

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta

\*Please stand as able

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

**Prelude:** "How Great Our Joy" Amy Glock

**\*Greeting**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Let us magnify the Lord.

**Let us rejoice in God our Savior.**

The Mighty One has done great things for us;

**Holy is God's name!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "There's a Song in the Air" #249  
*(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** – Bob & Wanda Strickler

**Hymn #218:** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (verse 1 only)

**Children's Message:** "Colors of Christmas: [Blue - Peaceful](#)" Andrea Rider

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

**Offertory:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Amy Glock

**\*The Doxology** #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lessons: Old Testament:** Micha 5:2-5a

**Epistle:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**\*Gloria Patri** #70

**\*Gospel Lesson:** Luke 1:39-45

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

**\*Hymn:** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229

**Sermon:** "Leaping With Joy!"

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** "The Little Drummer Boy" Amy Glock

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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 and honor of God! and in loving memory of H. Edmond Kline and daughter, Linda Kline, presented by the family.

**Today's pedestal flowers**

are presented in loving memory of Mr. Charles R. Nitchkey; Mr. & Mrs. Martin R. Nitchkey and Mr. & Mrs. Ira C. Seitz and daughters Beulah & Marie.

**Those who serve this morning:**

Amy Glock, *Clavinova/Piano*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Heath Pawlak, *Music Director*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message & Worship*

Bob & Wanda Strickler, *Advent Reading & Candles*

**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.

**A big "thank you" goes out** to all those who stepped up to help us with the December 9th Community Meal – both constant and new folks. It was going to be "touch & go" at the start with many of our cooking staff absent, but those who stepped in helped to save the day. We served the most meals of the year so far that night at 219 meals, so everybody's help was most appreciated. Thank you!  
*Wanda Strickler*

**Thank you** to all of the volunteers who helped to make our first Holly Jolly Kid's Christmas at St. Paul's a success: *Ronda Vasellas, Carissa Eveler, Tanya Kurzmilller, Lynne & Hap McDaniel, Emily Shellenberger, Savannah Shellenberger, Angelica Gephardt and Rowan Sinclair.* Andrea Rider

**Please Note – we will need persons to help with ushering at BOTH the 7 PM and the 11 PM Christmas Eve services Tuesday evening. It only involves handing out the individual candles to people coming in, collecting the offering and assisting with the lighting of the candles in the pews towards the end of each service. Won't you consider helping with this important part of our service, making it complete? Thank you!**

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45 FIRST AVE., P.O. BOX 250 – RED LION, PA 17356  
PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA  
4th Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2024 10:00 AM



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## **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](mailto: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.



**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 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.

**New Years Eve Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner** – We need many helpers for seating people, in the kitchen to cook, to help serve and for clean-up after the dinner. Also, we want to offer home-made cakes and pies for dessert, **so we need lots of cakes and pies baked or provided!** 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.

A reminder - we will be pulling the pork for the meal on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM for those who have volunteered to help with this. 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 4th Sunday of Advent  
Neighborhood Caroling following worship  
Hot chocolate & cookies afterwards in the adult SS room

**Monday, Dec. 23rd:** No Preschool (Christmas vacation begins)

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:** No Preschool  
No Cub Scouts  
**Family Christmas Eve Service 7PM (sanctuary)**  
**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 11PM (sanctuary)**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25th:** **Merry Christmas!**

**Thursday, Dec. 26th:** No Preschool

**Friday, Dec. 27th** No Preschool

**Saturday, Dec. 28th:**

**Sunday, Dec. 29th:** Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)  
Teen Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (sanctuary)  
Worship 10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas Day

**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.

**We continue to recycle empty ink and toner cartridges** for credit towards office supplies. There are collection boxes located on the table at the rear of the sanctuary, as well as under the literature table in the center tower entrance to place these. Thank you for your support!

**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.

**In Honor Of:**

Pastor Chris, Becky, Jean &

Timothy Nauta

Our Grandchildren, Lyra, Ryann,

Harper, Remy, & Channing

Our Children & Grandchildren

**Presented By:**

Church Staff

Lynne & Charles (Hap) McDaniel

Bob & Wanda Strickler

*If you would, kindly leave your poinsettias in place until the 11 PM Christmas Eve service is over so that everyone attending either Christmas Eve service can see the beauty they have added to our sanctuary again this year. Thank you.*

*There are plastic sleeves available on the front pew (closest to the adult Sunday school room) to cover your plant to take it home. Please help yourself.*



**CHRISTMAS, 2024**

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

45 FIRST AVE., P.O. BOX 250

RED LION, PA 17356-0250

**In Memory Of:**

Loved Ones  
Kevin Wallen  
Jean Newcomer  
Thomas Ferguson  
Parents, Joyce and Lee Seitz  
Brother, Scott Seitz  
Cathy & Steve Jamison's  
Parents  
Our Parents  
Ron and Peg Shirey &  
Doris and Charles McDaniel

**Presented By:**

Delores Chronister and Family  
Kim Chronister and Family  
Kim Chronister and Family  
Susan Stump Ferguson  
Joni Horne  
Joni Horne  
The Jamison Family  
Mary & Jim Loyer  
Lynne & Charles (Hap) McDaniel

**In Memory Of:**

Mary Shaub  
Dolly Ann Emig  
Thomas Minnich  
James (Dick )Nauta  
Margaret & Elmer Sechrist, parents;  
and Ken Sechrist, brother  
Jim Ratliff, Husband  
Dale L. Shellenberger  
Our Parents

**Presented By:**

Lynne & Charles (Hap) McDaniel  
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Louise Minnich  
Chris & Becky Nauta  
Jeanne Ratliff  
Jeanne Ratliff  
Luke & Emily Shellenberger  
Bob & Wanda Strickler



# 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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# **SOUP-er Excited to Share**

**Join us for a heartwarming event featuring homemade soups crafted with love by our community!**

**Featuring Chicken Corn, Ham & Bean Soup**

**\$10 per container**

(32 oz)

**Sales: Dec 22-Jan 5**

**Questions- Megan 7178180258**

**All Proceeds benefit St Paul's Church of Red Lion**

**45 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Red Lion, PA 17356**

