



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

November 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 2
HOLY EUCHARIST
The Rev. Harv Sanders
Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

NOVEMBER 9
VETERANS DAY SERVICE
Lay Reader - Kate French

NOVEMBER 16
HOLY EUCHARIST
The Rev. Don Compier
Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

NOVEMBER 23
MORNING PRAYER
Lay Reader - Sandy Meier

NOVEMBER 30
MORNING PRAYER
Lay Reader - Ruana Gladfelter

A Message from the Bishop's Warden



Dear friends in Christ,

I am sharing with you today the Wednesday reflection from the d365 offerings for the week of October 27 – November 2. In reading, I so often stumble onto thoughts I have heard expressed before, but they hit me with a newness. I know God loves me, but sometimes I feel so inadequate in my prayers, my conversations with God. What do I say? So these words were particularly comforting to read again. To be reassured that God knows me and wants to seek me, even when I feel so inadequate.

The Rev. Molly Logan, a Presbyterian pastor in Southern California, wrote this past week on d365 about God's nearness to us at all times.

"Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Mathew 7).

"In the bustle of our daily lives, seeking God certainly doesn't feel easy!

Enter into prayer, trusting that the same God you seek knows you and seeks you, too."

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The weekly reflections begin each day of the week with the same passage (this week, the "Seek, and you will find" line above). The Rev. Logan illustrates this point of God seeking us by reminding of the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, who climbs a tree to see Jesus as he passes by. At the same time Zacchaeus climbs the tree seeking Jesus, Jesus passes the tree and looks up. When he looks up, he says, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today (Luke 19:1-6). *"Maybe the most helpful lesson here," The Rev. Molly Logan writes, "is that our seeking of God happens at the same time as God already sees us, knows us, loves us, and wants to know us more. God knows us, the efforts we go to or fail to go to, and still seeks after us."*

She goes on to reflect in this prayer: *"Gracious and loving God, thank you for being with me when I'm not quite sure how to seek you. Help me to see you at work in my world today loving me, without me having to climb any trees, but right here, right now, alongside of me. Amen."* No matter that we can't find the words for our prayers, that we are struggling through the messiness of our lives, that we may be feeling alone and overwhelmed and inadequate, God is seeking us. What a reassuring thought, that we never face life alone. That God is always with us, holding us close.

Every day of this past week she closed with these lines from Psalm 46:

*"God is our refuge and strength,
A help always near in times of trouble.
That's why we won't be afraid when the
world falls apart,
When the mountains crumble into the center
of the sea,*

*When its waters roar and rage,
When the mountains shake because of its
surging waves."*

But we are never alone, and we can trust God in our journey, no matter what is going on. Every day of the week, as I read the opening reflection, I had to sing this favorite, Hymn 711, sung recently in church,

*"Seek ye first the king-dom of God, and its
right-eous-ness, ...*

*knock and the door shall be o-pened un-to
you, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu, Al-
le-lu-ia!" (Hymn 711)*

In Christ,

Kate

TREASURER'S REQUEST: We already have had a number of Sundays that we have not had a collection either to scant attendance or we conducted Morning Prayer at the table. We have no record of it. It would be helpful if these were documented at the time with a signed envelope noting no collection taken. Thanks for your assistance. It will make my job at the end of the year easier.

UP COMING DATES:

Diocesan convention: On November 7 and 8th the Diocese of West Missouri will meet in the 136th Annual Convention to tend to Diocesan business. Don Kiefer is our delegate and Sandy Meier is our alternate and will be representing our congregation and voting on resolutions brought before the convention.

Veterans Day Recogniton Sunday: On November 9th, we will remember our veterans and our nation in prayer. We have placed ads in the paper and on the KDKD community page and taken flyers to the VFW. My hope is that veterans in this community will at least know this is happening, and perhaps some will join us. I hope we can all be there in case we have visitors.

I am counting on you for cookie support! Thank you!

First Sunday of Advent: November 30th, the church year begins again! The altar will be in purple as a sign of penitence and preparation for Christ's coming and the royalty of Christ as King. (Some churches have adopted the color blue as a modern alternative, associating it with hope and the Virgin Mary.)

Lesson and Carols: December 21st, we will have a Lessons and Carols service again.

Book Buddies: Sandy, Sam, and I have received our clearance to begin listening to our children read. Sandy and I will be the first to jump in and we will let you know how it is. Children often do not receive enough opportunities to read out loud, and that is the purpose of this program.

From the library: At the end of the newsletter, I will include a letter about a program at the library on November 8th. (Sorry, it is a poor image) A young local author, Clayton Steward, will talk on his book, **DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO**, as he shares "one family's experience with rural healthcare and the way they make it all work."

PRAYER LIST: (Please let me know if any names can be removed from this list. Thank you!)

Healing: Fr. Mike, Augustus Hockaday, Kitty, Tina, Don, Kathy, Steve Sheline, Kirsten, Tom, Rauna, Sam, Elsie, Wes Skaggs, Dinah

Cancer: Christy, Pat, Micheal, Cindy McAvoy, Rev. Jenny Ketner, Debbie M., Suzanne, Ruana, Diane, Sylvia, Don, Sam, Connie, Joe Trogden

For Comfort, Strength, and Peace: Gail Cloutte, Pat Decker, Doug Johnson, Christy and Diane, Becky and John, Kathy and Mike, Zaha, Steve Sheline, Marie Hopkins, Linda C., Laurisa, Rick, Christopher, Craig (father)and Cam (son) Dobereiner, the Rose family, Connie

The Departed: Kerry Dobereiner, Therse Hopkins, Sharon Rose

Others: The divisions in our nation, peace in the world, those devastated by natural disasters, those facing job loss and personal challenges

Thanksgiving: Family and friends, God's many blessings, and His constant presence in our daily lives, conclusion of formal treatments for Ruana and Sam

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 9, 2025

The Henry County Library in Clinton is pleased to announce that they will be hosting a book reading and signing session for local author Clayton Steward on Saturday, November 8th. The event will be held from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Friends of the Library Community Room. Clayton will be reading from his newly released book *'Do what you have to do'*.

About Clayton: Clayton Steward, originally from Montrose, is a visual journalist that tells long form stories that capture the human spirit and explore the intersection of people and their environment. His background in Chaplaincy training compliments his studies in art and photography to provide a deeply empathetic and creative approach to storytelling. His upbringing in rural Missouri and familial visits around the coastal deep south continue to be a source of inspiration for projects and work he turns his lens toward. He holds a B.A. in Digital Communications from the University of Saint Mary and an M.A. in Journalism from the University of Missouri. Clayton now lives in Kansas City where he is a freelance photojournalist and adjunct instructor of communications and photography.

Clayton's work has been published in the New York Times, Kansas City Magazine, The Park Record, Deseret News, The Columbia Missourian, The New Territory Magazine and the place where he had his first newspaper internship, the Clinton Daily Democrat.

About *'Do what you have to do'*: What does care and commitment look like in rural Kansas? For the Engstrom family, it looks like doing what you have to do to care for a loved one. *'Do what you have to do'* is a photo book with over 30 high-res images that gives viewers a glimpse into one family's experience with rural healthcare and the way they make it all work.

Donna and Larry Engstrom were married in 1965 in the front room of the farm house they now live in. She was 17 and he was 23. The couple raised three children together, Jante, April and Slade, in Coyville. The couple has felt their fair share of "rough times," but are quick to say, "we had fun."

A series of surgeries, injuries, and complications over the span of several years required a different approach to care for the Engstroms. Larry had a fall in August 2022 and it was decided more help on the farm was necessary, so the kids stepped in. Jante and her husband, Shelby, renovated a barn on the property into a home and moved from Fredonia, Kansas in February 2023.

Larry sometimes struggles to grasp the words that he is searching for. He often looks to Donna the many stories from his youth, growing up on the farm that he loves so dearly. Everything from his assortment of pets (a skunk, bobcat and raccoon) to the reason the upstairs window screen was rusted out - four boys and no upstairs bathroom.

Please join the library in welcoming Clayton as he shares the story of the Engstrom family navigating the rural healthcare system while caring for their beloved patriarch. Copies of *'Do what you have to do'* will be available for purchase and autographing at the event for \$50. Cash, check, Venmo, and credit card via online payment will be accepted. For further information contact the Henry County Library in Clinton at (660)885-2612.

