

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.  
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION, TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND  
TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

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**Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell  
**Gospeller**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Altar Server/Lector**  
Spencer Weig  
**Greeter/Usher**  
Linda Colette

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## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.  
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**Voluntary**

*The Peace May Be Exchanged*

Dan Locklair

**Processional Hymn 522**

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Austria

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Easter Acclamation and Response

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
**Celebrant:** May his grace and peace be with you.  
**People:** May he fill our hearts with joy.

#### The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### Christ our Passover

*Pascha Nostrum*

Diademata

Alleluia! Our Lord  
And Savior Jesus Christ  
Is now our Passover indeed  
And has been sacrificed;  
So let us keep the feast  
No more with enmity  
But with the new unleavened bread  
Of true sincerity.

Christ being raised from death  
Will never die again,  
For he has died to death and sin  
And now death cannot reign;  
The life that he now lives,  
He lives to God on high,  
So also are you dead to sin  
Through Christ eternally.

The first fruits of the grave  
Is Christ our living head,  
For since by one came death, by one  
Came new life from the dead;  
For as in Adam all  
Must die under the law,  
So now shall all be made alive  
In Christ. Alleluia.

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading: Acts 11: 1-18

**Reader:** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 148

### *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD;  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.

- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

### **The Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6**

**Reader:** A Reading from the Revelation of John

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 208** (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

*The strife is o'er*

Victory

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13: 31-35**

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

**The Reverend Catherine Powell**

*Please stand.*

## The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Nettleton

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being all created things began. We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.	Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, Heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.	We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, One in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.
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## The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant:** Gathered together in the name and power of our risen Lord, through whom the glory of God is revealed, let us offer our prayers to almighty God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer. That heavenly peace may descend upon us and upon the whole world, saying  
“Lord, hear our prayer.”

**Intercessor:** That we may love one another as Christ has commanded us, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** That the church throughout the world and in this congregation may be united in peace, empowered by the Spirit, and faithful in its mission to all humankind, for Rob, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and remembering the staff of The Episcopal Church Center and the The Scottish Episcopal Church, we pray to you, O Lord,  
**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** That the power of Christ's victory over death may show itself among us, bringing freedom, joy, light, and life to those in need, remembering the sick and all who are in any need or trouble, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. We pray to you, O Lord,  
**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Watch over the people of Ukraine and all military personnel and their families. We pray to you, O Lord.  
**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. We pray to you, O Lord.  
**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** That all who have died in the faith may serve as examples to us who continue in our earthly pilgrimage. We pray to you, O Lord.  
**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Grant, eternal God, that we who are made one with Jesus Christ in the power of his death and resurrection may show forth in our lives the love which proclaims us his disciples, that the world may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

## Announcements



*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.  
If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.*

**Presentation Hymn**

*Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B)

**BCP 367**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** We lift them to the Lord.  
**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus S125**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All:**                We remember his death,  
                         We proclaim his resurrection,  
                         We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy Name,  
    thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*



## Fraction Anthem

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

Jack Warren Burnam

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing —

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Invitation to Communion

### Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God*

William Bradley Roberts

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

## Communion of the People

*Communion of both kinds is offered at the Altar Rail and the Baptistry. If you do not wish to receive communion please cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available at every station.*

### Communion Hymn 339

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Schmücke

### Communion Hymn 620

*Jerusalem, my happy home*

Land of Rest

## The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

**BCP 365**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Processional Hymn 379

*God is love, let heaven adore him*

Abbot's Leigh

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Voluntary

*Phoenix Processional*

Dan Locklair

## A Word from the Rector

### Welcoming our Guest Organist Dr. William J. Weisser

Today we welcome a guest organist

Dr. William J. Weisser retired in 2011 as Minister of Music at Edenton St. United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC where he had been responsible for seven singing choirs, three handbell choirs, three dance ensembles and instrumental ensembles with over 460 participants for over 35+ years. He was the Conductor and Artistic Director of the Capital Area Chorale, a mixed voice community choir for 11 years. He was an Adjunct Assistant Professor on the faculty of North Carolina State University where he directed the University Singers for 5 years. Since retirement he has served as several churches as an interim.

Dr. Weisser is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, having done graduate work in Sacred Music at Indiana University. He has performed with the Chicago Symphony and the North Carolina Symphony, was the founding Director of the Children's Choir of Duke Chapel, and directed the choir that sang the publisher's premiere of John Rutter's Requiem, with the composer conducting. Dr. Weisser is also an ordained Deacon in the Methodist church and has retired to Wilmington.

The list goes on and on. We are delighted and blessed to have him with us today. Please join me in welcoming Dr. William J. Weisser to the organ bench.

Faithfully,

Caleb+



## ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

### Today, Sunday, May 15

#### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

*Breakfast to follow in the parish hall*

8:30 am St. Paul's Directory Photo Session (*parish hall*)

9:15 am - 12 pm Nursery open

9:30 am - 10:15 am Adult Formation (*parish hall*)

9:30 am - 10:15 am Children's Sunday School

9:30 am - 10:15 am EYC (*library*)

10:30 am Choral Eucharist

*Reception to follow in the parish hall*

11:30 am St. Paul's Directory Photo Session (*parish hall*)

5:30 pm Girls Choir of Wilmington Spring Concert

### Tuesday, May 17

7:30 am "CODA" Early Bird Book Study

9:00 am Morning Prayer

6:00 pm Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

### Wednesday, May 18

12:10 pm Holy Eucharist + Lunch

7:00 pm SPEC Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 19

9:00 am GNP & St. Fiacre Garden Guild  
Landscape Work Day

9:00 am Morning Prayer

### Friday, May 20

8:00 am Mensgroup

### Saturday, May 21

### Next Sunday, May 22

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

*Breakfast to follow in the parish hall*

9:15 am - 12 pm Nursery open

9:30 am - 10:15 am \* Adult Formation (*parish hall*)

9:30 am - 10:15 am Children's Sunday School

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*Reception to follow in the parish hall*

5:30 pm St. Paul's Parish Picnic & Plant Swap  
(*Long Leaf Park, Shelter #6*)

*\*The last day of Sunday School for children and youth is Sunday, May 22. We will resume after Labor day.*

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

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**Celebrant**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Preacher**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell  
**Gospeller**  
The Reverend Michael Singer  
**Verger**  
Leon Tillery  
**Crucifer**  
Cabe Lee  
**Torchbearers**  
Hazel Lee  
Mary Jeffreys Nipper  
**Gospel Book Bearer**  
Zoe Frederiksen  
**Altar Server**  
Dot Erway

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Carol Field  
Royster Hedgepeth  
**Lectors**  
Cleve Callison  
Dewitt Dees  
**Intercessor**  
Marshall Foster  
**Ushers**  
Merrilie Crafts, Bill Petry  
David Fowle, Rob Nipper, Mark Tedesco  
**Greeters**  
John Sheehan  
Denise Sheehan  
**Flower Guild**  
Lynda Miller  
**Altar Guild**  
Anne Freeling  
Zona Tounsley  
Sally Pope

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## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

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### In our parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Lyle Sullivan
Judy Farri	William Murphy
Joe Farri	Jenny DuBois
Alice Calder	Carrie Anderson-Kincaid
Rus Kirk	Dale Curran
Elaine Francis	Kathryn Hedgepeth
Merry Ann Wright	JoAnn Summey
Larry Wright	Ronald Miller
Scotty Galganowicz	Barbara O'Rourke
Bill Waterfield	Dot Erway
Richard Rhoads	Louise Buck

### People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Bryce Harrelson
Tammy Tilghman	Michael Justice
Sharon O'Rourke Berry	Ken Crawford
Richard O'Rourke	Gina Lewis
Glenda Snowa	Carol Findlay
Alice Meeks	Chervonne Miller
Julienne Bryant	Ann & Rodney Strickland
Linda Harris	Kathy Keagy
The Jackson Family	Tom Gonzalez
Dennis Traina & wife	Barbara Holland
Kevin Graham	Tabitha Weig
Major Jennifer Jantzi	Hazel Post
James Graham	Carroll Joines
Tommy Post	Dr. Everette Cameron

### **About the Prayer List**

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com).

### **Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues**

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

### **Sharing Holy Communion**

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.



## ***St. Paul's Parish Picnic***

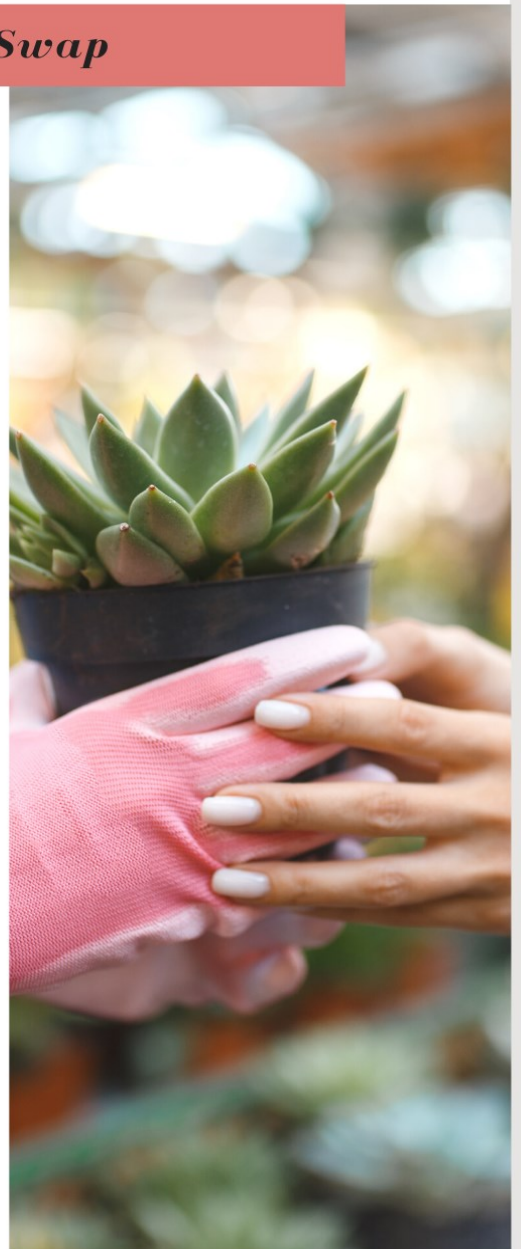


*St. Paul's will host a Parish Picnic at Shelter #6 at Long Leaf Park on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 5:30 pm. We will pull out our awesome grill (gifted from Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston) to cook up some hot dogs and hamburgers. We will provide some typical picnic sides (potato salad, coleslaw and baked beans). We also have you covered with sweets and drinks. Our Activities Directors are cooking up some new games and activities for an evening of fun. And yes, there will be prizes. Have a corn hole game? Let Teresa Singer or Sally Pope know. We would love to add it to our activities. We will end the day of celebrating the beauty of God's handiwork with a prayerful offering of Compline. You may want to bring a chair, but otherwise, just come enjoy making connections and memories with your St. Paul's family.*

## ***Plant Swap***

*Our Parish Picnic falls on Rogation Sunday, which is the Sunday before the church observes rogation days. Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry. Do you have a houseplant that is out of control? A patch of perennials that need thinned out in your garden or a "sprouter" that has popped up in an unexpected place? Repot and reclaim that out-of-control houseplant; separate those perennials, dig out that sapling and reuse one of your plastic pots to plant them. Please bring them to St. Paul's Parish Picnic at Shelter #6 at Long Leaf Park on May 22 at 5:30 pm.*

*We will have a special space set up for a plant swap. Maybe you are just beginning to try your luck at indoor or outdoor gardening? Then visit Maryelle Jones at our plant exchange to answer questions, make suggestions or just chat about your garden or plans for gardening. Whether you bring a plant or not, you are welcome to take a plant or plants home with you, after they have been properly blessed. In preparation for our Plant Swap, please bring any extra empty plant pots (the plastic type that plants come in at your favorite gardening center), so that other gardeners may use them to pot their plants for sharing. There will be a box marked accordingly in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's for you to place your plastic containers. If you plan to participate and bring plants, please send Maryelle an email at [jjimij@gmail.com](mailto:jjimij@gmail.com). What a wonderful way to celebrate God's blessings of nature and sharing with each other!*





## GNP & St. Fiacre Garden Guild Landscaping Work Day

Our combined groups meet from 9am-12 noon on the 3rd Thursday of each month in order to give some TLC to our grounds, plants & gardens. We are in need of volunteers and welcome those who have assisted us in the past as well as newcomers to our parish family to be a part of this worthwhile and joyful ministry. Please join us in beautifying our green spaces. Please contact Patt Scherer [pscherer8@aol.com](mailto:pscherer8@aol.com) or text 301-606-3937.



## The Pantry is bare... The Blessing Box has few blessings to share



St. Paul's Blessing Box is located on the corner of Princess and 16th Streets. As a Ministry of St. Paul's, the blessing box provides food and basic hygiene items to those who might need them. While the surrounding community provides periodic support, contributions from St. Paul's are required to maintain a consistent level of items in the box. Our back up supplies have been depleted making urgent resupply necessary. Donations may be placed directly in the Blessing Box, in the collection receptacle in the hallway or on the designated shelves in the Laundry Room. Please note that blessing box patrons include homeless without the ability to cook. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Bob Swindell, coordinator, at (910) 340-9600 or [bob.kayswindell@charter.net](mailto:bob.kayswindell@charter.net).

## Early Bird Book Study

"Churchy: The Real Life Adventures of a Wife, Mom, and Priest" is one woman's hilarious and deeply touching dispatch from the trenches of contemporary life. "Churchy" traces the fingerprints of grace from hospital hallways to community swimming pools to church nurseries and back again. Unflinchingly honest yet unfailingly hopeful, Rev. Sarah is a genre unto herself. You've never had this much fun going to church. The Early Bird Book Group will start discussing this book on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 a.m. on Zoom. Contact Julie Martin at (910) 262-6401 or [itsjuliemartin@gmail.com](mailto:itsjuliemartin@gmail.com) for more information. The Early Bird Book Group is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together.



## Be a part of St. Paul's Reception Hospitality Ministry!

Are you looking for a way to get involved and make connections with your St. Paul's family? Be a part of one of St. Paul's Sunday Reception Hospitality teams. Being a Top Chef is not a prerequisite, especially with our local grocers providing Grab and Go trays of veggies, fruit or shrimp. As you know, hospitality is not so much about the food, but the resources of a generous and loving heart. If you'd like to know more about this valuable ministry at St. Paul's, meet Teresa Singer at the base of the pulpit after the 10:30 am service this morning to answer your questions or .... of course..... sign you up!





## St. Paul's Directory Photos

*If your photo isn't in the St. Paul's Directory, there are two ways to get your photo in our directory: 1) Email a photo to membership volunteer Karen Day ([karencday@aol.com](mailto:karencday@aol.com)) OR 2) Get your picture made at a photo session: May 15 or June 12 in the Parish Hall after 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service. Questions? Contact Steve Martin ([itsstevemartin@yahoo.com](mailto:itsstevemartin@yahoo.com))*



## Fine Arts Camp



*Accepting boys and girls, rising third through sixth grade. We begin each morning with a brief chapel service. Campers then participate in art projects led by local artist(s) and learn a musical during the week. The week will end with lunch in the parish hall on June 24 at 12:30pm. Campers will present art-work and music from the week. Open to St. Paul's parishioners and the community. No art or music experience required. Questions? Contact Ronnie Wise at [music@spechurch.com](mailto:music@spechurch.com) or call (910) 762-4578.*

## Glory Ridge June 26 - July 1

*St. Paul's youth, in partnership with St. Paul's in Beaufort and Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, will be going to Glory Ridge June 26-July 1. There are two youth spaces still available. During the course of a week, young people have the privilege to call Glory Ridge home while they serve the residents of Madison County. Young people go out in teams to home sites approved by the Community Housing Coalition to help specific people and families with home repair. The teams then come back to "the Ridge" to process the day and worship. We will also enjoy White Water Rafting on Wednesday afternoon. Glory Ridge has transformed many lives. Please speak with Fr. Caleb ([rector@spechurch.com](mailto:rector@spechurch.com)) about signing up. Pre-registration is necessary for this event.*



## Letters to Campers



*Is your child or youth going to overnight camp this summer? We would like to send them some love from their church! Please let us know the following information in order to receive a piece of mail from the church:*

- Camper Name
- Camp Name and address
- Dates at Camp

*Please share this information with Martha Whitesides ([speckids@spechurch.com](mailto:speckids@spechurch.com)) by June 1 so that we can send some St. Paul's love all over this summer! To respect the variety of mail rules at camps, we will just send a letter, no packages. P.S. staff count as well!*



## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

**We are glad you are with us today.** If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

**Help:** Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

**Live-Streamed:** Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**Masks:** All may, none must, some should.

**Worship:** St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Worship Kits:** Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew, including our children's worship bulletin, *The Sunday Paper*. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the library for 6th grade and older.

### Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are delighted that you have joined us to worship and have expressed an interest in St. Paul's. Please fill out this card. You may drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Greeter: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Children/Youth Names and Ages:**

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**Please check all applicable spaces:**

\_\_\_\_\_ First-time Visitor \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Visitor \_\_\_\_\_ A Newcomer's Ministry Member may call me

\_\_\_\_\_ Add me to the mailing list



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