

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta

*Please stand as able

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

Prelude: "A Hymn Medley" H. Pawlak
Heath Pawlak, Director of Music on piano

***Greeting**
The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us go to the dwelling place of God.
Let us worship at the Lord's footstool!
For the Lord has chosen us;
Here is the dwelling place of God.

***Opening Hymn:** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #203
(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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The McDaniel Family
Hymn #218: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (verse 4 only)

Children's Message: "Colors of Christmas: **Everlasting Life**" Andrea Rider

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "There's Something About That Name" Gaither

***The Doxology** #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

***Gloria Patri** #70

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 21:25-36

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

Sermon: "Getting Ready For Christ"

***Closing Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Winkworth

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! Let their beauty remind us of the wonder that has come into the world through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who serve this morning:

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Heath Pawlak, *Music Director & Piano*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message*

Hap & Lynne McDaniel & Family, *Advent Reading & Candles*

Bob Strickler, *Organ*

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 started on September 8, 2024 in the Adult Sunday School room 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.

Wreaths Across America – Joan Snyder of Team Wrinkle, a local organization, has contacted us about sponsoring wreaths to place on veterans graves at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens. Please take a moment to look over the enclosed letter and sponsorship form and consider sponsoring one, or several wreaths in memory of our fallen. Remember, we are free because of the brave!

Popcorn Order Pick-up – If you ordered popcorn from the Preschool Fundraiser, pick-up of these orders will be on **Tuesday, December 3rd** and **Wednesday, December 4th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM both days down in the room next to the Preschool.** If you are unable to get your order either of those two days, please call Megan Jamison at 717-818-0258 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your support!

A word of appreciation and gratitude goes out to Andrew Jamison and his family for the refurbishing and re-hanging of the lighted stars up on top of St. Paul's center tower. These were absent for many years, but when the tower roof work was done, we had the crane lift these and the crosses down for us. Andrew has spent a lot of time and effort to restore these, so the next time you are around town at night, take a few minutes and look up at our tower and enjoy this history restored. Incidentally, Andrew's grandfather, Frayer Jamison was one of the ones who used to help put these up there, along with another faithful member, Maurice Grove. They are both probably looking down with pride at Andrew's work. The Jamison family graciously donated this work to St. Paul's.

A big thank you goes out to Kent Smith for getting all the Christmas decorations out and moved up from the basement to the first floor for the volunteers to use in decorating the church last week. Kent does a lot of "behind the scenes" work that goes unnoticed, but is vital in the operation of St. Paul's. **Likewise**, we thank all who volunteered their time last weekend to see that our church was decorated for this Advent season. Your time and effort shows in how beautiful our church looks!

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45 FIRST AVE., P.O. BOX 250 – RED LION, PA 17356
PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA
1st Sunday of Advent / Communion Sunday
December 1, 2024 10:00 AM



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Pastor Chris Nauta – PastorChrisNauta@gmail.com Cell phone: 570-529-3466
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Website – www.saintpaulsredlion.com

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.

The current issues of Our Daily Bread and The Upper Room are out on the desk at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as in the center tower entryway.

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. Thank you.

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
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.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias – Our supplier has given us a price of \$9.50 for a 6-1/2" multiple-bloom plant in red. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THESE.** Order envelopes are on the pedestals at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. Please consider placing some to add beauty to our sanctuary this holiday season.

Looking Ahead – New Years Eve Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner – We will need helpers for seating people, in the kitchen to cook, to help serve and for clean-up after the dinner. Also, we would like to be able to offer some home-made cakes and pies for dessert, so if you would be willing to bake something for this meal, that is something we need as well. 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 in advance for your help!

Additionally, we will need some 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)
Worship 10:00 AM 1st Sunday of Advent / Communion

Monday, Dec. 2nd: **No** Preschool
Troop Seabase Meeting 6:30 PM (lounge)

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd: **No** Preschool
No Cub Scouts (Caroling Off-site)

Wednesday, Dec. 4th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30 – 3:00 PM (adult SS)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
Praise Team Practice 6:30-8 PM (sanctuary)

Thursday, Dec. 5th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Friday, Dec. 6th Preschool 9:00 AM
God's Kids 6:30 – 8:00 PM (lounge)

Saturday, Dec. 7th: Holly Jolly Kids Christmas 9:00 – 12:00 Noon (FH)
Troop Parents Night Out 6:00 – 9:00 PM (FH)

Sunday, Dec. 8th: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent
Brenneman Family Christmas Party 11 AM – 8 PM (FH)

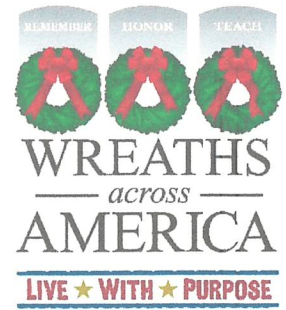
Large-print bulletins are available on the last pew of the center aisle at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

We are still recycling empty ink and toner cartridges at the local office supply stores. The credit we get goes towards purchasing our paper and office supplies needed to keep our office running. There are boxes for these on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as under the literature table out in the center tower entrance. Thank you for bringing these in!

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



Team Wrinkle



To the congregation members of *St Paul's Church of Red Lion*

We are Team Wrinkle – Wreaths Across America PA 0062 – In Memory of USMC Sgt Christopher M Wrinkle and MWD SSgt Tosca.

Our family became involved with the non-profit organization, Wreaths Across America (WAA) following the death of my son, USMC Sgt Christopher M Wrinkle and his military working dog, Tosca. They were killed in a barracks fire in Herat, Afghanistan on July 31, 2011. We were afraid that as time passed Christopher and Tosca's sacrifice would be forgotten. We needed to do something to honor his memory. For the past thirteen years we have been laying wreaths on the veterans' graves at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens. We have joined by local veteran groups, church organizations, scouting groups and other civic organizations in sponsoring and laying of these veterans' wreaths.

Last year's donations provided us with approximately 3,000 wreaths, not enough to cover all the veterans' graves in Susquehanna Memorial Gardens.

This year's goal is 5,000 wreaths so that we can cover Susquehanna Memorial Gardens and several of the surrounding local cemeteries within southern York County.

Would you consider partnering with us to remember all our veterans by sponsoring a wreath for a local veteran's grave? Does your church have a cemetery that your congregation would be interested in sponsoring? Ask me how your church or youth group could use this as a fundraiser.

Wreath sponsorship is \$17/wreath. Donations in any amount will be accepted. Checks can be made out to: Wreaths Across America, PA0062 on memo line. Please mail checks to Wreaths Across America c/o Team Wrinkle, PO Box 213, Dallastown, PA 17313.

Please contact me (Joan) for questions or additional information at 717-887-1848 or pasqhywaa@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Joan Snyder

WAA Location Coordinator

Proud Gold Star Mother of

Sgt Christopher M Wrinkle and Tosca, USMC

WreathsAcrossAmerica.org



Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on the graves of veterans nationwide in December. Please join us for a wreath laying ceremony at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens, Chestnut Hill Road, York, PA to honor our veterans.

December 14th, 2024

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Location ID: **PASQHY** Group ID: **PA0062**

Individual Wreaths _____ @\$17 each _____

Total _____

FOR GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS contact event coordinator, Joan Snyder at (717) 887-1848 or PASQHYWAA@gmail.com

Deceased: _____ Cemetery: _____

Location of Grave: _____

To Be Placed By Family ____ or Other _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: Wreaths Across America

Use Memo line: WAA PA0062

Mail to WAA Local Event Coordinator PO Box 213 Dallastown, PA 17313

If you would like to be involved with this year or next year's event, please contact Location and Event Coordinators:

Joan Snyder 717-887-1848 or Katherine Snyder at 717-659-6669 or pasqhywaa@gmail.com



St. Paul's HOLLY JOILY Kids Christmas

When: **SATURDAY, Dec 7th**
from 10AM-2PM

Where: **St. Paul's Church
of Red Lion**

45 1ST Avenue, Red Lion

Cost: **\$5 per child or
\$10 per family**

(ages 4-12 years old)

•must be potty trained

MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND!

Preschool/Ages 4-5:

10-12: Preschool Activities in preschool room
(holiday games, crafts, activities)

12-2: Pizza Party, Sing Along with other kids

Ages 6-12:

10-2: Holiday Games and Activities, Crafts, Pizza
Party, and Christmas Sing Along



Holly Jolly Kids Christmas Event



Registration Form

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10:00am -2:00 pm for a children's Christmas event at St. Pauls Church Red Lion (45 First Avenue, Red Lion). There will be lots of fun for children ages 4-12! Activities include: holiday games, holiday singalong, crafts, and a pizza party. Registration is required! Please complete the registration form below if you are planning to attend. Payment (\$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family) can be made on the day of the event, on the church webpage (online giving), or can be paid in the church office prior to the event.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone _____

Emergency Phone Contact: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Please list any important health/medical information below:

Name of adult who will be picking up your child:

_____ Phone _____

_____ Payment attached

_____ Payment made through church website (follow "church online giving" then select St. Paul's Children/Youth Activities)

Parents' Night Out

Whether you're looking for a few hours to complete some holiday prep or looking forward to a date night with your significant other, Troop 28 Sea Base Scouts have you covered. We have games, activities and snacks planned to give you a worry-free, kid-free evening

Date: December 7th

Time: 6 pm - 9 pm

Where: St. Paul's Church

Who: Children ages 5-12 (must be potty-trained)

Cost per child: \$25 for 1

\$40 for 2

\$60 for 3

Please register using the following link on Sign-Up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084DAAAF2EA4F94-53450649-troop>