

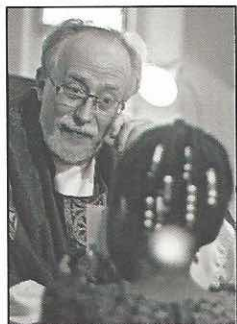
Welcome!



ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

A Multicultural and Inclusive
Church

Welcome!



We're glad you're here. If you are looking for a community of faith with a difference, you have found it!

As a multicultural and inclusive church, we are a place of many differences. We believe that God worked very hard to make us all different, and we celebrate God's success! We at St. Paul's Elkins Park are a people of many colors, cultures, languages, and faith backgrounds.

But there are also many ways that the people of St. Paul's are all the same. We are articulate, spiritual, lively, fun-loving, sensitive, questioning, and devout Christians, who believe that we are called to be God's hands in the world. We strive to walk His walk in this world; to follow Christ's call of compassion and service to others. We worship using ancient and beautiful Christian traditions, but with our eyes fixed firmly on the issues and concerns of today's broken world.

Whether you attend regularly or visit occasionally, we'd love to have you join us! Please make sure that we have your contact information so that we can keep you up to date with what goes on here. There is always something happening at St. Paul's Elkins Park. Welcome!

The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid, Rector

Music at St. Paul's Elkins Park



"Those who sing," said St. Augustine, "pray twice." The ancient, African Bishop of Hippo meant that singing adds to our praise and worship of God — that our voices are gifts, with which we can make music to the Lord. Sung hymns and anthems express the joys and depths of the heart, the happiness and the consolation resulting from one who has encountered Jesus Christ and experienced his love. Music reminds us of the choirs of heaven, with whom we are called to praise God eternally.

Music at St. Paul's Elkins Park reflects our multicultural heritage. We worship with the music of many cultures and traditions. You will hear world-class musicians singing and playing the finest of Gospel, Classical, and World music - not because we enjoy performing in church, but because we love to praise God with voice and song!

We love music so much, that our singing spills over into community concerts both sacred and secular. Join us in song and let your spirit soar!

David Antony Lofton, Music Director

Our next 3-week Adult Forum Series
St. Paul - the Inventor of Multiculturalism
Presented by the Rector
Beginning Sunday January 22, 2017
For 30 minutes after the 10:00am service
and in-depth at 7:00pm Wednesday
January 25.

Save the Date!
Our next
Newcomer's
Brunch
is Sunday,
February 5, 2017
following the
10:00am service.

Historic St. Paul's Elkins Park

- St. Paul's Elkins Park is one of the most significant Abolitionist and Civil War historic sites in the Delaware Valley, founded by **Jay Cooke**, who became known as the *Financial Savior of the Union*. Jay Cooke became a close friend of neighbor **Lucretia Mott**, who attended bible study at our church, and became known by her contemporaries as the greatest woman of the 19th Century. Jay Cooke's mausoleum is in our churchyard.
- The oldest surviving house of worship in Cheltenham, St. Paul's Elkins Park provided the only regular Sunday worship at **Camp William Penn**, the nearby training ground for troops of color during the Civil War. Our congregation was highly active in Reconstruction and Freedman's work after the Civil War.
- Our church is graced with 13 spectacular stained glass windows designed by **Louis Comfort Tiffany**, and was refurbished in the early 1900s by **Julian Abele**, the first African-American graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Architecture Department, who was chief designer for famed Philadelphia architect, **Horace Trumbauer**.
- **Amelia Earhart** attended services here as a student.
- St. Paul's Elkins Park is connected with **Women's Progressive Education**, the **Gilded Age**, the sinking of the **Titanic**, the founding of the **Curtis Institute of Music**, and many other historic events.
- St. Paul's Elkins Park was the birthplace in 1925 of **WIBG Radio 99**, which eventually became *THE Philadelphia Top 40* radio station playing **Rhythm and Blues** music during the height of the Civil Rights era. **WIBG** - "*Why I Believe in God.*"



FRIENDS OF
ST PAUL'S
ELKINS PARK

You are invited to join!
The Friends of St. Paul's Elkins Park

The Friends are St. Paul's sister non-profit organization led by a community-based Board of Directors of many faiths. They are tasked with preserving our historic site and presenting secular community events, concerts, and educational exhibits. Members help organize and present these events and educate our community about its history. Members are also invited to special events and have privileged seating at our concerts. Join us!

Coming Soon!
Our 2017 series of

**Good Films for
Grownups**

*Secular films that tell
multicultural stories
of redemption and
reconciliation.*

Our Church Film License does not permit us to advertise films to the public. Please make sure we have your contact information, so we can send you details of this year's film series!

Upcoming special Sunday Worship Celebrations

Sunday Jan. 15, 2017 Feast Day of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday Jan. 22, 2017 The Feast Day of Saint Paul