

**March 17. 5th Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

**March 24. Palm/Passion Sunday (Red)**

LITURGY OF THE PALMS:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

**March 25. Monday of Holy Week**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11

**March 26. Tuesday of Holy Week**

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36

**March 27. Wednesday of Holy Week**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32

**March 28. Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**March 29. Good Friday (None)**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16;  
5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

**March 30. Holy Saturday**

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

**March 30. Easter Vigil (White)**

(The number of readings may vary but Exodus 14 and at least two other readings from the Old Testament should be used in addition to the New Testament readings.)

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS & PSALMS

Genesis 1:1-2:4a & Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26  
or Psalm 33  
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 &  
Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1-18 & Psalm 16  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 & Exodus  
15:1b-13, 17-18  
Isaiah 55:1-11 & Isaiah 12:2-6

Ezekiel 36:24-28 & Psalm 42, 43  
Ezekiel 37:1-14 & Psalm 143  
Zephaniah 3:14-20 & Psalm 98

NEW TESTAMENT READING & PSALM

Romans 6:3-11 & Psalm 114

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

**March 31. Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

**April 7. 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

**April 24. 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**April 21. 4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**April 28. 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**May 5. 6th Sunday of Easter**

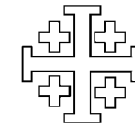
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

**May 12. Ascension of the Lord Sunday**

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**May 19. Day of Pentecost (Red)**

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



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# Lectionary Readings

*Advent 2023  
to  
Pentecost 2024*

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A calendar and table of suggested scripture readings for a three-year cycle, the Common Lectionary provides a systematic approach to the use of Scripture in worship and study.

With each of the three years beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, the Lectionary cycle follows the outline of the Christian year, celebrating the central mystery of our faith — the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

### Lectionary Study Groups

Three groups meet weekly at St. Paul's to study the Bible following the Lectionary. One may meet with any of these groups, as designated, at any time.

- **Open to All.** Tuesday noon. Led by Rev. Trey Burns. J-211 and via Zoom. To connect, email [hlpearson@aol.com](mailto:hlpearson@aol.com).
- **Men.** Wednesdays 7:30 am. Led by Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald. Fellers Room (S-312) and via Zoom. To connect, email [bharmes@gmail.com](mailto:bharmes@gmail.com).
- **Women.** Thursdays 8:30 am. Led by Rev. Barbara Robberson. Zoom only. To connect, email [bjmcmah@swbell.net](mailto:bjmcmah@swbell.net).

### Liturgical Colors

The colors next to certain entries are the liturgical color of the season for that day onward until the color changes again. For more about liturgical colors, see [www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/colors-for-the-christian-year](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/colors-for-the-christian-year)

### Readings Illuminated by Art

The texts for each week are provided on the church's app and website calendar ([www.stpaulshouston.org/calendar](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/calendar)). These are illuminated by art curated by Norman Mahan with narrative about the art and artist also provided by him.

## YEAR B

### December 3. 1st Sunday of Advent (Blue)

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### December 10. 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### December 17. 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### December 24. 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

(On December 24, St. Paul's UMC will follow the lessons for the 4th Sunday of Advent at the 10 am service and the lessons for Christmas Eve at the other services.)

### December 24. Christmas Eve (White)

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

### December 25. Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

### December 31. Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### January 7. Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### January 14. 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

### January 21. 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

(St. Paul's UMC breaks from the Sunday Lectionary each January to celebrate the Conversion of Paul, our church's namesake. The lessons for the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany also are provided.)

### January 25. Conversion of Paul (White)

Acts 26:9-21  
Psalm 67  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Matthew 10:16-22

### January 28. 4th Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

### February 4. 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### February 11. Transfiguration Sunday (White)

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### February 14. Ash Wednesday (Purple)

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### February 18. 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### February 25. 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

### March 3. 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### March 10. 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21