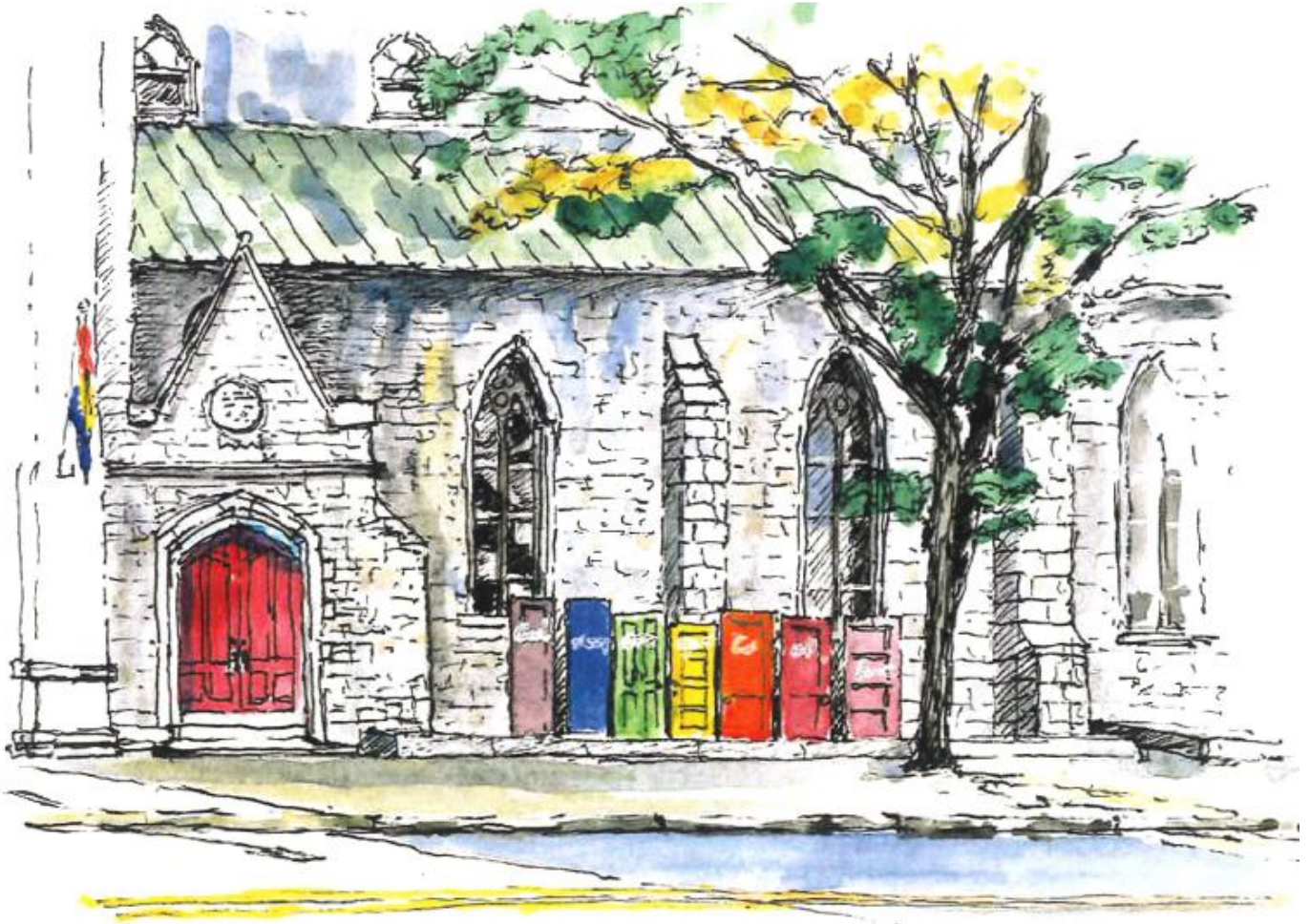




St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELKINS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 AM

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#40 Who are the members of St. Paul's Church?

In the Gospel of Mark, in the first chapter, we read: "As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him."

At St. Paul's we have a Simon & Andrew approach to membership. We count everyone who worships with us as a member of St. Paul's Church. There are two steps some of our members have taken to make the process a bit more official: taking the New Members class & being received by the bishop. But here's a secret: many of our longtime members have never taken either one of those steps.

On your first Sunday at St. Paul's, we consider you to be a visitor. By your third Sunday in worship, we are trying to remember your name and counting you as one of us. Jesus didn't ask Simon and Andrew a bunch of questions or ask them to fill out a bunch of paperwork in order to join. We're trying to follow his example.

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.

Fr. Philip +

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our morning worship begins with the first note of the organ prelude and your silent prayers. Please refrain from conversations during this time.

PRELUDE: “Prelude III”

T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 438 • “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord”

Woodlands

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

† Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets, your covenant binds us as sisters and brothers: help us overcome the scandal of poverty and the chasm of indifference; open our eyes to recognize you in the wounded poor; the Jesus Christ, the builder of bridges.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Lector

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

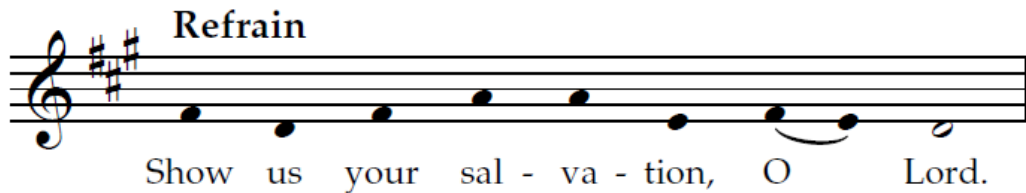
THE RESPONSE

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 *Qui habitat*

Mode 4

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The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." **Refrain**

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler. **Refrain**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day. **Refrain**

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. **Refrain**

EPISTLE • 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Lector

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 602 • “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love”

Chereponi

Please remain standing

HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 16:19-31

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that

they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin credo, translated here as "we believe." Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be "we give our heart," "we trust," "we rely upon." Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in

worship for almost two thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We thank you, God, for all that you have richly provided. Make us content with what we have. Keep us from temptation in the pursuit of wealth. Let us not avert our eyes from our neighbors in need.

The people add their own prayers silently or aloud.

God, our refuge and stronghold: **In you we put our trust.**

We pray that the church lead us in fighting the good fight, in pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Bless the work of Sean, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our Bishop; Philip, our Rector, and the community of St. Paul's.

The people add their own prayers silently or aloud.

God, our refuge and stronghold: **In you we put our trust.**

God, who gives life to all things, make us better stewards of your creation; let not callousness, recklessness and avarice despoil the wealth and beauty of the lush planet on which we live.

The people add their own prayers silently or aloud.

God, our refuge and stronghold: **In you we put our trust.**

We pray for those caught in the crossfire of conflicts, suffering terrible loss and depravation, especially in the Middle East, North Africa and Ukraine. May your peacemakers prevail and may those who pursue war lay down their weapons.

The people add their own prayers silently or aloud.

God, our refuge and stronghold: **In you we put our trust.**

May those in need, illness or isolation find refuge and comfort in you, dear Lord, and may we as your servants show compassion and caring. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own prayers silently or aloud.

God, our refuge and stronghold: **In you we put our trust.**

We grieve the loss of those we love, but may we be comforted by faith that, having stored up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation built upon doing good, being generous and ready to share, they now enter upon the life that really is life. We remember especially *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own prayers silently or aloud.

God, our refuge and stronghold: **In you we put our trust.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant

Let us confess our sins to God.

All

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Officiant

† Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All

Amen.

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Celebrant

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

The People are invited to sit.

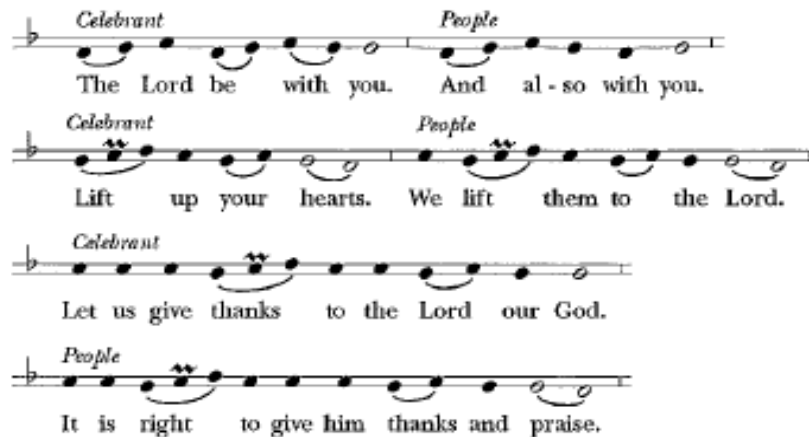
AN ANTHEM: *In paradisum*

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

May the angels lead you into paradise: may the martyrs receive you as you arrive, and bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem.

The people are invited to stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, The Eucharist Prayer is from the Church of South India



Celebrant

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image.

Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspire prophetic voices to speak the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

In Christ Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples and friends. By his death he destroyed the power of death. By his resurrection he opened the way of eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **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.

10:00 - Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Celebrant

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

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

All **Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.**

Celebrant

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:00

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

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During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

COMMUNION HYMN • 703 “Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace”

Song 22

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant

Let us pray.

All

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN 705 • “As those of old their first fruits brought”

Forest Green

DISMISSAL

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE • “Choral Song”

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul's prayer leaders.

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Destany W., Anne D., Daniela B., Kira D., and the Allen Family

We remember those who have died in recent days.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of LaUna & Edward Williamson, Edith E. & W.C.R. Williamson by the Williamson Flower Fund.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Father Philip

Lay Reader: Terri Tuttle / Mathieu van der Meer

Ushers: Greg Tuttle / Joseph Von Souder

Flowers: Tim, Harriet Averill & Sandy Wiley

Announcements

* This weekend St. Paul's is hosting *The Syracuse Orchestra* for the first *Casual Series* concerts of the year. Join us this afternoon at 3 p.m. for music by Grieg, Ravel, and Tchaikovsky, all inspired by fairy tales. You can learn more and purchase tickets at syracuseorchestra.org.

* This coming week Fr. Philip will be attending the CREDO conference in Virginia. Please contact one of the wardens in case of pastoral emergency.

* The October edition of *The Courier* has been published! You can read it at our website or pick up a full color copy in the back of the nave.



Officers

Senior Warden: Joe Moorman
Junior Warden: Ieva Doyle
Treasurer: Doug Mouncey
Assistant Treasurer: Sandi Yingling
Clerk of the Vestry: Anita Wagner

2025

Vestry & Team Leaders

2025: Matthieu van der Meer, Harry Lambright, Barbara Bell
2026: Jeanne Chu, Tim Cassavaw, DJ Igelsrud
2027: Willson Cumber, Joe Russo, Tim Simmons
Finance Committee Chairperson: David Ridings
Children's Ministry Leader: Jeanne Avery
Worship Ministry Team Convener: Laurie Sanderson
Formation Ministry Team Convener: Jeanne Avery
Mission & Service Team Convener: Betsy Elkins
Community Fellowship Min. Convener: Elizabeth Belden-Handler
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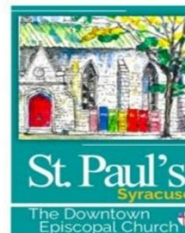
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The Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan Probe, Bishop of Central New York
The Reverend Philip Major, Rector of St. Paul's
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