



### PAOLI STAFF

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### DEACONS

Mary Jo Ashenfelter, Jen Baker, Meredith Boak, Joyce Cassel, Linda Clay, Nancy D'Angelo, Jan Devonald, Joy Dodge, Emily Evans, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Robin Fryberger, Jill Gallagher, Lori Gordon, Lee Guertin, Maribeth Hacker, Cindi Hanscom, Linda Hassett, Leslie Kingston, Sandy McCammon-Hetzler, Heather Norcini, Dee Pancoast, Tony LaRocca, Kelly Mowery, Jeff Palmer, MaryBeth Siverling, Butch Stanton, Sheelagh Straub

### ELDERS

Kim Beggs, Howard Cates, Kelly Farrell, Glenn Gorman, Kimberly MacDonald-Brown, Robin McConnell, Will Moreschi, Rob Rinaldo, Jeff Roche, Betsy Sautter, Tara Stoppa, Barry Webster



### ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Prelude*
- \*Call To Worship*
- \*Opening Hymn #56..... The First Nowell*
- \*Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon*
- Welcome and Announcements*
- Special Music..... Christ Be Our Light, Bernadette Farrell  
Judi Slater, Alto*
- Sermon & Scripture*  
*The Gift of Jesus*  
*Matthew 2:1-12*
- Hymn of the Day #63..... As With Gladness Men of Old*
- Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- Prayer after Communion & The Lord's Prayer*
- \*Closing Hymn #66..... We Three Kings of Orient Are*
- \*Benediction*
- Postlude*

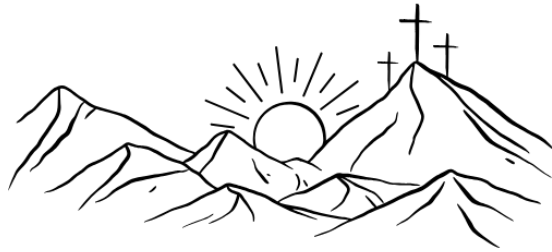
*\*All who are able, please stand.*



**Advent Worship Services:  
Sundays at 10:00am**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Belize Mission Trip 2025**

Please pray for our mission team in Belize  
this week!

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## **MLK Serve Day**

Saturday, January 18th  
9am-1pm

We will join with other volunteers to do cleaning and other tasks around the school at 58th Street and Chester Avenue in Southwest Philadelphia, from 9 am to almost 1 pm (Carpooling from the church at 8 am).

If you can join the effort, please sign up in the narthex or contact Tom Infield at [tom.infield@paolipres.org](mailto:tom.infield@paolipres.org)

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## **The Biblical View on Racial Identities**

starts Sunday, January 19th 11:30am in Sanctuary

*The Biblical View on Racial Identities*

Join us for this six-week class led by Rev. Dr. Robert Wafula! This class will explore and seek to find a biblical understanding of racial identity. Through the examination of both Old and New Testament texts, as well as various peoples of the ancient Near East, participants will understand more deeply the role race plays in our faith history and our world, and how Jesus redefines it all.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or willfulness often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal. Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Saviour.

# SERMON NOTES

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## OUR VISION

*Ending Relational Poverty*

*Inviting everyone into transforming relationship with God through Jesus Christ and authentic relationships with one another.*