

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 30, 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.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server/Lector
Herb Gant

Greeter/Usher
Tom Gerow

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

Voluntary

Prière, Opus 20

Jean Langlais

Introit

Christ be with you

Barry Rose

Christ be with you, Christ within you, Christ behind you, Christ before you, Christ beside you, Christ to win you, Christ to comfort and restore you. Christ beneath you, Christ above you, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all who love you, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Processional Hymn 557

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Vineyard Haven

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.*

Gloria

Glory to God

Mass of St. Thomas

Moderato *ff*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

f

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

f

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

mf

High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

27
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;

31
You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

36 *f*
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

41
Ho-ly one, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

50 *ff*
Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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: Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

Reader: A Reading from the book of Habakkuk

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

137 You are righteous, O Lord,
and upright are your judgments.
138 You have issued your decrees
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.
139 My indignation has consumed me,
because my enemies forget your words.
140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost,
and your servant holds it dear.
141 I am small and of little account,
yet I do not forget your commandments.
142 Your justice is an everlasting justice
and your law is the truth.
143 Trouble and distress have come upon me,
yet your commandments are my delight.
144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting;
grant me understanding, that I may live.

The Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Reader: A Reading from 2 Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 644

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

St. Peter

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 19: 1-10

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 *(Adapted from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England)*

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to God saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Strengthen Rob our bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace Church in Lewiston-Woodville. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer*

Intercessor: Bless and guide the President of the United States; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer*

Intercessor: Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer*

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially for *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. Give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer*

Intercessor: Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer*

Intercessor: Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Paul and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

A Collect for Stewardship *(prayed together)*

Almighty God, whose nature it is to give freely and generously. Grant us the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing light, 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.

Stewardship Moment

Julie & Evie Frederiksen

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Carl F. Mueller

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen! Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen! Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing evermore; Alleluia! Amen!

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 13 for the QR code. Today's undesignated funds go toward the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Laast uns freuen

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.

The celebrant continues with the preface of the day.

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

Mass of St. Thomas

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na

in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho- san-na, 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;

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, reconcile all things in Christ and make them new 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

Hymnal S169

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written for a Cantor or Choir. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -". The second staff continues the melody and includes a first ending bracket labeled "1 All" and a second ending bracket labeled "2 Cantor or Choir". The lyrics for the second staff are: "deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my". The third staff continues the melody and includes the word "All" under the final note. The lyrics are: "flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My". The fourth staff concludes the melody with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord."

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 All *2 Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. 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

Mass of St. Thomas

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, and grant to us your 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.

Communion Anthem

Blessed Word of God Incarnate

Robert Lucas de Pearsall

Blessed Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born. On the cross thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water, streaming from thy pierced side, feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony. Jesu, hear us, Jesu, spare us. Grant us mercy, gracious Lord. Jesu, blessed Son of Mary, grant us mercy, gracious Lord.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

Communion Hymn 293

I sing a song of the saints of God

Grand Isle

Please stand.

If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.

Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

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 692

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Kingsfold (480)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boellmann

Hallowe'en Blessing

Blessings descend on costumes below, Send God upon us, your love for us show. Soon it will be our blest Hallowe'en, When colors abound, yellow, orange, black and green. Seasons are changing, nights will turn cool, Some dress as angels, some witches, some fools.

We also recall all the saints who have lived, Who offered themselves, who continue to give. They show us examples to follow each day, How to be faithful, to live and to pray. Names that we know, like Mark, Luke and John, Some have long past, some have just gone.

Mary and Francis, Peter and James, Clare and Augustine and some without names. Bishops and kings, daughters and sons, Mothers and fathers, priests and some nuns. Saints are among us- that's you and that's me, May God's name be worshipped come this Hallowe'en.

As we live out our lives as God's holy friends, Our tricking, our treating, our candying ends; May we ever give thanks for your care over us, Your love and protection, an every day must. So bless us, Lord Jesus and walk with us now, Protect us, surround us, before you, we bow. All here among us, child, elder and teen, Worship you, Father, on this Hallowe'en

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant The Reverend Catherine Powell	Gospel Book Bearer Hazel Lee	Intercessor Phillip Weiss	Greeters Midge Silberman
Preacher The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Altar Server Herb Gant	Ushers Brad VanAmberg	Ruth Gates
Gospeller The Reverend Michael Singer	Eucharistic Ministers Herb Gant	Beth VanAmberg	Flower Guild Patsy Perhala
Verger Jeffrey Hughes	Zoe Frederiksen	Ron Miller	Altar Guild Anne Freeling
Crucifer Cabe Lee	Royster Hedgepeth	Lynda Miller	Zona Tounsley
	Lectors Louise Joyner	Spencer Weig	Sally Pope
	Sally Pope		

CONVERSATION
with the
CLERGY

Sundays at 9:30am | Parish Hall

October 30 - Exploring the season of All Saints with The Reverend Michael Singer

November 6 - Finding Grace in All Saints with The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

November 13 - Bible 101 - How today's Bible came to be with The Reverend Catherine Powell

The Spirit works in mysterious ways. From stories around ancient campfires to today's paperbacks, let's look at how our Bible was created.

November 20 - Bible 101 - The sweep of Biblical history with The Reverend Catherine Powell

We'll track changes in geography, leadership, and faith, looking at how individual Bible stories fit together to inform our faith.

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In our parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Lyle Sullivan
Judy Farri	William Murphy
Joe Farri	Carrie Anderson-Kincaid
Alice Calder	Dale Curran
Rus Kirk	JoAnn Summey
Merry Ann Wright	Barbara O'Rourke
Larry Wright	Katherine Ramsey
Tom Freeling	Tom Sramek
Karen DeJarld	Merrily Leonard
Norman LaSalle	Diane Trubia
Linda Morgan	Susan Carter
Elaine Francis	

People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Kathy Keagy
Tammy Tilghman	Tom Gonzalez
Richard O'Rourke	Barbara Holland
Major Jennifer Jantzi	Carroll Joines
James Graham	Dr. Everette Cameron
Stacy Neal	James
Bryce Harrelson	Lena & Ryan
Michael Justice	Shirley Joseph
Gina Lewis	Tim Harrison
Carol Findlay	Patricia Noble
Gracie Sage	Susan Richards Frederick
Sherry Herman	Sandy Veale
Greyson Chapman	Dennis Traina
Thomas Ramey Watson	Kristen Keen
Tonya Justice	Rebecca Eagen
Rick Taylor	Liz Duckrow
Joe Cerquiera	Mary Barto

For the departed

Judy Lane
Josh Mackley

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. All parish prayer requests are listed on the prayer list for one month. The complete list of those in need of our prayer are remembered weekly at our 12:10 pm Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayers. 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, October 30

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Breakfast to follow in the parish hall

9:15 am - 12 pm Nursery open

9:30 am Adult Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

9:30 am Children's Sunday School (*upstairs in children's wing*)

9:30 am Episcopal Youth Community EYC (*library*)

10:30 am Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Costumes

Reception to follow in the parish hall

12:00 pm WilmingtonNColor discussion group (*library*)

Monday, October 31

Tuesday, November 1

7:30 am Early-Bird Book Group

9:00 am Morning Prayer

12:10 pm All Saints Day Festal Eucharist

6:00 pm Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

Wednesday, November 2

12:10 pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Light lunch to follow in the parish hall

1:30 pm Loss Support Group (*library*)

7:30 pm Concert for All Souls: 'Requiem' by Gabriel Faure

Thursday, November 3

9:00 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am GNP

11:00 am Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)

Friday, November 4

8:00 am Mensgroup

Saturday, November 5

9:15 am Guided Autobiography

3:00 pm Wedding

Next Sunday, November 6

All Saints

8:00 am Holy Eucharist with

Breakfast to follow in the parish hall

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9:30 am Children's Sunday School (*upstairs in children's wing*)

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10:30 am Choral Eucharist

Reception to follow in the parish hall

11:30 am Tour of St. Paul's

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.

THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS | 11AM

Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible. Thursday's at 11am in the Parish Hall.

EARLY BIRD BOOK STUDY

TUESDAYS | 7:30AM

Join us as we discuss the book "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. The Early Bird Book Group is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together. We meet Tuesday's at 7:30am via Zoom. Contact Julie Martin at 910-262-6401 or itsjuliemartin@gmail.com for more information.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: A CHURCH WALK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 11:30AM

We'll be walking around the church and the Parish House. For newcomers, it's a chance to see where things are. For visitors, it's a bit of architectural and church history. For the rest of us, it's a chance to revisit places not often seen. Everyone's welcome - bring questions! We'll start at the back of the church. Tours take 30-45 minutes.

TAIZÉ: SERVICE OF PRAYER, LIGHT & MUSIC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 5:30AM

Join us for this solemn prayer service in the Taizé tradition. This ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service is designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song, and silence. With St. Paul's Taizé quartet and organ.

MEAL PACKING EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 10AM - NOON

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is partnering again with Rise Against Hunger to pack meal kits containing rice, soy, 30 vitamins and minerals, and vegetables for hungry people around the world. We are looking for 75 people to pack meal kits at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Please consider a donation towards our meal packaging goal of 10,152 meals and be sure to register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faea92ca2fdc70-save>

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



"GRATEFUL"

A MINI-RETREAT ON PRACTICING GRATITUDE

LED BY MARY MCKNIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 9:30-11:30AM

UPSTAIRS MUSIC ROOM

Each Sunday, we pray the ancient litany called the Great Thanksgiving:

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise."

Scripture, the liturgy, and new scientific research suggest that cultivating the habit of thanksgiving can transform our lives. Gratitude maximizes our enjoyment of the goodness of God and neighbor, and helps us recognize the blessings in our own lives. The habit of thanking God for large and small blessings can change the quality of our lives. Amazingly, being thankful can help protect us from destructive forces such as envy, resentment, greed and bitterness. From a prison cell, Paul writes: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances." In trying times, how can we get better at recognizing the presence and blessings of God? Researchers say that practicing gratitude in the midst of adversity can increase our sense of well-being and reduce stress. You are invited and welcome to bring friends to the upstairs Music Room of St. Paul's on Saturday, Nov 12 from 9:30 until 11:30. We will explore the rich meaning of gratitude and experience several ways of praying with thanksgiving. There will also be a handout of gratitude practices to try at home, and some book suggestions.

FREE ORGAN RECITAL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 7:30PM

Free organ recital at St. Paul's featuring Jonghee Yoon.

CHRIST THE KING CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 5:30PM

St. Paul's choir will present a Choral Evensong for Christ the King.

PARISH-WIDE ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | 9:30AM

Plans are coming along for a wonderful parish-wide wreath-making gathering in the Parish Hall.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | 5:30PM

St. Paul's choir will present Advent Lessons and Carols.

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FESTAL EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | 12:10PM

Light lunch to follow in the parish hall.

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR EfM

Education for Ministry, fondly known as EfM, has been likened to a journey. Members share stories and learn from one another as we deepen our understanding of the riches of the Christian tradition. The group draws on scripture and the wisdom of those who have gone before us to support one another in our personal journeys with God. Although this program was developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) nearly 50 years ago, it is not an academic course. Instead, every EfM session is a mixture of prayer, study, reflection, and lots of fellowship. After a short worship session or meditation, there is time for each member to process within the group what he or she has discovered in that week's reading assignment from scripture, theology, or church history, and then to engage in "theological reflection." No background in religious studies is necessary, and the program is open to adults of any denomination. Although EfM is a 4-year program, each participant enrolls for just one year at a time.

The EfM group here at St. Paul's invites anyone who might be interested to join us in the library after either service on Sunday Nov. 13 for an information session about our upcoming 2023 program year that starts in early January. In the meantime if you have questions, please reach out to Spencer Weig (spencer.weig@gmail.com) or Anne O'Dell (asb3080@gmail.com). You can also get more details at the EfM website:

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/> and then click on the "In This Section" icon. We look forward to answering your questions about EfM.

LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

If you're struggling with loss, and you're feeling like it's hard to go on, please join us for our Loss Support Group, which meets for four consecutive Wednesday afternoons beginning Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the library of St. Paul's.

The purpose of the group is to provide a community of people who are living with loss and grief. It is a safe place for people to be honest about their situation and its impact in their lives. It keeps people from feeling isolated, and helps them to feel cared about. It empowers people to face their loss and grief and helps give validation that they are OK as a person despite their situation. It will provide encouragement that it is possible to feel better.

The group will be led by Father Singer and is limited to 10 people. Members of the group must be willing to maintain confidentiality. To register, please contact April in the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE

A MINISTRY, NOT A COMMITTEE, TO MEET

Pastoral care isn't a call exclusive to clergy, but a God-given mandate, calling each of us to care for God's people. The ministry of caring is at the heart of the church's life and ministry. One of the best ways we can care for our parish family is to create a strong, volunteer pastoral care team. If you feel your spiritual gifts would fit into the ministry of Pastoral Care at St. Paul's, please join us on Wednesday, November 9, at 5:30 pm in the library. We will discuss how we can best minister to the needs of our parish family through our combined efforts. Those with questions should contact the ministry co-chairs, Sue Sramek or Cheryl Wagoner.

COOK A MEAL FOR COLLEGE KIDS

Would you be willing to make a meal for our Episcopal students at UNCW through ECCO (Episcopal Campus Christian Ministry)? Alfreda Gee, ECCO Minister, is looking for a few willing folks who would be willing to prepare a meal for the 8-10 students that meet each Tuesday at Church of the Servant in Wilmington. Contact Teresa Singer at teresabsinger@gmail.com or Alfreda Gee at 910.604.0084 for more information about what is involved. This is a great way for St. Paul's to show some love and hospitality to Episcopal college students at UNCW.

THE SOURCE GIFT SHOP AT ST. PAUL'S

Come shop our clothing, jewelry, candles, household items and Episcopalian swag. When you purchase gifts for yourself and your loved ones 100% of the proceeds benefits our: youth group mission travel activities, St. Paul's Choir and other church charities. Come shop with us, on Sundays following the 10:30am service, and help spread St. Paul's ministries into the world. Questions? See Peg Brunton.

SHINING OUR LIGHT

During each week's 10:30 a.m. worship service in October, a member of our parish will talk about what stewardship means to them. Please find the recording of the presentation below.



Oct. 23: Spencer Weig <https://youtu.be/pMMP1B1mlco?t=2914>

Good morning St. Paul's. We all know what an earworm is, a tune that for some reason just keeps on playing in your head. That's what happened to me once I saw the theme for this year's Annual Stewardship Campaign, "Shining Our Light." I hadn't thought of this song in many years, but now I keep hearing Odetta singing the famous civil rights ballad of the 1960s, "This Little Light of Mine." Some of you may remember how it goes: "This little light of mine, I'm goin' let it shine....Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." So what does that have to do with stewardship? Within the next few days we all will have received the annual pledge mailing from St. Paul's. In that packet, Fr. Caleb's letter reminds us of the vision he laid out for us when he arrived a little over a year ago. The most foundational piece of that vision is building us up as the people of God, enabled to see God's redeeming light in ourselves and then to go outside the walls and let that light shine out into a world that can be very dark at times. The mailing also contains a pledge card. We can make a commitment to let the light shine in many ways. We can use our time and talents to shine that light within our St. Paul's community, and also outside the doors in the larger communities of this neighborhood, city, county, and beyond. This mission requires financial support as well. So, please think prayerfully about your pledge for 2023, and then complete the pledge card. If you need one, there are cards available in the narthex and by the red doors leading to the parking lot. Once you have completed the card, you can either put it in the collection plate on Sunday morning or mail it to the church. You can even very easily make your pledge online at the St. Paul's website. There is a time-sensitive element to this as well. The Stewardship team is hoping that they will have received your pledge within the next 3 weeks. That pledge commitment will give the Vestry and Fr. Caleb the information they will need by mid-November to prayerfully put together a budget for 2023 that will really and truly let God's light shine in this building and beyond. So to paraphrase the song "We're goin' to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." Thank you for your presence here at St. Paul's!

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: Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15 am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

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



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