

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 13, 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	Preacher	Altar Server/Lector	Greeter/Usher
The Reverend Michael Singer	The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Louise Joyner	Ange Green

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

Voluntary	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Major</i>	J.S. Bach
Processional Hymn 525	<i>The Church's one foundation</i>	Aurelia

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	<i>Glory be to God</i>	Lauda Anima
Glory be to God in heaven, songs of joy and peace we bring, thankful hearts and voices raising, to creation's Lord we sing: Lord, we bless you, Lord we thank you, glory be to God our King.	Lamb of God, who on your shoulders bore the load of this world's sin, only Son of God the Father, you have brought us peace within: Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy, now your glorious reign begin.	You, O Son of God, are holy, you we praise with one accord; none in heav'n nor earth is like you, only you are Christ the Lord with the Father, and the Spirit, ever worshipped and adored.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Reader: A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be

heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Reader: A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 7

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21: 5-19

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(adapted from Common Worship: Times and Seasons)*

Celebrant: Lord of the Church, hear our prayers and make us one in heart and mind as we say, “Hear us, good Lord.”

Intercessor: Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for all who teach and guard the faith. For the church in its mission to proclaim the gospel to all nations and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew’s On the Sound in Wilmington. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear us.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: We pray for the leaders of nations, and for those in authority under them; especially Joseph our President and Roy our Governor. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. Hear us.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: We pray for all communities in New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender Counties; for those who live, work and visit here, and for all who seek the common good. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear us.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: We pray for those who do not believe, and for those of hesitant belief. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you, the very Word of life. Hear us.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness especially for *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. May Christ, your living Word bring them comfort and healing. Hear us.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and we rejoice with William Murphy, Barbara Trounson, and Cliff Trounson and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. Hear us.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of Holy Scripture, for the gift of translators, distributors, interpreters, scholars and theologians, preachers and teachers, and all who read it in public worship, study groups, and training courses. May your Living and Loving Word fill our hearts with inspiration to build each other up in faith and love, through 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

Recognition of Graduates of Education for Ministry

Mentor: We present Carol, Livy, Tom, Anne, and Leon, each of whom has completed four years of study in Education for Ministry, a program of theological education offered by the University of the South.

Rector: As a result of your participation in Education for Ministry, do you have a more comprehensive understanding of God, of God's Word, and of the faith and teaching of the church?

Graduates: I do.

Rector: May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you that, in this and all things, you may do God's will in furthering His Kingdom, to serve Him and to lead others into a deeper commitment to their baptismal vows. *Amen.*

In the name of God I commend you to your ministry and pledge our prayers, encouragement, and support.

Will all of you in this congregation support these persons in their ministries?

All: We will.

Rector: On behalf of the School of Theology of the University of the South, we present you with this certificate, signifying your completion of the Education for Ministry program. God has blessed you with knowledge and discernment. Now take your place among us empowered in the Holy Spirit.

Presentation of Bibles to EYC

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My need
(Text found on page 664 of the hymnal)

Virgil Thomson

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

Presentation Hymn

Angel Voices

E.G. Monk (1819-1900)

5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might and mer - it thine shall ev - er be.
9 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.
Of the best that thou hast giv - en, Earth and Hea - ven ren - der thee.

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.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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 S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Proulx

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

The people stand or kneel.

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

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, 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.

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

St. Botolph

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

Just As I Am

Arr. Stephen Cleobury

(Text found on page 693 of the hymnal)

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymn

Communion Hymn 335

I am the bread of life

I am the Bread of Life

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 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 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Grand Processional

Christopher W. Gluck



Dear St. Paul's Family,

Thank you for your wonderful outpouring of faith-filled generosity. We are grateful to everyone who has pledged to the 2023 Stewardship Campaign thus far this year. As of the writing of this letter, we are pleased to report that we have received 91 pledges totaling nearly \$356,000. This compares to 89 households and \$347,160 last year at this point. We are on our way!

During this month of remembrance and thanksgiving, it is inspiring to witness your overwhelming faith in God's abundance and your enthusiastic support of St. Paul's mission and ministries, but our work is not done. Last year, you collectively pledged over \$506,000. The Stewardship Campaign officially continues through November 30, and we respectfully invite those of you who have not yet, or perhaps never, pledged to please do so. As you discern your commitment to St. Paul's, be reminded that the Holy Spirit is alive and well in this community, calling all of us to *Shine Our Light* in a world that needs hope and wholeness.

Join your Stewardship Team and all who have pledged their support for St. Paul's by returning your pledge form as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your pledge form, you can print a new one at <https://spechurch.com/annual-pledge-giving/>. Or even simpler, on the same page there is a link to submit your 2023 annual pledge form online.

So once again, we ask you:

- If you have never pledged before, this is the year to do it.
- If you can increase your pledge, this is the year to do it.
- If you can stretch even further, this is the year to do it.

With love and thanksgiving,

Your Stewardship Team

Celebrant

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Michael Singer

Vergers

Leon Tillery

Crucifer

Jeffrey Hughes
Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Gospel Book Bearer

Cheryl Wagoner

Altar Server

Dot Erway

Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway
Zoe Frederiksen
Ruth Gates

Lectors

Lynda Miller

Ushers

Bill Richards
Jeffrey Sackrison
Rob Nipper
Midge Silberman
David Fowle

Greeters

Zona Tounsley
Maryelle Jones

Flower Guild

David Frederiksen

Altar Guild

Cheryl Wagoner
Scotty Galganowicz

Leon Tillery
Dewitt Dees

Intercessor

Barbara Bucci

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



Today, Sunday, November 13

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Breakfast to follow in the parish hall

8:45 am & 11:45 am EfM Information Sessions (*library*)

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

Reception to follow in the parish hall

Monday, November 14

Tuesday, November 15

7:30 am *Early-Bird Book Group

9:00 am Morning Prayer

6:00 pm Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

Wednesday, November 16

12:10 pm Midday Eucharist

Light lunch to follow in the parish hall

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, November 17

9:00 am Morning Prayer

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

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

Friday, November 18

8:00 am Mensgroup

7:30 pm Jonghee Yoon Organ Recital

Saturday, November 19

11:00 am St. Mark's Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway

Next Sunday, November 20

Christ the King

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

Reception to follow in the parish hall

5:00 pm Nancy Novelty Organ Recital

5:30 pm Choral Evensong with the Choir of St. Paul's

*Join us as we discuss the book "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber via Zoom. Contact Julie Martin (910)262-6401 or itsjuliemartin@gmail.com for more information.

**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.

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

EfM Information Session

Sunday, November 13 | 8:45 am or 11:45 am | Library

Education for Ministry, fondly known as EfM, has been likened to a journey. Developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) nearly 50 years ago, EfM is not an academic course. Instead, every session is a mixture of prayer, study, reflection, and fellowship. After a short worship session, there is time to discuss the week's reading assignments 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, participants enroll one year at a time.

The EfM group here at St. Paul's invites all interested persons to an information session in the library after either service on Sunday, November 13. We'll discuss the 2023 program year which begins in early January and answer questions. If you are interested but can't make it, please reach out to Spencer Weig (spencer.weig@gmail.com) or Anne O'Dell (asb3080@gmail.com). You can also find more details at the EfM website: <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/> and then click on the "In This Section" icon. Please join us.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S



JONGHEE YOON ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC
spechurch.com



ST. PAUL'S "THREE FRIDAYS IN ADVENT" MIDDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Fridays, 12:10 p.m. (Free)

Lunch to Follow

Sara Bryant | Dec. 2

William Weisser | Dec. 16

Ronnie Wise | Dec. 23

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

Organ Recital | 5 p.m.
Nancy Novelty
Dean of Wilmington Chapter
of American Guild of Organists

Choral Evensong | 5:30 p.m.
with the Choir of St. Paul's

16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC | (910) 762-4578 | www.spechurch.com

HANDEL'S



Messaiah

Choir of St. Paul's
with the NC Baroque Orchestra and soloists

Thursday, Dec. 8 or Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC

Tickets: \$15 Available via Eventbrite



WILMINGTON BOYS CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC | spechurch.com



WILMINGTON BOYS CHOIR HOLIDAY POPS DINNER & CONCERT

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. (\$25)

Tickets available at the door & via Eventbrite

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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ST. PAUL'S ANNOUCEMENTS

FLOWER GUILD HELP NEEDED

On December the 3rd we will be making swags in the parish hall to hang on the church doors for Advent. COME ONE! COME ALL! We will begin at 10:00am. Starting Sunday, November 27 there will be tarps in the parish hall for any greenery you can bring as we are making nine swags. Thank you for your help.

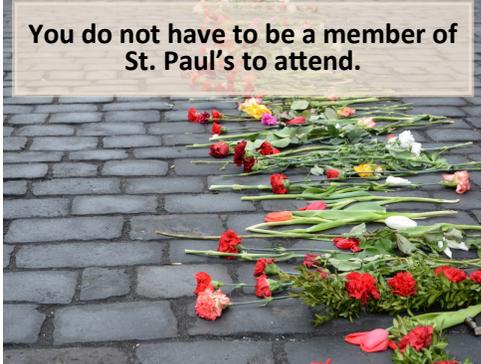
CREATIVE CARD MINISTRY

Calling all card makers and paper crafters. St. Paul's invites you to join other parishioners for camaraderie and card making for our Card Ministry. The ministry is intended to create cards to uplift a troubled heart, bring a smile to someone's face or to celebrate a joyful occasion. There is always someone in our world who would appreciate a little TLC. This ministry is for anyone interested in learning how to make basic handmade greeting cards. No prior experience or specific skills are necessary. Just a desire to try your creative energies at creating something that is sure to be a blessing to others. Contact Jan Trivett if you have any questions or would like to participate at 910-622-8489 or jltrivett@gmail.com. Invite a friend to join you in this ministry!

THE SOURCE GIFT SHOP

YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DESTINATION

The holidays are upon us with a season of gifts for you and your loved ones. The Source Gift Shop at St. Paul's is your holiday shopping destination. Come shop our clothing, jewelry, candles, games and household items. 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.



You do not have to be a member of St. Paul's to attend.

Loss Support Group

Wednesdays
Nov. 23-Dec. 14, 1:30 p.m.
Parish Library
Led by Father Singer
Contact April to register
email: admin@spechurch.com
phone: (910) 762-4578

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In our parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Dale Curran
Judy Farri	JoAnn Summey
Joe Farri	Barbara O'Rourke
Alice Calder	Katherine Ramsey
Merry Ann Wright	Diane Trubia
Larry Wright	Susan Carter
Tom Freeling	Barbara Bucci
Karen DeJarld	Elaine Francis
Norman LaSalle	Linda Morgan

For the departed

Barbara Trounson
Cliff Trounson
William Murphy

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
Susan Petry	Lindsay Peterson
Lynne Vanstory	

Advent and Christmas at St. Paul's

November 27, The First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Parish wide Advent Wreath Making
10:30am Choral Eucharist
5:30pm Advent Lessons and Carols

December 4, The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Christian Formation for all ages
Adult Formation - The Christmas Story according to St. Matthew
10:30am Choral Eucharist

Thursday, December 8 and Friday, December 9

7:30pm Handel's 'Messiah' with the choir of St. Paul's and the N.C. Baroque Orchestra and soloists
Tickets \$15 at Eventbrite

December 11, The Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Christian Formation for all ages
Adult Formation - The Christmas Story according to St. Luke
10:30am Choral Eucharist

Wednesday, December 14

12:10pm Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Blue Christmas: A Service of Healing, Hope & Light

December 18, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Christian Formation for all ages
Adult Formation - The Christmas Story according to St. John
10:30am Choral Eucharist
5:30pm A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services

5:00pm Pre-service music begins
5:30pm A Children's Presentation of the Nativity with Holy Eucharist
8:00pm Pre-service music begins
8:30pm The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00am The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Festal Eucharist

Wednesday, December 28, Holy Innocents

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 1, The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

Friday, January 6, The Feast of the Epiphany

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

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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The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser, Assistant Organist
Diane Matz-Kane, Financial Secretary
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