

Welcome to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 3, 2023, 9AM Worship - All Saints Sunday

Prelude *Prelude: Sweet Hour of Prayer (Harris) - Margie Rodenberger*

Welcome *(Pastor)*

Hello everyone! Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on All Saints Sunday. I'm Rev. John Carlson. Jennifer Eisenberger is our worship assistant today, and Patricia Walter and Eric Virus are our ushers.

Today, we offer a special remembrance of all our saints who went to their eternal rest since the last All Saints Sunday. A candle will be lit during the prayers of intercession in memory of each person listed. If your loved one is being remembered, you are welcome to light the candle when their name is being read - otherwise, we can do so.

The Altar Flowers are given in Honor of all the persons who have served in the Armed Forces, presented by the Stever Family.

Confession & Forgiveness *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Pastor: Gracious God,

ALL: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

ALL: Amen.

The Greeting

Pastor: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us greet one another and share a sign of God's peace.
(please share a verbal greeting and refrain from shaking hands)
(Please be seated)

Hymn *Blue Book #752 - I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Prayer of the Day *(Pastor)*

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the 25th Chapter *(Assistant)*

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 24 *(Assistant- read responsively)*

Reader: ¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**ALL: ²For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

Reader: ³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**ALL: ⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear
on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

Reader: ⁵They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**ALL: ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Reader: ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**ALL: ⁸Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Reader: ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**ALL: ¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

(Please Stand as you are able)

Gospel is from St. John, the 11th Chapter *(Pastor)*

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,

"Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ** (Please be seated)

Dismissal to Sunday School (*The Children's Message is Online*)

Song *Green Book #346 - When Peace, Like a River*

The Message: Rev. John Carlson

Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* Words and Music By John Newton, John P. Rees, Edwin Othello Excelli, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Solo: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Refrain All: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love,
amazing grace.

Solo: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Refrain All

Solo: The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Refrain All

Solo: The earth will soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.

All: You are forever mine.

Apostles' Creed. *(Please stand as you are able)*

(Assistant): Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith sharing together the words of the Apostles' Creed....

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Assistant)*

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you, and rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Join us as we remember those saints who have gone home to you in this past year:

*As we read the names, if you would like to light the candle for your loved one,
please come forward:*

Eva Patterson - 11/14/2023
Paul Godshall - 11/25/2023
William R. Keyser, Sr. - 12/25/2023
Moises J. Montalvo Castro - 1/6/2024
Benjamin "Fuzz" Cairns III - 2/7/2024
Tammy Brown - 2/13/2024
Cynthia Merkel - 2/19/2024
Bonnie Thomas - 3/5/2024
Elsie M. Smith - 3/7/2024
Grace Long - 3/21/2024
Shirley Fay Keyser - 3/26/2024
Judith Cressman - 4/7/2024
Jeffrey Roth - 5/4/2024
Leonard Finkboon - 8/12/2024
Barry B. Simmon - 8/23/2024
Barbara Miller - 9/11/2024
Leon Ephross - 9/15/2024
Bonnie Bonser - 10/21/2024
Edith Stevens - 10/26/2024

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer *(Please stay standing as you are able)*

The Peace

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace *(Please be seated)*

Offering & Prayer

Song *Sanctuary (3X)* - CCLI License No. 108389

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true:
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. ***(repeats 3x)***

(Please Stand as you are able)

Song *Just as Jesus Told Us Dancing at the Harvest # 29 Printed by Ownership of Sufficient Copies / CCLI # 1083898*

Just as Jesus told us, we will break this bread.
Just as Jesus told us, we shall all be fed; and we will remember
what he did and said, and how he goes on living in the bread.

Just as Jesus told us, we will pour this wine.
Just as Jesus told us, we will come and dine; and we will remember
How he lived in time, and how he goes on living in the wine.

Just as Jesus told us, pass the bread around.
Just as Jesus told us, more wine can be found; and we will remember
Bread and wine abound. So break the loaf and pass the cup around

Pastor: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal, you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

ALL: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And Also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord or God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and,
receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live
as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray together in the words our Lord taught us:

ALL: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Pastor: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

ALL: Amen.

The Distribution

Please take a piece of bread from the pastor and then a small cup of wine or grape juice from the assistant minister. A gluten-free option is also available.

Song: *Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty Fitts, Bob 8 1984 Scripture In Song (a div. of Integrity Music, Inc.) CCLI License No. 1083898*

Father in heaven, how we love You; We lift Your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established In our praises,
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Refrain Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forevermore.

Repeat Song

Song: *Wonderful Merciful Savior* Words and Music By Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse ©1989 Word Music LLC | Dayspring Music, LLC. CCLI# 1083898

Wonderful, Merciful Savior, Precious redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we Adore.
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for.
Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. **Chorus**

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne. **Chorus**

Song: *Come Share the Lord* (Bryan Jeffery Leech) - 3 verses - no bridge Bryan Jeffery Leech CCLI Song #106408 © 1984, 1987 Fred Bock Music Company For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #1083898

We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Announcements from the Congregation *(if needed)*

Song *My Life is In You Gardner, Daniel © 1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (c/o Integrity Music, Inc.) CCLI License No. 1083898*

Chorus: My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

Chorus

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *My Life is In You Lord*

We Remember in Our Prayers

Larry Cassel; Vicki Clugston; James Cushman; Larry Hange; Allison Cairns Heist;
Nancy Jewell; Laverne Keyser; Joann Kolonia; Frances Lechner; Alma Leister;
Diana McMurtrie; Ryan, Carolyn & Baby Mary Parker; Barbara Roeder; B. Fern Roth;
Abbie Sands; Gladys Sands; Dave Stewart; Jean Stifnell; Ryan Weaver; Larry Weiss
Linda Wood; Charles Zepp

We keep in our prayers, the family of Edith Stevens, who went to her eternal rest on October 26, 2024. A funeral will be held on November 9, 2024, with calling hours beginning at 10 AM and the service beginning at 11 AM.

We keep in our prayers, the family of Bonnie Bonser, who went to her eternal rest on October 21, 2024. No funeral details are available at this time.

Announcements & Events

Thank You to our worship assistant Jennifer Eisenberger and to our ushers Patricia Walter and Eric Virus. Thanks to everyone who helps with worship.

Today is All Saints Sunday. We honor our loved ones who went to their eternal rest between November 2023 and October 30, 2024. Candles have been lit in their honor during worship today. You may take your loved one's candle home if you like.

Cub Pack 170 will be taking food donations over to Open Link on Saturday, 11/16. Anyone who doesn't have a scout troop that leaves door hangers or comes to their house for "Scouting for Food" can bring their donations to the church. A box should be placed in the narthex for that purpose at some point soon.

Worship will be Live Streamed on November 17, 2024 at 9AM.

Join in person at church or via our live stream.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyRSCIp6y_zyfnbovQC5hw

The UPCCC Wreath Sale has begun! If you would like to order beautiful wreaths or swags pick up an order form in the narthex on your way out today, or print one from the weekly email. Orders are due Friday, November 10th in the day care office. Pick up is December 4th.



Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner Sunday, November 24 to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main Street, Green Lane. Worship begins at 4 PM. The Reformed Churches in the Upper Perkiomen Valley together welcome you to this Thanksgiving Worship with a FREE Thanksgiving dinner to follow. Dessert donations requested! RSVP by 11/17 CALL 215-234-4888.

Decorating for Christmas will be held on November 30, 2024 at 10AM at the church. If you can help, please come and join us. Thank you. Contact Alice Hager with any questions. Alice.Hager@stpaulredhill.org or call the church office at 215-679-5553.

Alma Leister's 100th Birthday Card Shower We would love to send 100 cards her way. Her birthday is November 30, 2024. Please mail cards to: Mrs. Alma Leister, 2849 Big Road - Fredrick Living Room 1237, Zieglerville, PA 19492. Thank you!

The DATE & TIME for the Tree Lighting & Caroling Party have been changed. We will now meet on Saturday, December 7th at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join the fun! We will gather for the tree lighting, carol in the nearby neighborhood and then come back from some cookies, hot cocoa and games. See you there!

The Poinsettia sale is underway. Help decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Each plant will be \$13.75. Plants may be dedicated to someone or given to the glory of God. Plants being picked up should be taken home following our 7PM Christmas Eve service or by the 29th of December at the latest. Order forms are in the narthex, via our emails, and in this bulletin. All orders must be received by December 8th.

Member Meetings: There are 3 upcoming meetings for members. Please be sure to mark your calendars. A snail mail should be sent out the first week of November.

- The proposed budget for 2025 will be presented on **December 1, 2024** at 10AM. Members are welcome.
- The Budget for 2025 will be voted on **December 15, 2024** at 10AM during fellowship in the fellowship hall. This is a member's voting meeting.
- The Annual Meeting covering 2024 will be held on **January 12, 2025** at 10AM during fellowship in the fellowship hall. This is a voting meeting for members. Officers will be elected. Members are welcome.

The Church Tidy Up Group needs you! Please consider giving the gift of service to help with vacuuming or tidying parts of the church. Times are on Sunday, but can be done during the week as your schedule permits. have questions, please contact Jon Walter. You can sign up for available slots at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAAAA2BA5F94-44579155-tidy> or by scanning the qr code.





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

Orders due by December 8th ~ \$13.75/pot

No late orders can be accepted

Please return this order form to the St. Paul's Office by December 8th with your payment. Each large potted plant costs \$13.75. Your sponsorship will help beautify the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your support.

Please make your check out to St. Paul's and write "Christmas poinsettias" on the memo line. Place the order in the collection basket or send it to the office.

Quantity: _____ Given By: _____

Please Choose one:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

OR _____ Given to the glory of God

Plants may be picked up following the 7PM Christmas Eve service, or after Christmas in the covered doorway by Frye Road

Plants remaining after worship will be placed in the Frye Road doorway for pick up by those who requested to pick up.

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I am picking up my plant(s)

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I am donating my plant(s)

Amount Enclosed - \$13.75 x _____ # of Plants = \$ _____

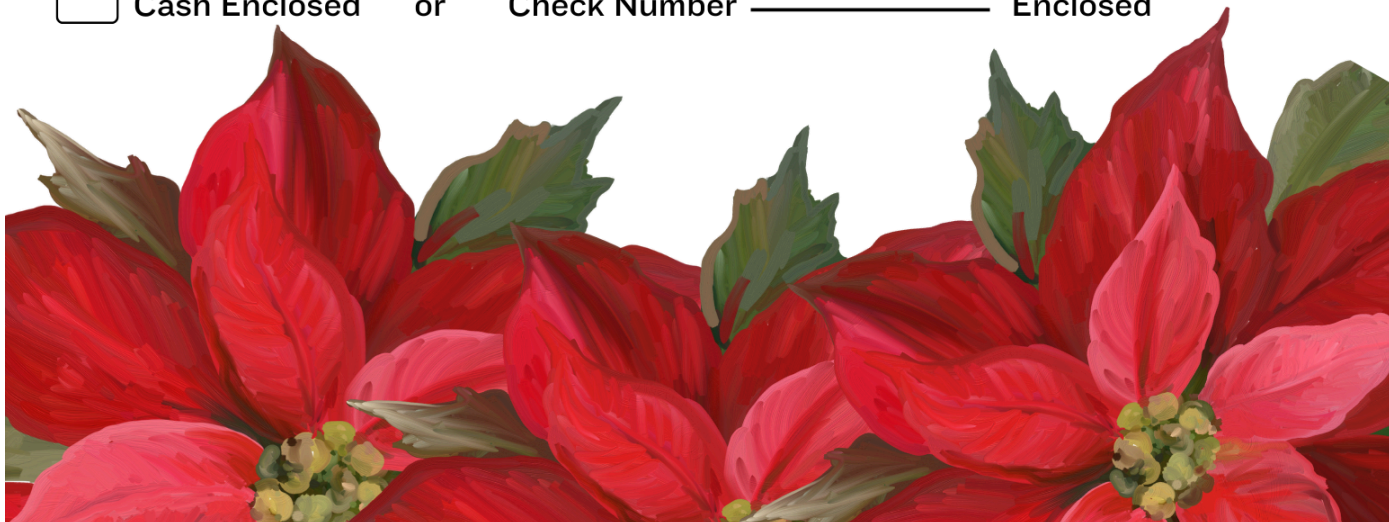
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DECEMBER 7, 2024 @ 6:00

ST PAUL'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND
CAROLING CELEBRATION

Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with a tree lighting, spreading cheer through song in the nearby neighborhood and then sharing hot cocoa, cookies and games together.

Please contact Bob or Laura Foreman with questions or to RSVP at 215-272-1445 or foreman3@hotmail.com.

All are welcome to join this free and family friendly event. Singing in tune not required.



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