

January 29, 2012 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Readings from Scripture

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

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



F*or in the one spirit
we were all baptized
into one body.*

1 Corinthians 12:13

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

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

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

The Holy Gospel

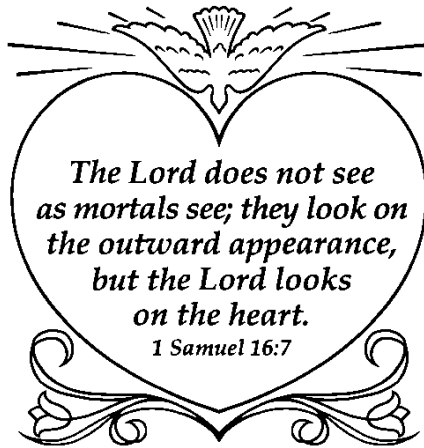
Mark 1:21–28

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ



St. Paul's Prayer List # Weekly update to the January Vision

Earl Kulp - *Grandview Hospital*
Linwood Genszler - *Recovering at home*
Margie Rodenberger - *Recovering at home*
Frank Grim - *Recovering at home*
Loren Shultz - *knee surgery*
Louise Mest

Nina Fehnel - *Recovering at home*
Suzanne Fox - *Broken arm*
Jeff Bird - *Recovering from surgery*
Jeff Gruskay
Michael Dziedzic - *brother of Laura Foreman*

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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and to beautify God's house presented by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Klinger.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Grace Leister's 90th birthday presented by her family.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$68,152 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.

Annual Meeting - The annual congregational meeting will be held after each of the three services today, Sunday, January 29.

Join us on Saturday, February 11th from 5 to 8 PM- Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off and Talent Show on Saturday, February 11th in Fellowship Hall for Chili tasting, voting and a talent show too! 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

Two homes in Red Hill were seriously damaged by an overnight fire this week. Both families were displaced and the homes are uninhabitable. The house where the main fire took place had two women living there. The home next door had significant smoke damage and is uninhabitable. This family has 3 children. If you would like to make a donation to assist these families, checks can be made payable to the *Upper Perk Ministerium Emergency Fund* and given to Pastor Vanderslice or delivered to the Univest Bank in Green Lane.

Lunch Bunch will be gathering on Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30AM in the Church Fellowship Hall. We are going to be entertained by the award winning Upton's Choral Group of the Upper Perkiomen High School under the direction of Dr. Mark Thomas. This is a February treat. This month you do need to pack your lunch and bring your mug, dessert is provided. Invite guests to join you to enjoy our friendly group. If you shop at Redners, use your gas/save-a-tape card and bring your register tapes to Lunch Bunch to help defray meeting costs. Thank you and hope to see you there.

Boy Scout Sunday will be on February 5, 2012. Please join the scouts as they help with the 9:15 a.m. service.

Ash Wednesday Service - Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 22nd at 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday	<i>Annual Meeting after each service Today</i>	
	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
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
Monday	Cub Scout Den Meeting	7:00 PM
	Praise Team	7:30 PM
Wednesday	Christian Education Committee	7:30PM
	AA	8:00 PM
Thursday	Bible Study – off site	1:00PM
	Bible Study – off site	7:00 PM
Friday	Frontier Girls, Brownies & Daisies	6:30 PM
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

Today's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild:	8:00AM	Sandy Landis
Assistant:	8:00AM	Sandy Bergey
	10:30AM	Robert Walp
Ushers:	9:15AM	Bob Weber
		Mary Lou Weber
	10:30AM	Brian Stever
		Frank Grim
		Chad Grim
Monday:		Leroy Stevens
		Robert Stevens
		Betty Treffinger

Next Sunday's Worship Assistants

8:00AM	Stephanie Smith
8:00AM	Henry Thomas
10:30AM	Joanne Hersh
9:15AM	Carol Elias
	Brad Hendershot
10:30 AM	Floyd Treffinger
	John Hinkle
Monday:	Sandy Bergey
	Claude Croisette
	Jean Croisette