

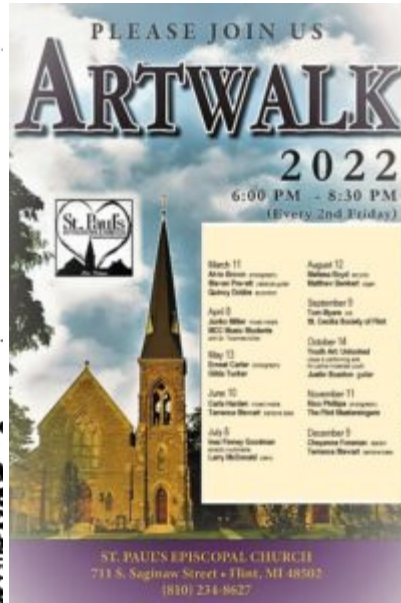


# Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*The Church with Heart, in the Heart of the City*

March 10, 2022



IT'S SPRING! THAT MEANS THAT ART WALK AT ST. PAUL'S IS OPEN.

Join us this Friday, March 11, 2022 for the Second Friday Art Walk in downtown Flint. From our spot at the Intersection of Saginaw Street and Third Street, we will be joining the rest of our neighbors for this monthly event.

Our featured artist in March is Alvin Jermaine Brown, a young and accomplished Flint photographer. Currently, Alvin is the owner of his own photography business, Eye Snap Studios LLC. In addition, he is an educator,

teaching photography in the Flint and GISD area through his connections with Bangtown Productions, Studio-On-The-Go. Throughout the years, Alvin has mastered Event Photography, Portrait Photography, Wedding Photography and Photojournalism. His approach is one where he focuses on the natural expressions of individuals, while keeping the eye on high quality lighting, color and composition. To see Alvin's full biography, and examples of his work, check him out on Facebook and Instagram.

Music will play through the evening, featuring Steven Prevett on the classical guitar, and Quincy Dobbs on the accordion.

Art Walk happens every month on the second Friday for the rest of the year from 6:00 P.M. through 8:30 P.M. Please join us. Refer to our website and Facebook page for the 2022 schedule of artists and music.

Here is a link to the website: <https://stpaulschurchflint.com/2nd-friday-art-walk/>. Find us on Facebook: @SaintPaulsChurchFlint.

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## What ?

Excuses notwithstanding, I am sorry that the weekly publication of "Tower Talk" was replaced with nothing. I will endeavor to get it out in a more frequent manner, however, it may be necessary to publish when time permits. Thank you for your understanding.

## About Worship Leadership

The word liturgy can be defined as the “work” of the people. Episcopal services are “liturgical” in that everyone takes part. While an ordained person or specifically licensed lay person may preside, everyone present actively participates. There are no spectators in Episcopal worship and no one person is more or less important than anyone else.

In some ways, it takes a whole church to provide liturgy for the church. I use the word church to mean the people assembled for worship. We do not “put on” a performance. Together we serve making the liturgy possible.

In order to do that there are many roles, many parts that are necessary for worship to fully and wonderfully come together. The Bishop or the priest (always serving in the Bishop’s absence) presides. The Deacon proclaims the gospel, brings the concerns of the world to the people in the form of the prayers, and sets the holy table for the Eucharist. Equally important, laypersons read the lessons, assist the deacon and priest as acolytes, in the absence of a Deacon lead the prayers, setup for the service as the altar guild, provide hospitality and information as ushers and if sing and play as musicians. Every person is needed, and every role indeed a very important part of liturgical leadership.

We need you!

We need Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers (yes the chalice will return someday), Sound/Live-streaming engineers, and Altar Guild Members. Wouldn’t it be wild if every person present was involved in serving every other person present...that’s how it works.

We will train you to do anything you want to do. I know that some folks may not be comfortable singing and others might not want to read a lesson, but maybe once a month you could tend the sound and live-streaming (once our new equipment arrives).

Please consider being a liturgical leader as we re-open and re-engage St. Paul’s in 2022.

The Lead person in each area of ministry serves as an advisor to the Rector (priest-in-charge) as a member of our Worship and Liturgy group.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Don, TaMara Oertel or Tim Grant.

Out and About:

Trinity Episcopal Church in Flushing as decided to return their building to the Diocese and the building has been sold. The Church will continue to operate without walls holding services within the auspices of a local ELCA congregation.

As a gesture of love and grace, the remains of 14 people formerly held in the Trinity Church columbarium have been reverently transferred to our columbarium as of Ash Wednesday.

Postponed

Due to illness among the staff of Partners for Sacred Spaces, the Asset Mapping Event scheduled for March 12 has been postponed. An announcement about the new date will be forthcoming.

Funeral Services were held at St Pauls for:

**Captain Collin Birnie** of the Flint Police Department on February 11th. Captain Birnie died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

**Edward Henneke**, a member of our Vestry and former Chancellor of the Diocese was held on February 17.

**Robert Welch**, a former teacher and principal in Flint was held on March 4.

Funeral services for **Harriet Kenworthy** will be held on March 30. Her obituary and service are available at [www.dobbs-dumanois.com/obits](http://www.dobbs-dumanois.com/obits).

On behalf of all the people of St. Paul’s, we express our sincere sympathy to all who knew and loved our brothers and sister in Christ. May their souls and the souls of all the departed by the mercies of Almighty God, Rest in Peace.

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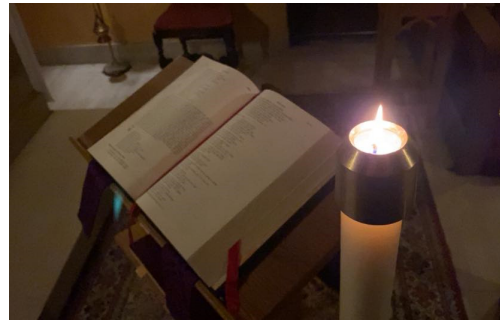
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**St. Paul's Office Hours**  
**Tuesday-Thursday**  
**9 AM—2 PM**

**Fr. Don**  
**Tuesdays-Thursdays**  
**(by appointment)**

**From Tim Grant, Lector and Eucharistic Minister Lead.**

I've had the good fortune to hear some amazing readers proclaim the scriptures at the Eucharist!



This is the compelling message that Tim Grant shared on Sunday when he invited prospective lectors to gather for a Lector Training Session. Tim shared several personal examples of readings he had heard from a diverse group of individuals, each having the common goal of sharing readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament in a meaningful way for those participating in services at St. Paul's.

Tim will lead the lector training, which will include group discussion, practice reading, and thoughtful sharing of ways to proclaim each passage effectively. The intent is to help everyone become more comfortable in sharing God's message each Sunday.

Here are the details:

**LECTOR SUPPORT INVITATION**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2022**  
**10:00 AM Upstairs Conference Room**

There are sign-up sheets in the parlor at church, or you can send an email to ([webeditor@stpaulschurchflint.com](mailto:webeditor@stpaulschurchflint.com)) to let us know you are coming.

For the full text of Tim's message on Sunday, you can view it by using this link: <https://stpaulschurchflint.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/St.-Pauls-Lector-Training-Writeup-Tim-Grant.pdf>

Dialogue with Don This Sunday

'Personal Devotions with our BCP'

(after church in the parlor, please grab a cuppa and join us)

## Episcopal Church releases 'Jesus in America' study; polling data shows wide-ranging faith views.

[Episcopal News Service] Most Americans see Jesus as an important spiritual figure. More than 30% of Americans have decreased their participation in religious activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. And only one in 10 thinks those who attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, were associated with organized religion.

Those are some of the findings of a national study commissioned by The Episcopal Church and conducted by the polling firm [Ipsos](#). The results of the "[Jesus in America](#)" study, released March 9, highlight the wide-ranging faith perspectives of a diverse cross section of Americans, including those who identify as nonreligious.

"We are encouraged that the research shows

Americans still find Jesus compelling, but we also see that the behavior of many of his followers is a problem, and it's not just certain Christians: it's all Christians," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in [a press release announcing the study](#). "This is a wake-up call for us, and based on what we have learned, we are refocusing our efforts on being a church that looks and acts like Jesus and models its behavior on his teachings. In this process, we hope to ignite a revival of love that encourages all Americans to do a better job of loving their neighbors."

To conduct the study, global market researcher Ipsos polled 3,119 Americans, ages 18 and older, from Nov. 22 to Dec. 2 in English and Spanish, with a margin of error of 2%. The results will be used by Episcopal leaders to help plan for the post-pandemic church.

Read more: [<<Episcopal News Service>>](#)

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