able**

Welcome & Life at St. Paul's (Announcements)

Prelude: "Were You There" Amy Glock

***Greeting**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Create in us clean hearts, O God

And renew a right spirit within us.

Give to us wisdom in our secret heart

So that we will be filled with joy and gladness.

***Opening Hymn:** "Lift High the Cross" #159
(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)

Prayers of the People of God / The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Children's Message: "Heroes of the Holy Week" Andrea Rider

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken" Amy Glock, piano

***The Doxology** **#95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10

***Gloria Patri** #70

***Gospel Lesson:** John 12:20-33

***Congregational Response**

Hymn: "Pass It On" #572

Sermon: "Written on Our Hearts"

***Closing Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" #378

***Benediction**

Postlude: "The Old Rugged Cross" Amy Glock

Children's Worship/Activities this morning. *Children may go with Sandy Brown and Andrea Rider following the Children's Message.*

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and in honor of Miriam Shellenberger's 90th birthday on March 20th, presented with love from her family.

Those who serve this morning:

Sandy Brown, *Children's Worship*

Amy Glock, *Clavinova & Piano; Scripture Reader*

Luke & Emma Jamison; Ryann & Remy McDaniel, *Angels In Training*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video Techs*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message & Worship*

Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website (www.saintpaulsredlion.com). On the home page you will find a link to submit an online prayer request. When you fill out and submit it, the office and pastor will be notified about it. This is open to all, even those who are not a part of our church family.

Inclement Weather Policy – With winter weather upon us, we wanted to remind you of our policy. We will make every effort to have the church open, but if this is not possible, you will be notified through the following venues:

- Mass email
- Facebook post
- Will be posted on ABC TV 27 Closing Notices

If you are unable to ascertain our status from any of the above, you can call Pastor Chris' cell phone at 570-529-3466. The bottom line is that each of you must decide for yourselves how safe it is to come to church. Please err on the side of caution.

Upcoming 2024 Community Lenten Services Schedule- All services start at 6:00 PM:

- **Sunday, Mar. 17: Highmount Community Church**, Guest preacher, Josh Wargo

The March/April edition of The Upper Room is now out on the desk at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as on the table inside the center tower entrance for your convenience.

Children & Youth Programs for 2024 – In addition to the descriptive flyer in your bulletin, there are Sign-up Forms for these different programs on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Maundy Thursday services will be held on March 28th in the adult Sunday School room at 12 Noon and at 7 PM. Come and partake of Holy Communion at the Lord's table as we come together to observe our Lord's impending sacrifice for our sins on Good Friday.

Hungry?? There are extra containers of frozen Shepard's Pie left in the freezer off of the kitchen from Monday night's Community Meal. Please help yourself. Donations accepted, but not necessary. See Wanda Strickler with any questions.

He Lives! Easter Sunday Service – please join us Sunday, March 31st as we celebrate our risen Lord and His win over death and the grave. Let us rejoice and be thankful for this ultimate sacrifice He has done for us!

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PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 10:00 AM



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Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Flower and Bulletin Sponsors for 2024—The 2024 sign-up register is now in the church office on the desk if you want to reserve a date for the coming year. A 2-set of altar vases is still just \$40.00 and bulletin sponsorship is \$25.00. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday to honor or memorialize someone special in your life.

Ushers & Head Ushers, Greeters and Scripture Readers are needed for our worship service each week. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome to participate and new faces are always welcome. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the rear of the sanctuary where you can sign up for any of these. Please consider helping out with these portions of our service so that our program is complete. Thank you.

Card Ministry – our visitation team has placed some cards in a box on the table at the rear of the sanctuary which you are encouraged to add a brief note in and sign for our shut-ins. St. Paul's will then put postage on these and mail them to brighten up their day between visits by our Pastor and the Visitation Team. While there may not always be cards there each week, please check the box regularly and write in them when there are some available. Won't you help to brighten up someone's day a little? Nothing to buy, but much to give someone for so little effort!

An added feature to our website – under the Online Giving category, a "miscellaneous" option has been added. This feature can now be used if you wish to pay online for flowers, sandwich sales, special events – anything that is apart from the standard items listed there now. Please note that you will need to call or email the church office to let us know what the payment is for, as there isn't a way to indicate this information online. Thank you.

There are various sign-up sheets on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for you to peruse with many opportunities for you to participate here at St. Paul's. Please check them out and consider helping with one or more of these won't you? We need your help and involvement to keep St. Paul's going! Thank you.

Prayer Requests Reminder—If you have a prayer request you would like to share with Pastor Chris and/or the congregation, please fill out one of the cards located in the pews and hand it to one of the ushers during the opening hymn. The card also has a side where you can indicate if you want the request spoken in the service, or

kept for private prayer time, please be sure to mark that as well.

Adult Sunday School- Join us Sunday mornings for our Adult Sunday School class. From 9:00 to 9:40 AM, we meet in the Lounge. We are reading and discussing the book of Luke. Please let Pastor Chris know if you are interested or have questions.

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing? You can put those skills to work to help others. Memorial White Rose Hospice is asking for donations of handmade scarves and blankets. They are especially in need of items for men. Veterans in particular love to receive anything in red, white and blue.

Another project is making soaker pads for the residents of Homewood Homes in Hanover. All you need to make them is a sewing machine, some flannel fabric and the ability to sew a straight (or almost straight) seam. Instructions and samples can be found on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

If you don't have the time or the ability to make any of these items, but would like to donate yarn or flannel for others to use, that would be most welcome also.

There is a box at the rear of the sanctuary for you to put your donations of supplies or completed items. If you have any questions, see Emily Shellenberger or Wanda Strickler. Thank you very much.

Please Note- Wi-Fi access in the church is now available via the St. Paul's Guest network. There is no password required.

For your information – our new trash hauler, Republic Services, will be coming in to empty our dumpster every other Monday morning. Please keep this in mind when parking in the lot and avoid parking in the spaces directly out from the dumpster on a Monday so they can access it with the truck. Otherwise, it will not get emptied for another two weeks. Thank you.

St. Paul's Leadership Team will meet tomorrow evening, Monday, March 18th at 7:00 PM in the lounge. All Team members are encouraged to attend if at all possible.

When mailing something into the church, here is an example of how our address should appear on the envelope or package coming to us:

**St Paul's Church of Red Lion
45 First Ave
P O Box 250
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250**

If the P. O. Box # is not in the address, your mail will be returned to you by the Post Office, causing delays and added re-mailing costs. Thank you for keeping this in mind as you send correspondence into St. Paul's.

The church office is requesting your help- if you know of a member of St. Paul's, or have a family member that is confined at home or to a health care facility, please make the office aware of this and where they are located. We have been trying to keep this list up-to-date, but do not want to overlook anyone or have incorrect information at hand. This list will be used for Pastor/member visitation, bulletin mailings (if asked for) and correspondence from St. Paul's - all to keep these folks connected to what's going on here. If these folks would like to receive a copy of the weekly bulletin, or The Upper Room devotional, let us know that as well and we will see that these are mailed to them. Also, if you would like to be a part of the visitation team here at St. Paul's, please see Pastor Chris or let the church office know, along with any information pertaining to shut-ins/home-bound members. To date, Joni Horne, Mary Loyer and Jodi Sprenkle have volunteered for this team. ***Also, please let the church office know if you have a family member that would like a visit from St. Paul's Pastor or the Visitation Team and we will see that info is passed along.*** Thank you.

2024 Offering Envelopes- there are still some offering envelopes out on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for pick up. In an effort to reduce waste and costs, we have re-assigned envelope numbers to some. Not all of you will see a change in your envelope number. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil, March 29th - our sanctuary will be open from 9 AM – 4 PM for you to come in and pray. A sign-up sheet is out in the rear of the sanctuary that you can sign-up for 15 minute increments (or longer) during the day. A pamphlet will be available to help guide you in your time of solemn prayer and repentance to our Lord on this day.

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM 4th Sunday in Lent (sanctuary)
Community Lenten Service/Highmount Community Church
with Josh Wargo speaking - 6:00 PM
St. Patrick's Day

Monday, Mar. 18th: Preschool 9:00 AM,
Leadership Team 7:00 PM (lounge)

Tuesday, Mar. 19th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, Mar. 20th : Preschool Plus 9:00 AM -1:00 PM
Joy-El Kids 1:30-3:00 PM (adult SS)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Thursday, Mar. 21st: Preschool 9:00 AM
R.L./Felton Band Practice 6:30 PM (FH)

Friday, Mar. 22nd: Preschool 9:00 AM
Kid's Night Out 6 – 8 PM (adult SS)

Saturday, Mar. 23rd:

Sunday, Mar. 24th: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM **PALM SUNDAY** (sanctuary)

Large print versions of today's bulletin are located on the back of the last pew at the rear of the sanctuary to the right side of the center aisle for your convenience. Please feel free to take one.

For those who give electronically, but would like to have something to put into the offering plate, there are cards on the table and the pedestal stand at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Just a reminder that St. Paul's still offers various Gift Cards for sale. Order Forms for these are on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. A portion of each sale comes back to St. Paul's. See Wanda Strickler with any questions. Thank you!