

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

Epiphany Sunday / Communion  
January 5, 2025 – Pastor Chris Nauta  
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**Welcome & Life at St. Paul's** (Announcements)

**Prelude:** Heath Pawlak

**\*Greeting**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Arise, shine, for our light has come.

**And the glory of the Lord has risen on us.**

Let us lift up our eyes and look around;

**So that we might see God's salvation.**

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

**Prayers of the People of God / The Apostle's Creed** #881

**Holy Communion: Prayer of Confession** #890  
**: Communion Liturgy** # 9

**Children's Message:** Disciples Chosen, Trained and Sent Andrea Rider

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings -**

**Offertory:** "What Child Is This" Dix/English Melody

**\*The Doxology** #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lessons: Old Testament:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
**Epistle:** Ephesians 3:1-12

**\*Gloria Patri** #70

**\*Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 2:1-12

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

**Sermon:** "Wise People Still Seek Him"

**\*Closing Hymn:** "We Three Kings" #254

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** There's A Song in the Air" Holland/Harrington

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**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 of God and in memory of Jean Nauta, presented by St. Paul's congregation to the Nauta family.

**The white rosebud**

on the altar honors and remembers the life of Jean Nauta who passed away on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Pastor Chris and his family in your prayers.

**Those who serve this morning:**

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Heath Pawlak, *Music Director*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message & Worship*

Bob Strickler, *Organ*

**Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website ([www.saintpaulsredlion.com](http://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.

**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 [andreastpaulschurch@gmail.com](mailto:andreastpaulschurch@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*

**Women In the Word** will meet Saturday, January 11 in the lounge from 9-10 AM. We will continue with Mark Chapter 13. Hope to see you soon.  
*Mary Loyer*

**A huge thank you is spoken to all** who helped pull the pork, make the meal and all of the desserts, set-up, serve and help with the clean-up of Tuesday evenings New Years Eve pork & sauerkraut dinner. Through all of your efforts, we were able to provide 166 sit-down meals and 25 carry-out meals to a very satisfied public. We received many compliments and blessings for providing this meal. Thank you for helping to make this a success!  
*Wanda Strickler*

**There is extra pork & sauerkraut frozen** in plastic containers in the freezer in the back room off of the kitchen if you care for some. Donations not necessary, but accepted. See Wanda Strickler with any questions. Thank you.

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Epiphany Sunday / Communion  
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## Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

**We are looking for someone to head the AMBA Screening program this year at St. Paul's** – this would require coordinating the program in April with Quest Diagnostics, lining up volunteers to help with the registrations, collecting the fee, getting refreshments for that day and seeing that the flyers provided by AMBA get out into the public's eye. AMBA handles the initial sign-ups for this event. Please let either Pastor Chris or the church office know if you would be willing to step into this role, or if you have further questions about what's involved.

**Flower and Bulletin Sponsors**—The sign-up register is in the church office on the desk if you want to reserve a date for 2025. 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.

**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.

**For your calendar - upcoming meetings/events to make note of:**

**Monday, Jan. 13 – Summer Fundraiser Meeting 6:30 PM** (lounge)

**Thursday, Jan. 16 – Worship Team 7:00 PM** (lounge)

**Monday, Jan. 20 - Leadership Team 7:00 PM** (lounge)

**Saturday, Jan. 25 – Soup Making for Fundraiser** Time TBA (Kitchen)

**Sunday, Jan. 26 – Soup making/Distribution of Soups** TBA (Kitchen)

**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.

**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 updated flyer/order form 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.

**Be sure to mark your calendar** – Pack 28 will be having their annual Cake Auction here on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, starting at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall. This is one of their important fundraisers of the year, so please consider attending and bidding on a cake (or two) for a good cause! Watch for more info to come in your bulletin in the coming weeks . 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 Epiphany Sunday
- Monday, Jan. 6th:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
Cubs God & Family/God & Church 6PM (FH & Scout Rm)
- Tuesday, Jan. 7th:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
- Wednesday, Jan. 8th:** **Preschool Plus** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Joy-El Kids 1:30-3:00 PM (adult SS)  
Cub Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (lounge)  
Troop Meeting 6:30 PM (downstairs)
- Thursday, Jan. 9th:** Preschool 9:00 AM  
Troop Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (lounge)  
R.L. Ministerium Meeting 10:00 AM (adult SS)
- Friday, Jan. 10th:** Preschool 9:00 AM
- Saturday, Jan. 11th:** Red Lion/Felton Band – sorting music  
Women In the Word Bible Study 9:00 AM (lounge)  
Taking Down Christmas Decorations 9:00 AM
- Sunday, Jan. 12th:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
Teen Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (sanctuary)  
Worship 10:00 AM Baptism of the L

**Please Note** – we will be taking down the Christmas decorations next Saturday Morning, January 11, starting at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed to help with this task. Please come if you are able – remember, many hands make quick work of things! Thank you.

**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.

**Remember, we still recycle empty ink cartridges** for credit to buy office supplies, **AND we still offer Gift Cards for sale**, of which a portion of each one sold comes back to St. Paul’s General Fund. Thank you for your support!

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## **Soup Sale Announcement!**

Starting **TODAY, December 22**, and running through **January 5, 2025**, we are thrilled to offer our delicious, homemade soups for sale!

### **Important Dates:**

- **Order Period:** December 22, 2024 – January 5, 2025
- **Soup-Making Days:** January 25–26, 2025

✦ Choose from our 2, flavorful options, perfect for warming up your winter days!

### **How to Order:**

Find the **order form in your bulletin** and fill it out to secure your soups. Be sure to submit your form by January 5, 2025.

### **Support the Cause:**

After the holidays, on **January 12, 2025**, there will be **two ways to sign up for donations of food items** to help with the cost of making the soups:

1. Paper sign-up forms will be available in the back of the church.
2. Online sign-up(link to be provided).

After the soup order time period has closed, we will use that week (Jan 6-10) to put together amounts of ingredients based off of orders to give a better idea of how much we will need.

### **Special Thanks:**

A big thank you to **Emily** for putting together the order form and to everyone who has already reached out with questions and orders. Your enthusiasm and support mean so much!

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

On **January 25–26, 2025**, we'll be putting together the soups, and we'll need volunteers to help make it happen. This will be more than just a workday—it's an opportunity for **congregational building** as we come together as a team. Let's make soup and memories!

Don't miss out—stock up on your favorites and join us in making this soup season the best one yet!

Also, our first meeting for the big fundraiser will be January 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 630. There are 2 topics up for discussion—first is establishing a date and second is starting to brainstorm activities for kids, adults, food ideas, etc. Please consider coming and your participation means so much to help make this successful.

# ST. PAUL'S SOUP SALE

How about some homemade soup crafted with love to enjoy on a cold day?  
 You can also grab a few extras to stock your freezer to enjoy later.

Chicken Corn Soup or Ham and Bean Soup     \$10 per 32 oz. container     Delivery Date: January 27th

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