

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 9, 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

*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 Catherine Powell

Altar Server/Lector
Spencer Weig

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Tom Gerow

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

Voluntary

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Introit

O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; from early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known: Ye princes come, ye people, too, and bow before his throne.

Processional Hymn 48

O day of radiant gladness

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.*

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.

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

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

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: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Reader: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands;
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Reader: A Reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 397*Now thank we all our God*

Nun danket alle Gott

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 17: 11-19

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Stephen Mazingo

Please stand.

Hymn

Stewardship Hymn

Aurelia (525)

1 Our talents, time and treasure,
Reflecting in our day
The giving of a Giver,
And offering a way.
One gift from the beginning,
Our Maker's first bequest,
The time to fill life's journey,
To work and play and rest.

2 A second gift, our talents,
God's love revealed in kind,
In all the good we model,
A pledge, a token, sign.
And last, our earthly treasure,
A gift from God's delight,
Investing in redemption,
Recall the widow's mite.

3 Our talents, time and treasure,
God's grace reflecting still,
We gain in all we offer,
In emptying, are filled.
Three gifts that keep on giving
In faithful hearts, we vow.
Our talents, time and treasure
Our time for giving, now.

J.M.A Wright +

The Prayers of the People *(adapted from Form IV)*

BCP 385

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Clergy of St. Paul's. We pray for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Chaplains and All Non-Parochial Clergy. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

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.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

Bill Anlyan

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Lamb of God, Most Holy

Robert Lehman

Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer; patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer, our sins by thee were taken, thyself for us forsaken; have mercy on us, O Jesu. Lamb of God, most holy, on Calvary an offering; despised, meek, and lowly, thou in thy death and suffering our sins didst bear, our anguish the might of death didst vanquish; have mercy on us, O Jesu.

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 15 for the QR code.

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:

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;

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, 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

Cantor or Choir

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

deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 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

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.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 482

Communion Hymn 490

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

I want to walk as a child of the light

Slane

Houston

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 Hymn 528 vs 1, 2, & 4

Lord, you give the great commission

Abbot's Leigh (379)

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

St. Anthony Chorale

Johannes Brahms

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Gospel Book Bearer Mary Jeffreys Nipper	Ushers Jeff Jones	Flower Guild Beth Richards
Preacher The Reverend Stephen Mazingo	Altar Server Jeffrey Hughes	Happy Jones	Marie Ashworth
Gospeller The Reverend Catherine Powell	Eucharistic Ministers Jeffrey Hughes	Jerry West	Altar Guild Dot Erway
Verger Leon Tillery	Jeffrey Hughes	Royster Hedgepeth	Carolyn Demorest
Crucifers Zoe Frederiksen	Ruth Gates	Bill Waterfield	Lynda Miller
Torchbearers Hazel Lee	Carolyn Demorest	Soloist Abby Lindquist	
Bennett Sanders-Park	Lectors Kathryn Hedgepeth	Greeters Barbara Bucci	
	Lynda Miller	Midge Silberman	
	Intercessor Cynthia Smallwood		

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
David Heath	Tom Sramek
Tom Freeling	Merrily Leonard
Karen DeJarld	Diane Trubia

People requesting prayer

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

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.

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.

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.

Today, Sunday, October 9**The Eighteenth 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 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

Reception to follow in the parish hall

11:30 am **EYC Bake Sale

Monday, October 10**Tuesday, October 11**

7:30 am Early-Bird Book Group

9:00 am Morning Prayer

6:00 pm Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

Wednesday, October 12

12:10 pm Midday Eucharist

Light lunch to follow in the parish hall

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, October 13

9:00 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am GNP

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

5:30 pm Taizé Service

Friday, October 14

8:00 am Mensgroup

Saturday, October 15

9:15 am Guided Autobiography

7:00 pm Phantom of the Opera with Dorothy Papadakos

Next Sunday, October 16

8:00 am Holy Eucharist with

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*)

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10:30 am Choral Eucharist

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***THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**

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.

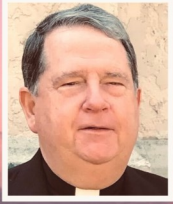
****EYC BAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY**

Please come check out the EYC Bake Sale sponsored by St. Paul's Youth with visiting Hoggard HS Students after the 10:30 service today in the Parish Hall. All proceeds will benefit the Wilmington Domestic Violence Center. Thank you for your support!

AGING GRACEfully

A program and conversation for older adults and their families

Sunday, October 16 | 9:30-10:15am | Parish Hall



"Things Done and Left Undone" with The Rev'd Michael Singer Associate for Pastoral Care at St. Paul's

Father Singer will attempt to answer any of your questions that may not have been covered the past few weeks. He brings his years of experience in dealing with issues of aging in many families, in multiple locations. With over 40 years of experience as a parish priest in the Episcopal Church, Father Singer has also volunteered and served as a spiritual director of a home-based hospice and as a Chaplain at the James E. Van Zandt Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Altoona, PA.

AGING GRACEFULLY

Next Sunday, October 23 | 9:30-10:15am | Parish Hall

"Liturgies for the dying and funerals in the Episcopal Church" with The Rev'd Caleb J. Lee. Fr. Lee believes that good liturgy is good pastoral care. He will walk through what you can expect to happen at St. Paul's when a death occurs and also talk about how making choices about your service in advance can be beneficial for both you and your loved ones.



King Richard's Estate Sale

Household Goods, Furniture!

Sun., Oct. 23, 1 p.m., following service
Parish Hall



St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 16 N. 16th Street, Wilmington NC

CHORISTERS PROGRAM

"Be a Chorister for a Day"

Wed., Oct. 19, 6:20-7:30 p.m.

- Open to boys & girls age 8-eighth grade
- Sing services regularly with the Choir of St. Paul's
- Receive professional voice lessons
- Piano lessons (at no charge) for interested choristers
- Earn a stipend (depending on experience and musical advancement after probationary period)
- Travel with the Choir of St. Paul's
- Rehearse each Wednesday from 6:20-7:30 p.m.

Register at www.spechurch.com/choirs

For more information email music@spechurch.com



16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC 28401 | (910) 762-4578

BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES

Come to church in your costume on Sunday, October 30 at 10:30 am and come forward for a blessing. We'll also be collecting snacks for Snipes Elementary School.

SAINTS IN THE STREET

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will debut our first Saints in the Street Block Party on Saturday, Oct 29 from 3-6pm. This event is an opportunity for some fun (bounce house, games, music, prizes), fellowship (with some of our neighbors & our St. Paul's family), and, of course, food featuring Off the Hook Barbecue and loads of sides, which we are hoping we can count on you to provide. To keep things simple, think about your last name. If it begins with A-H, we would ask you to bring a large salad. If your last name begins with I-O, we would like for you to bring a large side dish. And last, but certainly not least, P-Z we would love for you to provide desserts. Please remember that we are feeding a crowd, so please consider bringing a hefty dish of whatever you choose to bring in your category. Drinks will be provided.

MEAL PACKING EVENT

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 on Saturday, November 12 from 10am-Noon 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>

FREE ORGAN RECITAL

Free organ recital series featuring Carolyn Craig on Friday, October 28 at 7:30 pm. A reception will follow the recital in the Parish Hall.

"GRATEFUL"

A Mini-Retreat on Practicing Gratitude

Led by Mary McKnight

Saturday November 12 9:30-11:30am in the Library

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

"...Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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 when woven into the fabric of each day.

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. Amazingly, a "simple" thing like being thankful can help protect us from destructive forces such as envy, resentment, greed and bitterness.

You are invited and welcome to bring friends to the Library of St. Paul's on Saturday, Nov 12 from 9:30 until 11:30am. We will explore the rich meaning of gratitude and experience several ways of praying with thanksgiving. In the two hours together, we can taste only a few ways to pray with thanks and to practice gratitude. So, Mary will suggest books that explore how being thankful to God benefits our health and happiness, no matter what is happening in our lives. There will also be a handout of gratitude practices to try at home.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 23 at 10:30am Choral Eucharist

The Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving will be celebrating Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows on *Sunday April 23rd at the 10:30 Choral Eucharist* at St. Paul's. If you desire to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, reaffirm your baptismal vows, or simply want to know more about the process please contact Fr. Caleb at rector@spechurch.com and register at <https://forms.gle/aZeogz2nFn1tVxdS9>.

-Confirmation classes will be scheduled to occur in Lent.-

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 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 Episcopal swag. When you purchase gifts for yourself and your loved ones 100% of the proceeds benefit 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.

THE BLESSING BOX UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity and donations. We regularly fill the Blessing Box. The need is great and resources deplete quickly. Therefore, we ask you to continue to bless our "Street Angels" (Paul Simon) with your generosity. Also, most of our guests do not have can openers. So if possible, cans with "pull tops" are helpful. ~ Bob S. & Judy B.

GET SINGING!
WILMINGTON BOYS CHOIR 2022-23 SEASON

REHEARSALS EVERY TUESDAY, 6 P.M. + DINNER



**Now accepting boys
age 7 through voice change!**

Rehearsals held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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To register, or for more information, visit
www.wilmingtonboyschoir.org or email
wilmingtonboyschoir@gmail.com.
No religious affiliation required.

BUILDING A COLUMBARIUM

St. Paul's is building a columbarium in the Bellamy Memorial Garden. To speak with Fr. Lee about reserving a niche, please register at <https://forms.gle/bxnNZe4yVOXGEMsH8>.

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.

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



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.

DATE:

GREETER:

NAME: ☐ MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ MS.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

CHILDREN/YOUTH NAMES AND AGES:

PLEASE CHECK ALL APPLICABLE SPACES:

☐ First-time Visitor

☐ Returning Visitor

☐ Add me to the mailing list

☐ A Newcomer's Ministry Member may call me



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