

February 5, 2012 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The Readings from Scripture

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 40:21–31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

A reading from the book of Isaiah:

- ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- ²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power,
not one is missing.
- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
- ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
- ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

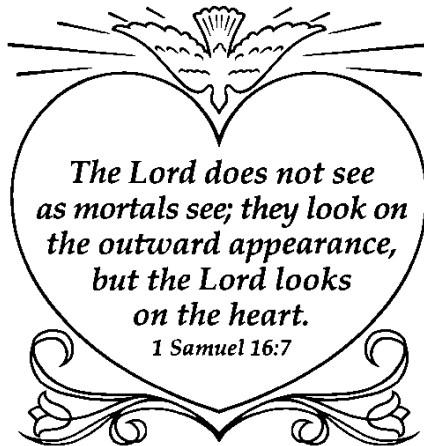
Reader: The word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

St. Paul's Prayer List & Weekly update to the February Vision

Earl Kulp – *Grandview Hospital*
Steve Burke
Loren Shultz - *Knee surgery*
Linda Shagg

Linwood Genszler – *Recovering at home*
Margie Rodenberger -*Recovering at home*
Frank Grim – *Recovering at home*
Jeff Bird - *Recovering at home*

Please look in the current edition of the Vision Newsletter for other names on our prayer list. The Sunday bulletins only list updates to the complete list in the Vision.

We remember in our prayers Linda Wood and family on the death of Linda's father Robert McCreary.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Earl Roth presented by his wife Fern and family.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and to beautify God's house in honor of Scout Sunday presented by Cub Scout Pack 170.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$68,217 in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

Elevator Fund ~	Project Cost	\$170,000.00
	Total Gifts Received as of 1.1.12	\$73,510.00

Flower Sponsors Needed. Please consider sponsoring an arrangement for as little as \$30.00 plus tax. Contact Heather Walter at 215-541-4069.

Saturday, February 11th from 5 to 8 PM- Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off and Talent Show in the Fellowship Hall. Cooking chili not your thing? We welcome side dishes and desserts, as well as talent acts. See signup sheet outside of Fellowship Hall. Questions, contact: Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or foreman3@hotmail.com

Thank you for supporting the community Food Pantry at Open Line. 332 jars of peanut butter in 2011 were donated from the individuals at St. Paul's to Open Line. We will continue to collect jars of peanut butter in 2012 for the food pantry.

Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30AM in Fellowship Hall. Program: Uptones Choral Group of the Upper Per High School under the direction of Dr. Mark Thomas. This month please pack your lunch and bring your mug, dessert is provided. Invite guests to join you. If you shop Redners, use your gas/save-a-tape card and bring your register tapes to Lunch Bunch to help defray meeting costs.

From the Health Advocates - Do you know the symptoms of a heart attack - in men, in women? Your risk factors and things you can do to lessen your risk? Attend, "Preventing Woman's Heart Disease", at the Upper Perk Senior Center on Tues., Feb. 21, from 12:15 -1:15 pm. To sign up, call Paula at 215-679-6550. For more information, see the Health Advocate bulletin board.

Save the Date ~ ASP will be holding a ham dinner on March 3rd at 3 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and consider joining us for this awesome event that helps support the Appalachia Service Project Home Repairs Ministry!

Ash Wednesday Service - February 22nd at 7:30 PM. This service will include the laying on of hands for healing and offering of individual prayer requests.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Confirmation Ministry	4:30 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
Monday	Cub Scout Den Meeting	7:00 PM
	Property Committee	7:00 PM
	Praise Team	7:30 PM
Wednesday	Lunch Bunch	11:30 AM
	AA	8:00 PM
Thursday	Bible Study – off site	7:00 PM
Friday	Frontier Girls, Brownies & Daisies	6:30 PM
Saturday	Chili Cook Off & Talent Show	5:00 PM
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	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
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Today's Worship Assistants

Next Sunday's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild:	8:00AM	Stephanie Smith	8:00AM	Nicole Walter
Assistant:	8:00AM	Henry Thomas	8:00AM	Cheryl Weiss
	10:30AM	Joanne Hersh	10:30AM	Robert Walp
Ushers:	9:15AM	Carol Elias	9:15AM	Debbie Gryshuk
		Brad Hendershot		Katie Gryshuk
	10:30AM	Floyd Treffinger	10:30 AM	Barbara Green
		John Hinkle		Paul Godshall
Monday:		Sandy Bergey	Monday:	Sandy Bergey
		Claude Croisette		Diane Leister
		Jean Croisette		Eleanor King

Stewardship Note: In growing up, even though I was giving my time and talents to serve the Lord, tithing was not a part of my life. I know I missed many blessings during that time because when I started tithing and increasing my tithing to more than 10%, I was so generously blessed. Blessings were showered on me not only monetarily but in priceless other ways that no amount of money could ever buy, such as good health, happiness, etc. One Example of God's blessings is finding checks in my mailbox unexpectedly. Another example and most surprising was how God gave my husband and me a sizable blessing equal to 10 times the wedding anniversary milestone we were about to celebrate a few days later. Yes, God does keep his promise and gives back a hundredfold when you are obedient to him. ~Pat Klinger