

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 10, 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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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 163 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

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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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

Celebrant	Lector/Altar Server
The Reverend Michael Singer	David Tousignant
Preacher	Greeter/Usher
The Reverend Catherine Powell	Tom Gerow

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

Voluntary	<i>Berceuse</i>	Louis Vierne
Processional Hymn 48	<i>O day of radiant gladness</i>	Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Kyrie *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Healey Willan

Musical score for the Kyrie, featuring three staves of music with lyrics: Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Amos 7: 7-17

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Amos

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

Deus stetit

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Second Reading: Colossians 1: 1-14

Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended

the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 628

Help us, O Lord, to learn

St. Ethelwald

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 10: 25-37

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Please stand.

The Apostles Creed

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:** Holy and ever-loving God, you bind up our wounds, heal our sickness and restore us to wholeness, make us sensitive to all who are in need or trouble, saying “Lord of compassion and love, deliver us from evil.”
- Intercessor:** We give thanks for all who have given us help when we were down, for all who have supported us and protected us. We pray that your church may seek out and recover the fallen, that we may never avoid our responsibility and pass by on the other side. We pray for Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the clergy of St. Paul’s. In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer we pray for Christ Church in New Bern and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda. We pray today for our Community Ministries that serve the underserved.
Lord of compassion and love,
deliver us from all evil.
- People:** *deliver us from all evil.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for all who have fallen among thieves, all who are robbed of their possessions or well being, for people robbed of their livelihood or their health, their rights or dignity. We remember all who are treated like slave labour, all who are counted as disposable. We pray for those who have been made homeless.
Lord of compassion and love,
deliver us from all evil.
- People:** *deliver us from all evil.*
- Intercessor:** We give thanks for all who look after our well-being, who protect us and seek to supply our needs. We ask you to bless our homes with your love; may they be places of gentleness and grace where all are accepted and cared for. We pray for homes where there is violence and cruelty, for homes where people live in fear or anxiety.
Lord of compassion and love,
deliver us from all evil.
- People:** *deliver us from all evil.*
- Intercessor:** We give thanks for the work of emergency services and ask your blessing upon the fire department, ambulance workers, the police and social workers. We pray for all in the medical profession and especially doctors and nurses. We remember all who are down at this time, and all near to death, especially if they are lonely and afraid. We pray for friends and fellow parishioners who are ill especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*.
Lord of compassion and love,
deliver us from all evil.
- People:** *deliver us from all evil.*
- Intercessor:** We pray that when we are close to death, we know that you come to us, O Lord. We give thanks for all whom you have rescued from the valley of the shadow of death. We remember those in our community and our loved ones who are in the fullness of eternal life.
Lord of compassion and love,
deliver us from all evil.
- People:** *deliver us from all evil.*
- Celebrant:** Lord God, you formed us in love; you command us to live in your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is attentive to all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Benjamin Harlan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have this whole world, give me Jesus. Just before the break of day, give me Jesus. And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

*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 14 for the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

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 A)

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again;

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. *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

Hymnal S169

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my *All*
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

Sir John Stainer

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us, grant us thy peace.

The Communion of the People

Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.

Anthem text found on page 488 of the hymnal

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

Communion Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

Please stand.

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 416

For the beauty of the earth

Dix

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Improvisation on "Dix"

The altar flowers are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Wilkins Fowler.

Wayne served St. Paul's for many years as Reader, Eucharistic Minister, and Vestryman.

We give thanks for his faith-filled life.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Gospeller

The Reverend Michael Singer

Verger

Leon Tillery

Crucifer

Cheryl Wagoner

Gospel Book Bearer

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Ushers

Paula Waterfield, Bill Waterfield

Bill Richards, Mait Dubois

Spencer Weig

Greeters

Jan Vick, Carol Field

Flower Guild

Beth Richards, Marie Ashworth

Altar Guild

Anne Freeling, Zona Tounsley

Sally Pope

Mezzo Soprano

Tori Thomas

Altar Server

Dot Erway

Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway, Cheryl Wagoner

Lectors

Marie Ashworth, Jenny Callison

Intercessor

Sally Pope

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

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
Merry Ann Wright	Kathryn Hedgepeth
Larry Wright	JoAnn Summey
Lindsay Joines	Barbara O'Rourke
Richard Rhoads	Katherine Ramsey
David Heath	Marcia Wolf
Jamie Cook	Tom Freeling

People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Bryce Harrelson
Tammy Tilghman	Michael Justice
Sharon O'Rourke Berry	Gina Lewis
Richard O'Rourke	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	Carroll Joines
Major Jennifer Jantzi	Dr. Everette Cameron
James Graham	James
Deepak Dey	Baby Noah Glassman
Amy & Tommy Post	Chris Cole
Stacy Neal	

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.

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.

For the departed

Wayne Fowler
The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, July 10

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:15 am - 12 pm Nursery open

10:30 am Choral Eucharist

Reception to follow in the parish hall

Monday, July 11

9:00 am - 12:30 pm WBC Camp (St. Therese by the Sea)

Tuesday, July 12

9:00 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am - 12:30 pm WBC Camp (St. Therese by the Sea)

Wednesday, July 13

9:00 am - 12:30 pm WBC Camp (St. Therese by the Sea)

12:10 pm Holy Eucharist

5:30 pm Pizza and Movie Night

Thursday, July 14

9:00 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am - 12:30 pm WBC Camp (St. Therese by the Sea)

Friday, July 15

8:00 am Mensgroup

9:00 am - 12:30 pm WBC Camp (St. Therese by the Sea)

Next Sunday, July 17

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:15 am - 12 pm Nursery open

10:30 am Choral Eucharist

Reception to follow in the parish hall

COMING UP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 13 & 20



Yes Day!

Always feeling like they have to say NO to their kids and co-workers, Allison and Carlos decide to give their three kids a YES DAY -- where for 24 hours the kids make the rules. Little did they know that they'd be going on a whirlwind adventure around Los Angeles, that would bring the family closer to each other than ever before.

5:30 Pizza and Conversation
6:00 - 7:00 Movie
7:00 - 7:30 Discussion

GNP & ST. FIACRE GARDEN GUILD LANDSCAPE WORK DAY

Our combined groups will meet on Thursday, July 21 from 9am - 12 noon. 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 text 301-606-3937




ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Midday Eucharist
12:10 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC
(910) 762-4578 | www.spechurch.com

The Wilmington Boys Choir



FREE SUMMER CAMP!

July 11-15, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
@Wrightsville Beach
Open to boys age 7 and up!
Participate in voice class, play music games and have fun on the beach!
*Lunch included
Register@wilmingtonboyschoir.org/summer-camp
Made possible through a generous grant from The Landfall Foundation

"Telling Your Story"
using the Guided Autobiography method led by Rev. Mary McKnight

Life is a story, with all of its ups and downs; its challenges and discoveries. Guided Autobiography offers a series of themes and unique resources to help participants recall, organize and write their stories, two pages at a time. Sharing parts of their story with a small group brings insights that may not be available through writing alone. This class is for YOU if you want to write your stories, even if you have never thought of yourself as a "real" writer. The classes are a stimulating project for yourself, and may yield a meaningful gift for your family.

7 Saturdays, September 10-October 22
Cost: \$25 for supplies
 (remainder will be donated to a mission of St. Paul's)
Space is limited to 12
Registration deadline is August 31
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
9:30-11:30am

To sign up contact Mary McKnight
marym685@mac.com
 Questions? Call Mary at
503-476-4486



PRAYER VIGIL
Against racially motivated and gun violence

JULY 21, 2022 | 6:30-7:30 PM



Church of the Good Shepherd
Episcopal Church Sanctuary
515 Queen Street | Wilmington, NC

Community of Hope

If you are new to St. Paul's Church and have been trained in the Community of Hope ministry, or received training at St. Paul's a few years ago, please contact Father Singer @ 910-762-4578 or pastoral-care@spechurch.com



Who is my Neighbor?

“Love your neighbor as yourself” the Gospel says (Matthew 22:38). But who is my neighbor? We often respond to that question by saying: “My neighbors are all the people I am living with on this earth, especially the sick, the hungry, the dying, and all who are in need.” But this is not what Jesus says. When Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan (see Luke 10:29-37) to answer the question “Who is my neighbor?” he ends by asking: “Which ... do you think, proved himself a neighbor to the man who fell into the bandits’ hands?” The neighbor, Jesus makes clear, is not the poor man laying on the side of the street, stripped, beaten, and half dead, but the Samaritan who crossed the road, “bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them ... lifted him onto his own mount and took him to an inn and looked after him.” My neighbor is the one who crosses the road for me!

-Henri Nouwen

On Parables

Parables are told only because they are true, not because the actions of the characters in them can be recommended for imitation. Good Samaritans are regularly sued. Fathers who give parties for wayward sons are rightly rebuked, Employers who pay equal wages for unequal work have labor-relations problems. And any Shepherd who makes a practice of leaving ninety-nine sheep to chase after a lost one quickly goes out of the sheep-ranching business.

The parables are true only because they are like what God is like, not because they are models for us to copy. It is simply a fact that the one thing we dare not under any circumstances imitate is the only thing that can save us. The parables are, one and all, about the foolishness by which Grace raises the dead. They apply to no sensible process at all - only to the divine insanity that brings everything out of nothing.

- Robert Farrar Capon

Vanco Online Giving



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 am 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 am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

Sunday School: Sunday School will return on Sunday, September 11 from 9:30-10:15 am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC will return on Sunday, September 11 from 9:30-10:15 am 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 AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GIVE IT TO ONE OF OUR GREETERS.

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GREETER:

NAME: MR. MRS. MS.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

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