

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta

*Please stand as able

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

Prelude: "O Come O Come Emmanuel" Amy Glock, Clavinova

***Greeting**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Blessed be the God of Israel

who has redeemed us.

God has raised up a mighty savior for us

and remembered the holy covenant

***Opening Chorus:** "Bethlehem" Praise Team
(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 – The Jamison Family

Hymn #218: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (verse 3 only)

Children's Message: "Colors of Christmas: **Red for Love**" Andrea Rider

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings -

Offertory: "Breath of Heaven" (Mary's Song) Amy Glock, Clavinova

***The Doxology** #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4

Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11

***Gloria Patri** #70

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:1-6

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

***Chorus:** "Welcome to Our World" Praise Team

Sermon: "Point to Jesus"

***Closing Chorus:** "He is Born" Praise Team

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Amy Glock, Clavinova

Children's Worship/Activities this morning. Children may go with Lynne & Hap McDaniel following the Children's Message.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory and honor of God! With their beauty, may they help us to see Jesus anew in our lives this Advent season.

Those who serve this morning:

Amy Glock, *Clavinova*

Jim Loyer, *Scripture Reader*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Lynne & Hap McDaniel, *Children's Worship*

Members of *Our Praise Team*

Heath Pawlak, *Music Director*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message*

The Jamison 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 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.

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 to see that our church was decorated for this Advent season. Your time and effort shows in how beautiful our church looks!

Calling all unused crock pots! If you happen to have a full-size crock pot collecting dust around your house, and you would like to see it put to better use, we know of the perfect place for it! The Community Meal is in need of several more crock pots for use in making their meals. If you have one that you would be willing to donate to St. Paul's, please let Wanda Strickler know, or you can drop it off in the church office. Thank you!

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!

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

45 FIRST AVE., P.O. BOX 250 – RED LION, PA 17356
PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024 10:00 AM



Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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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.

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.

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 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!

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.

Women In the Word will meet Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 9-10AM. We will discuss Mark Chapter 13 verses 1-13, and see how these words might relate to our lives today in 2024. You are welcome to bring a friend.

This Week’s Activities at St. Paul’s

Today: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent
Brenneman Family Christmas Gathering 11AM - 8PM (FH/Kitchen)

Monday, Dec. 9th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Community Meal 5:00 PM/5:15 PM Eat In or Take Out

Tuesday, Dec. 10th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Wednesday, Dec. 11th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30 – 3:00 PM (adult SS)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
Cub Committee 6:30 PM (lounge)
Troop Merit Badge 6:30 PM (adult SS)

Thursday, Dec. 12th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Troop Committee 6:30 PM (lounge)

Friday, Dec. 13th Preschool 9:00 AM
Kids For Christ 6:30 – 8:00 PM (lounge)
Troop Lock-In Starts at 5:00 PM (FH) - Ends Sat. @ 8AM

Saturday, Dec. 14th: Women In the Word Bible Study 9-10 AM (lounge)
Smith Family Christmas Gathering 11 AM–5 PM (FH/Kit)

Sunday, Dec. 15th: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent
Troop COH/Christmas Party 2-6 PM (adult SS & FH)

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!



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

Person giving the Light _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

TYPE OF GIFT:

IN HONOR OF: _____

(list name as you would like it displayed on the Scroll of Honor)

IN MEMORY OF: _____

(list name as you would like it displayed on the Scroll of Honor)

YEAR-END GIFT to St. Paul's Church of Red Lion _____

TYPE OF LIGHT: _____ \$500 **Red** Light
 _____ \$100 **Blue** Light
 _____ \$ 50 **Green** Light
 _____ \$ 25 **Gold** Light
 _____ \$ 10 **White** Light

If you would also like to have an **Acknowledgement Letter** sent to the family of the person you are honoring, please tell us who you would like the Acknowledgement Letter sent to: (please supply complete mailing information as you know it so we can direct it to this person or family correctly. Thank you).

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

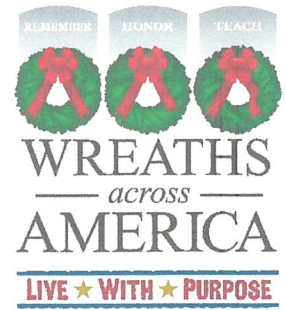
Please send your completed form & check to: St. Paul's Church of Red Lion
P O Box 250
Red Lion PA 17356-0250

Forms must be received no later than December 17th to be included in the provisional Scroll of Honor, to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. December 31st is the deadline in the final printing of the Scroll of Honor, which will be included in the Memorial book in the Narthex.

Questions? Please call the church office @ 717-244-2355.



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