

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 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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## 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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**Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Altar Server/Lector**  
Herb Gant  
**Greeter/Usher**  
Angela Green

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## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST 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.*

**Voluntary** *Prelude Modal* Jean Langlais

**Introit** *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* Théodore Dubois

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
for on the Holy Cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

**Processional Hymn 410** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* Lauda anima

### 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	Christ being raised from death	The first fruits of the grave
And Savior Jesus Christ	Will never die again,	Is Christ our living head,
Is now our Passover indeed	For he has died to death and sin	For since by one came death, by one
And has been sacrificed;	And now death cannot reign;	Came new life from the dead;
So let us keep the feast	The life that he now lives,	For as in Adam all
No more with enmity	He lives to God on high,	Must die under the law,
But with the new unleavened bread	So also are you dead to sin	So now shall all be made alive
Of true sincerity.	Through Christ eternally.	In Christ. Alleluia.

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.  
**Celebrant:** O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading: Acts 9: 36-43

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

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

*Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## The Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

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

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### Gradual Hymn 663

*The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Crimond

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10: 22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

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

### The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

*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.

## The Prayers of the People

- Celebrant:** In this Eastertide we rejoice together at the resurrection of Christ. That the world may be commended to the care of the Good Shepherd, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying:  
Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:** For the preachers of the word, that they may follow in the tradition of Paul and Barnabas, speaking boldly for the instruction of all people, remembering the clergy of St. Paul's; Rob, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For Christian churches throughout the world, that they may experience unity and may follow Christ their Shepherd. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's in Greenville and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For leaders of the nations of the world, that they may turn from oppression and warfare, and seek only the welfare of their peoples. We pray for the people of Ukraine and for our own nation and its people remembering all military personnel and their families.  
Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all the blessings of this life, especially for all mothers and those who give motherly care, that they may follow the example of the Good Shepherd who leads his children to good pastures, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For the homeless and the hungry, for the sick, and the troubled, that they may find comfort in the one who shelters them with holy presence and guides them to springs of living water. We pray for those in our parish who need our prayers, *especially (the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers).*
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For those who have died, that they may live eternally in the presence of God.  
Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Celebrant:** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Peace

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

## Announcements

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*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**

*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

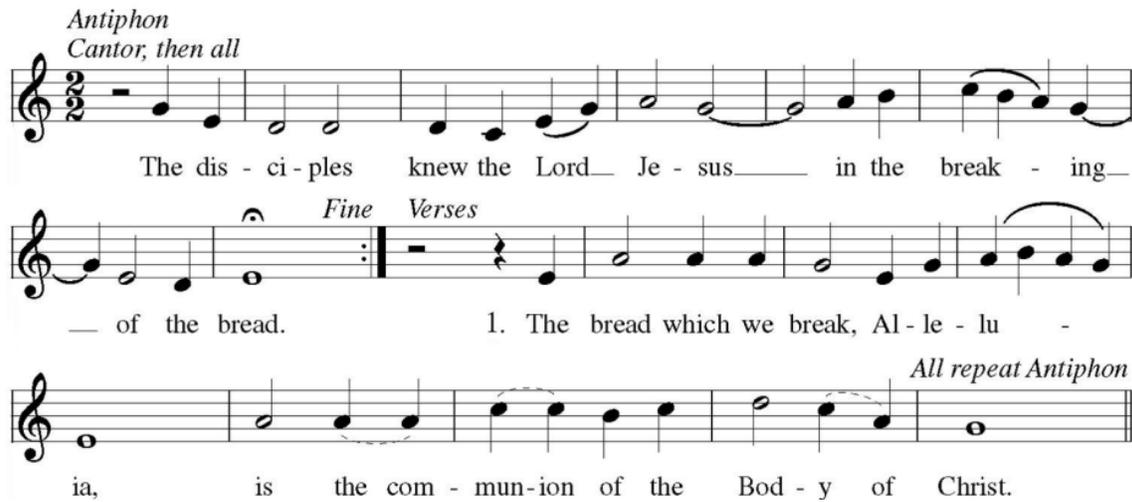
*A period of silence is kept.*

### 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. *Fine* *Verses* 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
*All repeat Antiphon*  
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 Anthem

*As We Gather At Your Table*

Skinner Chávez-Melo

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that Feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

### Communion Hymn 343

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

St. Agnes

**Communion Hymn**

*Faith of our Mothers*

St. Catherine

1 Faith of our mothers, holy love,  
Shaping our lives to those above,  
Gifts of devotion, generous will,  
By Christlike giving, mentoring still.

2 Faith of our children, we will pray,  
'Savior, protect them, day by day.'  
Model of kingdom, sign of grace,  
In whom we glimpse your smiling face.

Faith of our mothers, holy love,  
Shaping our lives to those above.

Faith of our children, we will pray,  
'Savior, protect them, day by day.'

3 O blessed Mary's Blessed Son  
Embrace all mothers, one by one.  
Give them the strength to live a life  
Full of your grace and sacrifice.

Faith of our mothers, holy love,  
Shaping our lives to those above.

J.M.A. Wright+ 2013

**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 646**

*The King of love my shepherd is*

Dominus regit me

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary**

*Fanfare*

Nicolas Lemmens



## A Word from the Rector

### Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is fitting that sometimes Mother's Day falls on Good Shepherd Sunday as we give thanks for all of the motherly figures who have been shepherds and guides to us over the years. I am also reminded that, as God in Christ is the Good Shepherd, so too does Jesus desire to draw all God's children together as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings (Luke 13: 34b). Today we remember all of our physical and spiritual mothers.

### Good Shepherd Center

It has become the custom in many Wilmington Episcopal churches to designate this Sunday as an opportunity to support and promote awareness of the Good Shepherd Center in Wilmington. *This year we welcome Former Director Katrina Knight to our adult formation hour* to hear about the current work happening at the Good Shepherd Center. Although Good Shepherd Center is a part of our Community Ministries budget, it is, nevertheless, always appreciated when organizations receive over and beyond the amount annually pledged by individuals and organizations. Generosity begets generosity! ***This includes giving at St. Paul's!***

*If you would like to make a special gift to Good Shepherd over and above your gift to St. Paul's please do so by making a check payable to St. Paul's with Good Shepherd in the memo line.*

### Helping to Shepherd our Community

We remember, also, the many organizations supported throughout the year by our annual budget. I give thanks for the way in which you, through your annual giving, have supported St. Paul's involvement in Community Ministries. Your generosity supports the following organizations:

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	V.O.Y.A.G.E.	Episcopal Navaho Land
Nourish NC- Backpack Buddies	Episcopal Farm Workers	Family Promise
Snipes Academy	Dreams of Wilmington	Communities in Schools
Help Hub	Rise Against Hunger	St. Paul's Blessing Box
Good Shepherd	Habitat for Humanity	Angel Tree
2Share	Spartan's Basketball Association	Northside Food Co-op

I give thanks for the generosity of the St. Paul's community. Thank you for your faithfulness and all the ways in which we at St. Paul's reflect God who is the Good Shepherd.

With Gratitude,

Caleb +

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

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### **Celebrant**

The Reverend Michael Singer

### **Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

### **Gospeller**

The Reverend Catherine Powell

### **Verger**

Jeffrey Hughes

### **Crucifer**

Zoe Frederiksen

Hazel Lee

### **Torchbearers**

Bennett Sanders-Park

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

### **Gospel Book Bearer**

Cabe Lee

### **Altar Server**

Carolyn Demorest

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Ruth Gates

Cheryl Wagoner

### **Lectors**

Louise Buck

Joan Rosko Miller

### **Intercessor**

Cynthia Smallwood

### **Ushers**

Brad Van Amberg, Beth Van Amberg  
Al Cannon, Tori Cannon, Spencer Weig

### **Greeters**

Zona Tounsley

Jan Vick

### **Flower Guild**

Lyle Sullivan

### **Altar Guild**

Cheryl Wagoner

Rhonda Stroud

Scotty Galganowicz

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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

### 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	Hazel Post
Major Jennifer Jantzi	Carroll Joines
James Graham	Tommy Post

### **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.

**Today, Sunday, May 8****The Third Sunday of Easter**

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

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

10:30 am Choral Eucharist

*Reception to follow in the parish hall***Monday, May 9**

6:00 pm Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, May 10**

7:30 am Early Bird Book Study:

Join us as we discuss the movie "CODA"

9:00 am Morning Prayer

6:00 pm Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

**Wednesday, May 11**

12:10 pm Holy Eucharist + Lunch

7:00 pm SPEC Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 12**

9:00 am Morning Prayer

5:30 pm Taizé Service of Prayer, Light &amp; Music

**Friday, May 13**

8:00 am Mensgroup

**Saturday, May 14****Next Sunday, May 15**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

*Breakfast to follow in the parish hall*

8:30 am St. Paul's Directory Photos (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 Photos (parish hall)

**Vanco Online Giving**

SEE YOU AT

**St. Paul's Parish Picnic****Sunday, May 22, 2022****5:30 pm****Shelter #6 at Long Leaf Park***Food & Drinks Provided*  
(Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Sides)*Games & Activities**Compline*

WEAR YOUR ST. PAUL'S NAME TAG AND BRING A LAWN CHAIR IF YOU'D LIKE!

**Plant Swap at Parish Picnic**

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!

## GLORY RIDGE JUNE 26-JULY 2

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 2. There are two youth spaces still available.

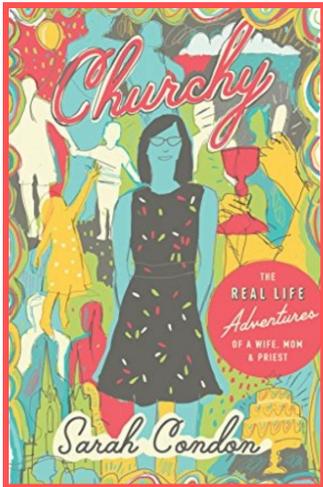
During the course of a week, young people have the privilege to call Glory Ridge home while they serve the residents of Madison County. Young people go out in teams to home sites approved by the Community Housing Coalition to help specific people and families with home repair. The teams then come back 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.

## Your Matching Gift will help send a boy to Baltimore

The Wilmington Boys Choir of St. Paul's needs your help to raise \$7,000 for our trip to the Baltimore Boychoir Festival, May 13-15. The festival trip is the capstone event for the boys who have been working hard this year, from summer camp, to weekly rehearsals and performances at St. Paul's. Every year, the Baltimore Boychoir Festival draws together talented young men from across the United States for two days, allowing them the opportunity to strengthen their skills, celebrate the art of choral singing and deepen their sense of community. The WBC trip will include sightseeing in D.C. and Baltimore. Donate online to [www.wilmingtonboyschoir.org/contribute](http://www.wilmingtonboyschoir.org/contribute) or make your check payable to the WBC and mail to St. Paul's, 16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC 28401. Gifts of up to \$3,500 will be matched through a generous gift to the WBC.



Join us as we discuss the book  
'Churchy' by Sarah Condon

### Early Bird Book Study

For anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together.

Starting Tuesday, May 17

7:30 a.m. Zoom  
[www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com)

**JUNE  
20-24  
9AM-12PM**

### 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.



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))

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be advised that Wednesday lunches following the midday Eucharist will continue through the end of May (last lunch is May 25) and then take a summer hiatus until the first Wednesday of September (first lunch of fall will be September 7).

Sunday breakfast following the 8 am Eucharist will similarly continue through Sunday, May 29 and then resume on Sunday, September 4.

Our Sunday reception following the 10:30 Eucharist will continue throughout the summer.

Want your photo  
in St. Paul's Directory?  
Well, there are TWO ways ...



### St. Paul's Directory Photos

2 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 May 22

Parish Hall

After 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service

Questions?

Contact Steve Martin, [itsstevemartin@yahoo.com](mailto:itsstevemartin@yahoo.com)  
or (910) 228-4841

## 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.



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