**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**November 24, 2019**

**Commitment Sunday**

“Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness” II Timothy 3:16

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PRELUDE HANDBELLS:** - “To God All Praise and Glory”

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “We Gather Together” (Red #131)

**GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**CHERUB CHOIR** “I Can Say Thank You”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**CAROL CHOIR** “Praise the Lord”

**MORNING PRAYER**

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY COMBINED CHOIR**: “We Thank You, Lord”

**DOXOLOGY**  (Red #95)

**HYMN OF CONSECRATION** “Come Ye Thankful People, Come”

 (Red# 694)

**(We will be bringing the commitment cards and prayer cards to the table as directed by the ushers)**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** II Timothy 3:10-17 (pg 1855)

#### MESSAGE “Thankful for God’s Word”

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE: “Now Thank We All Our God” (Red #102)

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**  “With Grateful Hearts” Bach

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week’s message “Generous Living, Generous Giving” Jana Purkis-Brash

**GREETERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICES ARE:**

**9:00am Trupti Ashar**

**10:45am: Mary Burns**

# **ACOLYTES:** **Emily Chadwick and Tyler Oliveira**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Rebeccah Circle**

**THE SIGN UP CHART FOR THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IS IN THE NARTHEX.**

We invite you to celebrate an event or remember loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement to them. We all enjoy fresh flowers  at our services each Sunday, and you are welcome to take them home after the second service. The flowers cost $25.00. We ask that you please use the envelopes provided for your payment when you sign up. Payment must be received to order flowers.

 Thank you.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

**HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!**

**If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.**

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**Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday, November 24, 4:00 PM

being held this year at

St. Raphael the Archangel

Episcopal Church

1520 Route 88, Brick

Bring nonperishable food items for donation to a local food pantry.

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

SUNDAY 11/24 9:00AM TradITIONAL WORSHIP Service – SANCTUARY

9:00 CHILDCARE- RM 2

9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL

9:00 YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:10 FELLOWSHIP – NORCROSS HALL

10:45 ContEMPORARY WORSHIP Service

10:45 ADULT BIBLE STUDY – YOUTH ROOM

4:00PM INTERFAITH SERVICE – ST.RAPHAEL’S

6:00 YOUTH GROUP – yOUTH ROOM

6:00 PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

 8:00 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL

**MUSTARD sEED PRE-SCHOOL: MONDAY, TUESDAY, wEDNESDAY, Friday 8:45AM- 11:45AM**

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

MONDAY 11/25 6:00PM STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS

6:30 BIBLE STUDY - STAFF LOUNGE

7:00 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD - SANCTUARY

TUESDAY 11/26 **NOON BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE**

7:00PM alanon group – yoUTH ROOM

7:00 Men’s Prayer Group – LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 11/27 6:00am Men’S Breakfast

10:30 LADIES SHARE – LIBRARY

6:00PM VOLLEYBALL – NORCORSS HALL

7:00 mid-week WORSHIP – ROOM 8

THURSDAY 11/28 **CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**



FRIDAY 11/29 **CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**

8:30AM BULLETIN TEAM – LIBRARY

 7:30 PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE – SANCTUARY

SATURDAY 11/30 7:00AM MEN’S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM

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**. Attendance for November 17, 2019**

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday 249**

**Sunday School 55**

**MORTGAGE UPDATE:**

The mortgage balance as of November 1, 2019 is $811,160

**Administrative Information**

Communications

**E-Mail Announcements and Prayer Requests**

**If you would like to be on the church e-mail list to receive announcements, reminders of upcoming events and prayer requests, e-mail your information to** **penrodt@Comcast.net****.**

**All Circuit Rider articles should be e-mailed to Nancy Penrod at** **penrodt@Comcast.net****. If you do not have access to a computer you can drop it off in the office or call Nancy at 732- 458-7641. All articles should be sent to Nancy by the 10th of the month prior to publication.**

**Bulletin Notices-**All information to be included in the Bulletin is due to the church office by **Tuesday at Noon.** If you have access to e-mail, please send your Bulletin announcement via e-mail to **Office@stpaulsbrick.org****.**

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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**November 24, 2019**

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

“….giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”
 Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things”. Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

![Christmas_Wreath[1]]()**Christmas Wreaths & Grave Blankets**

**Order Forms Now Available**

Pre- Order your Christmas Wreath and or Grave Blankets on November 24th

Forms are Available in the Church Narthex to be filled out and returned on the date shown above. Thank you

**Hanging of the Greens**

We need your help to make our sanctuary look festive for the Christmas season. We call the decorating of the church the “Hanging of the Greens” and this year it will take place in the sanctuary on **Saturday, November 30th at 10:00am** All ages are welcome! We will first need a few strong bodies to put up the tree, and then anyone can help hang ornaments, decorate the windows and change the banners. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lydia Widbin at 845-558-4355 or the church office.

**Poinsettias For Christmas**

**United Methodist Men are now taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return with your payment. The form and money can be placed in the collection plate, sent or given directly to the Church office.**

**The cost of each plant is $9.00**

**Checks payable to St. Paul’s U.M.M.**

**PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 8, 2019**

ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please take your plant home**

**![MC900030721[1]]()CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS**

 **CANTATA**

 **&**

 **CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND**

**St. Paul’s Chancel Choir and Christmas Concert Band will present their Christmas cantata and concert on December 21 and 22, Saturday and Sunday nights, at 7:30 PM. (Snow date December 23).**

The **Chancel Choir** will present **“Born Is the King—It’s Christmas”.** This is a new and exciting musical which takes us through the story of Christ’s birth –from the centuries of people awaiting Jesus’ arrival, Mary and Joseph taking a cattle stall as a birthing place, the shepherds and angels heralding the Messiah’s birth and finally to the journey of the Magi. Though the story occurred over 2000 years ago, it remains as riveting, compelling, and relevant to us today!

**Our Chancel Choir will be joined at times by narrators, Children’s Choirs, and pageantry as well as a beautiful DVD. It is a wonderful celebration of Christ’s birth!**

Our **Christmas Concert Band** will present **“Songs of the Season”** with great Christmas music. Many different styles will be presented including traditional Christmas songs in various settings, “The Polar Express”, and even a “swingin’” Christmas number. Our Concert Band is made up of woodwinds, brass, and percussion players from St. Paul’s and the high schools, colleges, and communities around us. It is a unique ensemble and we are excited to involve our church and community in this instrumental outreach.

**Why not take time out from the hustle and bustle of holiday planning to experience what the season is really all about. Please mark these dates on your calendar today and invite family and friends to join us. It is sure to be a great part of your Christmas celebration**.

Greetings from the Food Pantry!



This simple donation can “open up” many possibilities to someone who doesn’t already have a can opener. Previously, we packed up food baskets without interacting with anyone. It wasn’t until after we started meeting our clients, that we realized some households do not possess a simple can opener. We thought back to when they choose packets of tuna instead of cans and then we knew why. We had heard similar stories from other pantries. We now believe that if we had some new can openers on hand to discreetly offer to our shoppers, it would certainly “open up” more food options when they are shopping our pantry shelves.

Thanks to all for your donations this year. You have made a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors!

A Blessed Thanksgiving to everyone!

**Donations for Haiti - The Haiti Mission Team**

Donations for Haiti - The Haiti Mission Team is asking for donations of new boys or girls underwear for the young children that live in the village. In addition, as we have collected before, we are in need of your old Prescription eyeglasses or readers and gently used Baseball Caps to take with us when we travel to Haiti in January. Please place them in the receptacle in the Narthex beginning next Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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**Advent Readers**

We are looking for readers during the services for the Advent candle lightings. The first reading is on Sunday December 1st. It can be families, couples, or individuals.

I will need someone for each service for the four Sundays of Advent and for the three services on Christmas Eve. I will give you the sections to read ahead of time. If you are interested, please fill out your name and phone number, email, and which service or services you are available to read below, then place in the offering plate. Please include an email as this is how I will be able to send you the reading in advance. Thank you!

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**Advent candle Lighting and readers:**

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Sunday, Dec. 1st 9 am \_\_\_\_ 10:45am\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second Sunday, Dec. 8th 9 am\_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am\_\_\_\_\_\_

Third Sunday, Dec. 15th 9 am\_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fourth Sunday, December 22nd 9 am\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am\_\_\_\_

December 24th Christmas Eve 5 pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:30 pm\_\_\_\_\_ 11 pm\_\_\_\_\_

Intercessory Prayer

 November 24, 2019

**“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits” Psalm 103:2**

**PRAISE** – thanks for Pastor Al’s messages, for caring and loving friends, and for Trupti’s job; thank You for all the things you have given me, including wonderful family and answered prayers; human and fur loved ones in heaven; good medical tests for my sister, Frances; Thanks and praise for my many blessings; To friends for always being there, helping without reward.

**“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4**

**HEALING –** doctors to find a treatment for Ken’s muscle weakness; my friend Jeff’s wife and daughters after the loss of their dad; Angela preparing for brain surgery; total healing for my daughter Michelle and her husband Danny and my husband and I, and comfort for my daughter Joanne; Marlyn and Ken Meachem; John and Anne Hogan in Glasgow, Scotland—though they are far from us, we know they are close to You; Nick, Jane and Dan, Bill, Robert, Chip’s brother, Carol, Donna, Lorraine B., Lorraine H., Peggy, Jack and Barbara, Nancy and Terry, Marg, Karen, Bob, Bill, Alex, Paul, Lauren, Carolyn’s husband, Michael, whose father died, Bev’s mom, and strength and patience for all caregivers; Nick, Bill, Robert, Lorraine B., Lorraine H., June P., June H., Chip’s brother, Bob, Nancy and Terry, Ruth, Jane, Dan, Lloyd, Sherry, Don, Louise, Ann, Mick, and strength and patience for caregivers; be with the Lafrance/Jones family during this difficult time of Joe’s passing; friends and family with cancer, including Patty, Peg, Amanda, William and Ken, and for Mom’s upcoming shoulder surgery; Ken’s coping with his myositis diagnosis, and Ellen’s diagnosis and healing; Alan, Gary Burde, Joan, DeDe and her family, Annette’s back surgery, and Ron, Patty, Pam and Nilda—all with cancer; a friend with heart problems; a friend’s daughter struggling with depression, a friend recovering from chemo, a friend’s husband, Robin and Karen—all undergoing chemo, Milt, Steve, Lorraine, Janet N., Shirley, Lena, Suzanne, Doris and Kathie; Nora, whose spinal surgery didn’t go as planned and is on a ventilator; a young boy with Castleman disease and his family; those with drinking problems; renewed strength for Maryanne as she recovers from the side affects of her chemo; Justin’s throat condition and R. Lesky; mom as she mourns; co-worker Ally recovering from surgery and Tom L. recovering from a stroke; Keith B., Mark G. and Milt E.; family and friends with cancer and heart issues; continued healing for John; daughters Cathy and Carol and Mom; PRAYERS DOR CO-WORKER Diane diagnosed with breast cancer;Frank’s lungs, sibling peace, son’s anxiety; healing for my sister, streand and courage for her husband; prayers for son Danny’s surgery, mom at community with 2 herniated discs; continued prayer for Carolyn and chemo; john – for healing and recovery from chemotherapy and freedom from pain from prostate cancer.

**“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe” Proverbs 18:10**

**PROTECTION –** my son Logan Carter traveling home for a visit from the army in Texas; all the service people at home and abroad who care for and protect us; those in the military; travel mercies for those on the move;

**“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.” James 1:5**

**GUIDANCE –** Damien in Brooklyn; our granddaughter, and Matthew M.; Pastors Alan and Hector; a friend’s installation on Sunday; St. Paul’s UMC and its leaders, as well as our country and our local, county and country leaders; Lord, please nudge me in the direction of Your will; that Scott would listen to his doctors; both my daughters to pass their Praxis exam; keep my grandkids on the right path in life and safe; strength and patience for caregivers; peace with family especially during the holidays; prayers for my Uncle Bob’s transition to new room at extended care.

**“For the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost.” Luke 19:10**

**SALVATION** **–** world peace