

Our Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist Rite I - 8:00am

This communion service uses traditional Elizabethan English. There is no music at this services.

Sunday Breakfast - 9:00am

This is a wonderful time for parishioners, friends and visitors to enjoy fellowship together between our services.

Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00am

This communion service uses contemporary English with a full choir. Sunday school and Nursery are available.

Coffee Hour - 11:30am

Fellowship time in the Parish Hall with coffee, tea and warm conversation.

Getting on Board

In the Episcopal tradition, we welcome all persons to join us in our worship. All are welcomed, regardless of tradition to receive communion in our parish.

We also welcome participation in all areas of parish life, including choir, teaching, outreach, mission, and many more.

Baptisms (of infants, children and adults) and weddings are a normal part of the sacramental life of the parish. Please schedule an appointment with Pastor Maxine to discuss any needs that you may have.



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Exton



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Our Mission

We are a worshipping family with open doors and open arms, growing in the love and service of the Lord. We proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

We live out this community of faith by proclaiming the Gospel in worship and prayer, by reaching out through giving and forgiving, and by learning, sharing and serving

We invite YOU to join us in this great journey!

Our History

St. Paul's had its beginnings in 1827, when the Reverend Samuel Brinckle, rector of Old St. David's, Radnor met in his spare time with interested residents in school houses in both East and West Whiteland. Over the next year plans were made to purchase land near the 24th milestone on the Philadelphia Lancaster Turnpike and build a church. On May 1, 1828 the Rev. Brinckle officiated at the laying of the cornerstone. On May 28, 1829 the church was consecrated by Bishop William White, the first bishop of Pennsylvania and a founding father of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

In the 1840's there were many new strides which brought growth and enrichment to St. Paul's Church. The women of the church contributed a great deal financially toward improvements and repairs. There has been a constancy in this throughout St. Paul's history. The church was first a place of worship, but it was also a place of social gatherings for the wider community. St. Paul's also has a rich tradition of concerns about social issues beyond the parish.

In the fall of 1912 the Parish Hall was erected and quickly became a community center, proving of great value as a neighbor-

hood house for gatherings. The year 1918 was an important year in the life of St. Paul's when land adjoining the church was purchased by the Church Farm School. That summer, under the leadership of the Reverend Dr. Charles Shreiner, thirty five boys from the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, together with a group of Girl Scouts who were housed in St. Paul's Parish Hall, worked the farm raising food to help the food crisis of World War I. For many years the students and parishioners worshiped together. Then in September 1963 the Church Farm School began worshiping in their own chapel on the school's campus.

As the parish family increased in membership, the Lockwood-Reilly Building was erected just north of the Parish Hall in 1981. In 1984, St. Paul's was placed on the national Historical Landmark Registry, in recognition of the historical significance of the church. The interior of the church underwent major renovations in 2002. The exterior was repaired and repainted at the same time. In May 2004, the parish celebrated its 175th anniversary.

Throughout many generations, St. Paul's has been a community of faith that has served God's Mission in Jesus Christ. We are grateful to past members whose commitment of founding a place of worship and keeping it alive throughout our history. St. Paul's is a testament to their dedication to their community and their love of God. By the grace of God's innumerable blessings, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are determined to continue Christ's ministry of love within our parish, our community, and the world.

We invite you to join us at St. Paul's and experience the love of Christ in this parish family and in loving service to the world in Jesus Christ's name.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest." (NIV) Matthew 11:28*