



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

**Welcome!** Please take a moment to fill out a yellow visitor card.

Please place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so that we may continue our welcome.



### Bishop's Visitation Sunday, December 14

Mark your calendars! The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, Bishop of the Diocese of Spokane, will be with us on Sunday, December 14, to preside and preach at both services. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Gretchen back to St. Paul's, and sharing the good things that are happening in our parish community.

### Save the Date: Advent Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm

Join us on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm for our annual Advent Lessons & Carols followed by a cozy dinner in Campbell Hall. Invite your friends and family for an afternoon of caroling and Christmas lessons.



### Giving Tree for Hope Street



St. Paul's is collecting various gift cards for the residents next door at Hope Street. Hope Street provides residential living in a caring and supportive environment for women to continue their recovery to clean and sober lives. St. Paul's provides the Rectory next door for this housing.

Our hope is to give each resident a small stocking filled with a gift card or two for their enjoyment in the new year. We have a tree upstairs in Campbell Hall with ornament tags in various denominations (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$25) at places like Starbucks, Taco Bell, Bacon-n-Eggs, Bright's Candies, Marshall's, SonBridge, and generic VISA cards. Please take a tag off the tree as your reminder and bring your donation of gift cards to the Parish Office by Friday, December 19. There is a basket on Tanya's desk in the Parish Office to collect them. If you have any questions, please speak with Roy Fanning.



### Christmas Greenery & Flowers

The Christmas season will soon be upon us and tradition at St. Paul's includes beautiful floral offerings and Christmas greenery. If you would like to donate to the Christmas greenery and flowers, please send your offering to the Parish Office with a notation of "Christmas Flowers". If given in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, please include a note with dedication information with your offering.

Please have all offering and dedication information to Tanya in the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 17, if you would like it to appear in the Christmas bulletins.

### Coats for Kids

As winter approaches and the temperatures begin to drop, local kids and youth are in need of coats to keep warm.



ALL SIZES are needed, from preschool and little tikes all the way to middle and high school age. If you would like to help, please purchase a new coat and hang it on the rack in the Atrium. Thank you for your support!

### From the Stewardship & Finance Guild

We write to thank everyone who joined us on the campaign to respond to the *Call to a Holy Calling*. We can happily report that as we hoped we would, together, we grew one step. We increased the number of households who signed a giving estimate card and increased our overall giving for 2026. We believe that this is a sign that God is moving in our congregation. Together with the hunger for new ministries that the Renewal Works is uncovering, the welcoming of new members, and the strength of our small group bonds, a spirit of new energy is emerging at St. Paul's. Together with our sabbatical-renewed Rector, the enlivening growth of our leadership guilds, and the beautiful new floor in the sanctuary that will greet us each Sunday, we are eager for what God has in store for us in 2026. Thank you so much for your generous response to the Call to a Holy Calling for 2026!

And, before we leave 2025, thank you for bringing current any outstanding giving for the 2025. All gifts received by postmark or direct deposit by December 31, 2025, will be reflected on your current year statement of giving. Thank you so much.

Stewardship and Finance Guild: Katherine Nordal, Jeremy Hubbard, Brian Dohe, Ken Real, Rachel Chacko and Kathryn Barron.



### 2025 End of Year Giving Statements

Please don't forget that if you have any contributions that you want recorded on your 2025 End of Year Giving Statement, contributions must be postmarked by December 31, or made online at [give.stpaulsww.org](http://give.stpaulsww.org) before 11:59pm on December 31.

### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

We need hosts for both the 8am and 10:30am coffee hours. You can sign up in the Atrium or email [jennifer.h.king@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.h.king@gmail.com) with your name, contact info, and dates you are available. We are using disposable cups and plates for easy and quick cleanup, and there are cookies and crackers on hand.

### St. Paul's Prayer List

Lexus, Brian, Craig, Mark, Stella, Bran, Barbara, Cooper, Lyle, Doug, Terry, Evelyne, Lisa, Ann, Kathy, Krista, John, Cindylee, Joel, Steve, Ellane, Laurence, Larry, Carol, Marsha, Nadine, ...

As we worship, we pray each week for the names that are on our Parish Prayer List—if you have names you would like to add, please contact Tanya in the Parish Office (509/529-1083 or [tanyah@stpaulsww.org](mailto:tanyah@stpaulsww.org)).

## Ongoing Formation Opportunities

### -Weekly Centering Prayer at St. Paul's

Saturdays, 8:00-9:00am, Library

Join us for weekly Centering Prayer on Saturday mornings in the Library. All are welcome regardless of prior experience with a silent prayer practice. You are welcome to call or email Cecilia McKean with any questions at 509.240.2494 or [ceciliamckean@gmail.com](mailto:ceciliamckean@gmail.com)

### -Men's Propers

Wednesdays, 8:00-9:30am, Guild Room

Join men of St. Paul's for Men's Propers for weekly fellowship, continental breakfast, and a study of the collect and lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, please contact Tanya in the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance of your desired Sunday to check availability and make arrangements. The current cost is \$65 per Sunday. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions (509/529.1083 or [tanyah@stpaulswv.org](mailto:tanyah@stpaulswv.org)).



## Forward Day by Day Booklets

*Forward Day by Day* provides a daily study of scripture with an accompanying meditation. November—December 2025 and January 2026 Booklets are available in the St. Paul's narthex.

## Betty's Basket

Betty's Baskets collect travel sized toiletries (such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, lotion, etc.) to donate to the Christian Aid Center and those in need of these basic hygiene essentials. Betty's Baskets are located in the narthex and the mailroom and is a small way to help others that is greatly appreciated.

## Salvation Army Food Bank Donations

Donations Welcome! If you would like to make food and pantry donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank, there is a collection cooler in the atrium and a collection box in the mailroom. Thank you!

## Want to meet with the Priest? It's Easy!

Fr. David's calendar is always available for meetings, prayer or planning for parish life. To schedule, visit <https://fantastical.app/davidsibley> or call the Parish Office 509/529.1083

## St. Paul's Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm

Friday by appointment

Please feel free to reach out at 509/529.1083 or anytime via email: Fr. David, *Rector*, at [davids@stpaulswv.org](mailto:davids@stpaulswv.org)  
Tanya, *Parish Administrator*, at [tanyah@stpaulswv.org](mailto:tanyah@stpaulswv.org)

## Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rev'd David Sibley

## Deacon:

The Rev'd Ann Howard

## Organist:

Kraig Scott

## Altar Guild:

Cecilia McKean  
Missy Newcom

## Flower Guild:

Margaret Hoglund

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00am—Cecilia McKean  
10:30am—Katherine Nordal  
Cheryl Heller

## Lector:

8:00am—Rona Frank  
10:30am—Sarah Bro

## Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

You may view the readings online at [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)

## ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday Worship

8am Holy Eucharist  
10:30am Choral Eucharist

#### Choir Rehearsal

9am, Choir Room

#### Sunday Night Big Book AA

Sundays, 8pm, Guild Room

#### Women's AA

Mondays, 6pm, Guild Room  
2nd Monday Planning meeting,  
5:15pm, Campbell Hall

#### Cub Scouts

Mondays, 6:30pm  
throughout campus

#### Language of the Heart AA

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
12noon-1pm, Guild Room

#### Scouts

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Lower Hall

#### Men's Propers

Wednesdays, 8am, Guild Room

#### Small Group (Renovaré)

Wednesdays, 1:30pm, Library

#### Al-Anon

Wednesdays, 7pm, Library

#### Centering Prayer

Saturdays, 8am, Library

#### Experience Strength and Hope Al-Anon

Saturdays, 9am, Guild Room

#### Saturday Noon AA

Saturdays, 12pm, Guild Room

#### Saturday Night AA

Saturdays, 7pm, Guild Room

### MONTHLY EVENTS

#### Vestry meeting

(2nd Wednesday of the month)  
Wednesday, December 10  
7pm, Guild Room

#### Wheatland Eucharist

(1st & 3rd Thursday of the month)  
Thursday, December 18  
Thursday, January 1 (?)  
11am @ Wheatland Village

#### First Thursday Concert

Thursday, February 5  
12:15pm, Nave

#### The Benedictine Way

(2nd & 4th Thursday of the month)  
Thursday, December 11  
Thursday, December 25 (?)  
2pm, Guild Room

### OTHER EVENTS

#### Youth Violin Recital

Sunday, December 7  
4-5:30pm, Nave/Atrium

#### Parish Office Closed (Tanya Out of the Office)

Wednesday, December 10

#### Parish Office Closed in Morning (Opens @ 12:00pm)

Thursday, December 11

#### Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, December 14

#### Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 14  
4pm, Nave

#### AAUW Book Group Gathering

Thursday, December 18  
5pm, Campbell Hall

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## 8:00am Greeters:

Steve & Andrea Stevens

## 10:30am Welcome Team:

Sandi Blackaby

## Coffee Hour:

8:00am—Steve & Andrea Stevens  
10:30am—Jen King