

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta

*Please stand as able

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

Prelude: "Birthday of a King" Amy Glock

***Greeting**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Sing praises to the Lord, who has done marvelous things.

Let it be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

For in our midst is the Holy One of God.

***Opening Hymn:** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240
(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Luke and Emily Shellenberger & Family

Hymn #218: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (verse 2 only)

Children's Message: "Colors of Christmas: **Light** (White)" Andrea Rider

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings -

Offertory: "I Wonder as I Wander" Amy Glock

***The Doxology** #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

***Gloria Patri** #70

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:7-18

***Congregational Response:** "Thanks be to God and Amen".

***Hymn:** "Away in a Manger" #217

Sermon: "Rejoice Always and Bear Fruit"

***Closing Hymn:** "The First Noel" #245

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Mary's Little Boy Child" Amy Glock

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

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory and honor of God! May these flowers cause us to rejoice in God's creation and to "bear fruit" in all that we do in our lives.

The white rosebud

on the altar honors the life of Darothy (Dottie) Neff who passed away December 10th at 101 years young. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Those who serve this morning:

Amy Glock, *Clavinova/Piano*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Our Angels In Training

Heath Pawlak, *Music Director*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message*

Luke, Emily Shellenberger & Family, *Advent Reading & Candles*

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.

Live-streaming of St. Paul's services- There are instructions that detail how you can access this feature through YouTube on your computer, phone, tablet or smart TV on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Sunday School Teen Class continues to meet in the sanctuary from 9:00 – 9:40 AM. Please see the flyers on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for more information. Contact Becky Nauta with further questions/inquiries.

Our 2025 Offering Envelopes are out on the table at the rear of the sanctuary ready for pick-up. They are in alphabetical order. As in previous years, if you see a relative's or a neighbor's, consider taking them along and dropping them off to them. They would probably appreciate the thought and the visit!

The January-February 2025 issue of The Upper Room and the January-February-March 2025 issue of Our Daily Bread devotionals are out on the desk at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as the literature table inside the center tower entrance for your convenience.

A big "thank you" goes out to all those who stepped up to help us with Monday night's Community Meal – both constant and new folks. It was going to be "touch & go" at the start with many of our cooking staff absent, but those who stepped in helped to save the day. We served the most meals of the year Monday night at 219 meals, so everybody's help was most appreciated. Thank you! *Wanda Strickler*

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make our first Holly Jolly Kid's Christmas at St. Paul's a success: *Ronda Vasellas, Carissa Eveler, Tanya Kurzmiller, Lynne & Hap McDaniel, Emily Shellenberger, Savannah Shellenberger, Angelica Gephardt and Rowan Sinclair.* Andrea Rider

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PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024 10:00 AM



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Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Flower and Bulletin Sponsors—The sign-up register is in the church office on the desk if you want to reserve a date for the balance of the year. A 2-set of altar vases is still just \$40.00 and bulletin sponsorship is \$25.00

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.

Card Ministry – our visitation team continues to place 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.

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 the request is to be spoken or kept private.

St. Paul's Church – I would like to create a team of congregation members to work with me to plan and implement programs for the children and youth of St. Paul's Church. All are welcome to be a part of the team. Please call me at 717-449-9942 or email me at andrestpaulschurch@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to join the team. Please know that you are never too old to impact a child's life and faith journey. Thank you!
Andrea Rider

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.

Mission Central is asking for monetary donations to prepare Flood Buckets and other essentials to be sent to the areas hit by hurricane Helene and now Milton. Another support agency that is appealing for help for the flood victims is **UMCOR**. Please remember these folks in their time of need – they need our help! If you care to contribute to either of these agencies, checks can be made out to St. Paul's Church of Red Lion and in the memo line, specify which organization you want it to be directed to. St. Paul's will then direct these funds to that agency. Thank you.

Tree of Lights – St. Paul's is again offering this for the Advent season as a way for you to honor or memorialize a loved one, or to give a year-end gift to the church. Please see the Order Form in today's bulletin for more details. ***The last day to submit these to ensure publication in the Christmas Eve bulletin is Monday, December 16th.*** Thank you.

Fundraiser – The results of the survey are in. The “big” fundraiser will be in the Summer time. With that being said, first thank you for everyone who participated in the survey and second I have scheduled the following dates for meeting times to start the planning process for activities, ideas, etc. Please consider coming to the following meetings on January 13, 2025 @6:30 PM and February 10, 2025 @6:30 PM, both in the lounge.

Our next fundraiser will be a soup fundraiser, we will open this to the church congregation only for sales. Our goal is that everyone would be able to sell 10 soups. The soup flavors will be chicken corn and ham & bean. After we receive the orders depending on the amounts we will consider opening it up to the public and posting on community social media pages for sales as well and or offering sales during the Community meal. Reach out to Megan Jamison with questions or concerns @ 717-818-0258. See the flyer in today’s bulletin.

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 Our Daily Bread and/or 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. Joni Horne and Mary Loyer 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.

Looking Ahead – New Years Eve Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner – We need many helpers for seating people, in the kitchen to cook, to help serve and for clean-up after the dinner. Also, we want to offer home-made cakes and pies for dessert, so we need lots of cakes and pies baked or provided! Please consider helping with this outreach event that has been so popular over the years here at St. Paul’s. See Wanda Strickler to volunteer to help or to bake, or with any questions you may have. Thank you! **Additionally, we will need lots of volunteers to help with pulling the pork prior to the meal. We plan to do that on Monday, December 30th at 3 PM.** Please let Wanda Strickler know if you are able to assist with this as well. Thank you.

This Week’s Activities at St. Paul’s

Today: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Teen Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (sanctuary)
Worship 10:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday, Dec. 16th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cubs God & Family/Church Classes 6 PM (FH & Scout R.)

Tuesday, Dec. 17th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, Dec. 18th: Preschool (Field Trip)
Joy-El Kids – Christmas Party 1:30 – 3:00 PM (FH)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs-last mtg. of year)

Thursday, Dec. 19th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Friday, Dec. 20th Preschool 9:00 AM
Youth Fun Night 7-9 PM (adult SS)

Saturday, Dec. 21st:

Sunday, Dec. 22nd: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Teen Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (sanctuary)
Worship 10:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent
Neighborhood Caroling following worship 11:15 AM
Hot Chocolate following the caroling (adult SS)

Large Print Bulletins are available on the back of the last pew along the center aisle at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

We continue to recycle empty ink and toner cartridges for credit towards office supplies. There are collection boxes located on the table at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as under the literature table in the center tower entrance to place these. Thank you for your support!

Don’t forget – St. Paul’s still offers gifts cards for sale. Order forms that list what’s available are on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. A portion of each sale comes back to St. Paul’s. All of these spend just like any other gift card does and contains the full \$\$ amount as marked. This is a good way to do your Christmas shopping while helping St. Paul’s at the same time!



SOUP-er Excited to Share

Join us for a heartwarming event featuring homemade soups crafted with love by our community!

Featuring Chicken Corn, Ham & Bean Soup

\$10 per container

(32 oz)

Sales: Dec 22-Jan 5

Questions- Megan 7178180258

All Proceeds benefit St Paul's Church of Red Lion

45 1st Ave Red Lion, PA 17356





Tree Lighting Service
Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 or 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services
St. Paul's Church of Red Lion
45 First Avenue, P.O. Box 250
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

Tree of Lights 2024

*Proceeds benefit the Current Expense Budget of
St. Paul's Church of Red Lion*

•You may sponsor a light on the Christmas Tree:

- In memory of a loved one
- To honor a family member, mentor or friend
- As a gift to help support church programs

**Please join us on Tuesday, December 24th
at either 7:00 or 11:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary**

Please Note! - All light sponsorships received by December 17th will be displayed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

All light sponsorships received by December 31st will still be included in the final printing of the Scroll of Honor.

\$500 = Red Light

\$100 = Blue Light

\$ 50 = Green Light

\$ 25 = Gold Light

\$ 10 = White Light

(Sponsorship form on back)

Registration Form