

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

JANUARY 29, 2023

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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<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b> The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	<b>Altar Server/Lector</b> Louise Joyner	<b>Greeter/Usher</b> Tom Gerow
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## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

**Voluntary** *Ave Maria Stella. III* Marcel Dupre  
*(So now as we Journey, aid our weak endeavor)*

**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 518** *Christ is made the sure foundation* Westminster Abbey

### THE WORD OF GOD

**The Acclamation and Response** **BCP 355**

**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.*

**Te Deum laudamus** *You are the God we praise* Diademata

1 You are the God we praise,  
The Lord whom we acclaim,  
Eternal Father, all the world  
Bows down at your great Name;  
To you angelic hosts  
And all the powers of heaven,  
The Cherubim and Seraphim,  
Sing praises without end.

2 Holy, thrice-holy Lord,  
The God of praise and might,  
The heavens above and earth beneath  
Are filled with glorious light;  
The apostolic band, Prophets and martyrs praise,  
Throughout the world the holy Church  
Acclaims you Lord always;

3 Father, of majesty,  
Your only Son and true,  
And Holy Spirit, Advocate,  
To you all praise is due;  
Lord Christ, the Father's Son,  
In glory, King above,  
You did not shun the Virgin's womb  
To set us free in love.

4 You overcame death's sting  
And opened heaven's door  
To all the faithful where you reign  
In glory evermore;  
Come, then, and help all those  
For whom your blood was spent  
And bring us with your holy saints

## The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading: Acts 26: 9-21

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

Paul said to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 67

*Deus misereatur*

George Black

**Refrain** (*sung first by Cantor; then by all*)

Let all the peo - ples praise you, O God.

**Cantor:** May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**People:** *Refrain*

**Cantor:** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**People:** *Refrain*

**Cantor:** The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.  
May God give us his blessing.  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**People:** *Refrain*

### **The Second Reading: Galatians 1: 11-24**

**Reader:** A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Galatians

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 255**

*We sing the glorious conquest*

Munich

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 10: 16-22**

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

Jesus said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

*Please stand.*

## The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Hyfrydol

1 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.	2 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.	3 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.
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## The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant:** In communion with St. Paul and all the saints in heaven and on earth, let us pray to our loving God saying, "Jesus, Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us."

**Intercessor:** We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church. You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Rob, our Bishop, and our clergy at St. Paul's. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for LaSagrade Familia In Newton Grove and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Pakistan.  
Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness. Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress. We pray for those in our parish who need our prayers, especially *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where, with the departed, we will be united with you forever. Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Celebrant:** Jesus, Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with St. Paul and all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. *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.

## Announcements

## The Blessing and Dedication of Hymnals

*Antiphon spoken by the Rector*

They sing to the tambourine and the lyre, and rejoice to the sound of pipes

**Priest:** Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.

**People:** Praise God with lyre and harp.

**Rector:** Let us pray.

O Lord, upon whose throne trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: Accept these hymnals for the worship of your temple in thanksgiving for these servants who have faithfully served on the vestry, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Blessing and Dedication of the Reredos Candles

*Antiphon spoken by the Rector*

Before the throne burn seven lamps of fire, which are the seven spirits of God.

**Priest:** You, O Lord, are my lamp:

**People:** My God, you make my darkness bright.

**Rector:** Let us pray.

O heavenly Father, whose beloved Son has come to us as the light of the world and whose Spirit is revealed in seven lamps of fire before your throne: Grant that these candlesticks, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for ... , kindled for your glory, may be to us a sign of your presence and the promise of eternal light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Rector continues*

I dedicate and bless these Hymnals and Reredos Candles in the name of the +Father, and of the +Son, and of the +Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*How Lovely Are the Messengers (from St. Paul)*

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 14 for the QR code. 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.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

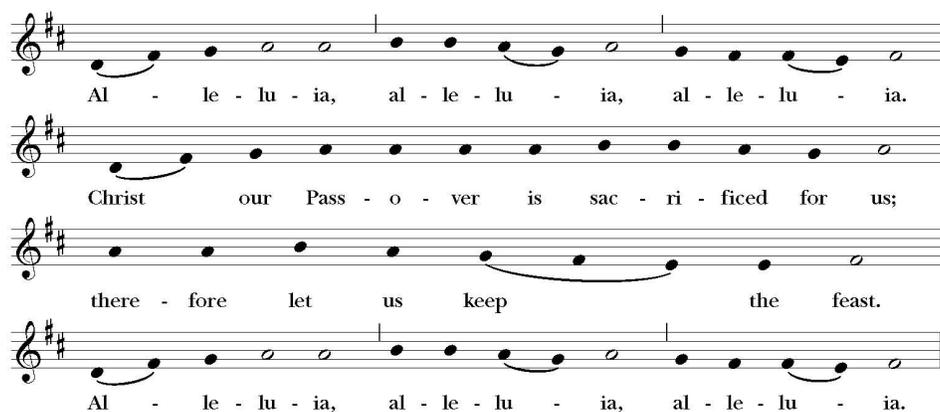
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

S-154



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

## Invitation to Communion

### Preparation Hymn 333

*Now the silence*

Now

Now the silence. Now the peace. Now the empty hands uplifted.  
Now the kneeling. Now the plea. Now the Father's arms in welcome.  
Now the hearing. Now the power. Now the vessel brimmed for pouring.  
Now the Body. Now the Blood. Now the joyful celebration.  
Now the wedding. Now the songs. Now the heart forgiven leaping.  
Now the Spirit's visitation. Now the Son's epiphany.  
Now the Father's blessing. Now. Now. Now.

## 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

*Oculi omnium*

Charles Wood

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord and thou givest them their meat in due season.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns*

### Communion Hymn 232

*By all your saints still striving*

Nyland

1 By all your saints still striving,  
for all your saints at rest,  
your holy Name, O Jesus  
for evermore be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious,  
that they might wear the crown  
and ever shine in splendor  
reflected from your throne.

2 Praise for the light from heaven  
and for the voice of awe,  
praise for the glorious vision  
the persecutor saw.  
O Lord, for Paul's conversion,  
we bless your name today.  
Come shine within our darkness  
and guide us in the way.

3 Then let us praise the Father  
and worship God the Son  
and sing to God the Spirit,  
eternal Three in One,  
till all the ransomed number  
who stand before the throne  
ascribe all power and glory  
and praise to God alone.

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
 patient and brave and true,  
 who toiled and fought and lived and died  
 for the Lord they loved and knew.  
 And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
 and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
 they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
 God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
 and God's love made them strong;  
 and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
 the whole of their good lives long.  
 And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
 and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
 and there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
 why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past;  
 there are hundreds of thousands still;  
 the world is bright with the joyous saints  
 who love to do Jesus' will.  
 You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
 in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
 for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
 and I mean to be one too.

4 I sing a song of a saint who walked,  
 walked on Damascus road.  
 He was filled with hate and zealous rage  
 til God's purpose touched his soul.  
 He was warmed by the light, and called to do right  
 Through his letters and witness he fought the good fight.  
 There are lots of us Sauls being called to be Pauls  
 and I plan to be one too.

*4th verse written by JMA Wright+ and C JL+*

*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**

*Our Father, by whose servants*

Aurelia

<p>1 Our Father, by whose servants Our house was built of old, Whose hand hath crowned her children With blessing manifold, For Thine unfailing mercies Far-strewn along our way, With all who passed before us, We praise Thy name today.</p>	<p>3 They reap not where they labored; We reap what they have sown; Our harvest may be garnered By ages yet unknown. The days of old have dowered us With gifts beyond all praise; Our Father, make us faithful To serve the coming days.</p>
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<p>2 The changeful years unresting Their silent course have sped, New members ever bringing In members steps to tread; And some are long forgotten, Long spent their hopes and fears; Safe rest they in Thy keeping, Who changest not with years.</p>	<p>4 Before us and beside us, Still holden in Thine hand A cloud unseen of witness, Our elder members stand: One family unbroken, We join, with one acclaim, One heart, one voice uplifting To glorify Thy name.</p>
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**The Dismissal**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Fugue in D Major*

J.S. Bach

**A WORD FROM THE RECTOR**

Today we celebrate our patronal feast, The Conversion of St. Paul. We will also have our Annual Meeting between the services (9 AM). This is the closest thing we have to a “Homecoming” Sunday. It is a day when we celebrate all that is St. Paul’s: past, present, and future. At the Annual Meeting we will hear from leaders of the church about the exciting things going on and being planned at St. Paul’s. We will hear that our finances are sound, our ministries are growing, and our campus is receiving much needed maintenance as we continue to do the slow but important work of planning for the future of our campus. I am struck by the faithfulness of those who have gone before us here at St. Paul’s; and those who are with us still who have given so much of their time, talent, and treasure to make our beloved parish what it is. They answered the call, when they heard “Follow Me.” To paraphrase Frederick Buechner, they served according to “where their greatest gifts matched the greatest need.” Like St. Paul, these saints answered the call and that is really inspiring. May we be inspired in our own day to love and serve the Lord. The third verse of our closing hymn today, “Our Father, by whose servants,” really brings it home for me.

They reap not where they labored; we reap what they have sown;  
Our harvest may be garnered by ages yet unknown.  
The days of old have dowered us with gifts beyond all praise;  
Our Father, make us faithful to serve the coming days.

Faithfully,



**Celebrant**

The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Gospeller**

The Reverend Michael Singer

**Verger**

Leon Tillery

**Crucifer**

Zoë Frederiksen

Hazel Lee

**Gospel Book Bearer**

Cheryl Wagoner

**Torchbearers**

Bennett Sanders-Park

Katie Rose Sanders-Park

**Altar Server**

Carol Field

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Carol Field

Cheryl Wagoner

Ruth Gates

**Lectors**

Kathryn Hedgepeth

Sue Sramek

**Intercessor**

Lynda Miller

**Ushers**

Doug Donald

Rob Nipper

Midge Silberman

Lynda Miller

Ron Miller

**Greeters**

Gary and Janet Dillon

**Flower Guild**

Beth Richards

Marie Ashworth

**Altar Guild**

Anne Freeling

Zona Tounsley

Sally Pope

**In Our Parish**

Earl Craig

Fr. John Cawthorne

Judy Farri

Joe Farri

Alice Calder

Larry Wright

Norman LaSalle

Karen Smith

Barbara Bucci

Tammy Pollock

Dale Curran

JoAnn Summey

Barbara O'Rourke

Katherine Ramsey

Elaine Francis

Karen DeJarld

John Morton

**People Requesting Prayer**

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti Susan Richards Frederik

Tammy Tilghman

Mary Barto

Richard O'Rourke

Susan Petry

Carroll Joines

Melodee Fraser

Linda Harris

Alex Apostolou

Lynne Vanstory

Kristen Keen

David Hayes

Mary Barnhill

Gracie Sage

Colin Whitfield

Tonya Justice

Suzanne Rutledge

Pat Noble

Rachael Silberman

Nathalie Rubin

Peter &amp; Mary Schloth

**For the Departed**

Mary Eleanor Gibson

Anne Weisser

Eddie Belcher

**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. Names are listed for one month. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com).

**Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues**

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

**Sharing Holy Communion**

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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**Today, Sunday, January 29**

**The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist +

*Light refreshments served in the Nave for the Annual Meeting*

**9:00am** St. Paul's Annual Meeting (*church*)

**9:00am - 12pm** Nursery open

**9:00am** Combined Children's Sunday School (*upstairs*)

**9:00am** EYC will sit together at the Annual Meeting

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

**Monday, January 30**

**Tuesday, January 31**

**7:30am** \*Early-Bird Book Group

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**6:00pm** Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

**6:15pm** EfM weekly meeting

**Wednesday, February 1**

**12:10pm** Midday Eucharist + *light lunch in parish hall*

**7:00pm** Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 2**

**The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**9:00am** GNP

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

**12:10pm** Midday Eucharist

**5:30pm** Choral Evensong for the Presentation of Our Lord

**7:00pm** Sacred Ground Series begins (*Zoom*)

**Friday, February 3**

**8:00am** Mensgroup

**Saturday, February 4**

**Next Sunday, February 5**

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist + *breakfast in parish hall*

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

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

**9:30am** EYC (*library*)

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

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

**11:30am** A Church Walk (*back of church*)

\*Join the Early Bird Book Group as we discuss, "My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer" by Christian Wiman, Tuesdays, 7:30am via Zoom. Contact Julie Martin ([itsjuliemartin@gmail.com](mailto:itsjuliemartin@gmail.com)) for details.

\*\*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.

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## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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**Adult Formation**

**Sunday, February 5 | 9:30am**

Sacred Spaces: Barcelona's La Sagrada Familia

Join Cleve Callison for Adult Education on Sunday, February 5 for a presentation on one of the most unique basilicas in the world.



**Pastoral Care Committee Meeting**

**Monday, February 6 | 5:30pm**

The Pastoral Care Committee meeting will be held in the library. If you have previously attended or are interested in becoming part of Pastoral Care at St. Paul's, please join us. The meeting will be no more than 1 hour in duration. For discussion: prayer shawls, casserole ministry, dementia care resources, Community of Hope training, and other ideas for pastoral care. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cheryl Wagoner & Sue Sramek

Pastoral Care Coordinators

**Taizé: Service of Prayer, Light & Music**

**Thursday, February 9 | 5:30pm**

This ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service is designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song, and prayer.

**GNP & St. Fiacre Landscape Work Day**

**Thursday, February 16 | 9:00am**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**Tuesday, February 21 | 5:30-7pm**

Join us for a delicious Pancake Dinner to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Sure to be a blast!

**Vanco Online Giving**



**From the Director of Music**

Today, we welcome Colin Lynch to the organ and conductor's podium. Colin serves as Associate Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Church, Boston, where he has the joy of working with the Trinity Choirs and Choristers. He was led to Trinity because of the parish's strong commitment to sacred music as a vital ministry of the church. He was previously the Director of Chapel Music and School Organist at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH following positions at Christ and Holy Trinity Church in Westport, CT, the Episcopal Church at Yale, and Marquand Chapel at Yale Divinity School. He has been a featured performer at national conferences of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, the Association of Anglican Musicians, and the Royal School of Church Music. He holds degrees in organ performance from Oberlin Conservatory, Yale University, and Northwestern University. A native of New Jersey, he and his husband Erik, a Trinity Youth Mentor, currently live in Brookline.

**Contributors needed for Lenten Reflections**

Please consider joining us as a writer for the fifth annual Lenten Reflections by St. Paul's Members and Friends. Our theme for this year's Lenten Reflections is Habits of the Heart. Our habits of the heart strengthen our spirit, bring us closer to each other, and draw us deeper into our relationship with God. Our reflections are vignettes from our lives, our thoughts, our loves, our despairs, our longings and hopes, our successes and our failures as Children of God. In them, we share part of our own journey of faith, trusting God to let our sharing touch others in ways we cannot imagine. You don't need to be an experienced writer – we have great editors to help. You just need to share your story (ies). For more information please contact [admin@spechurch.com](mailto:admin@spechurch.com) and we'll send you a Writer's Guide with more info.

**Confirmation Service at St. Paul's**

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 10:30am 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](mailto:rector@spechurch.com) and register at <https://forms.gle/aZeogz2nFn1tVxdS9>. Confirmation classes will be scheduled to occur in Lent.

**Organ Recital****Friday, February 10 | 7:30pm**

Free organ recital featuring Nicholas Quardokus, Canon Organist and Director of Music, Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston, SC

**\*Choral Conference****Saturday, February 11 | 10am-12pm**

Rehearsal with Katherine Dienes-Williams followed by lunch and a brief lecture with question/answer period. Participants may sing or observe (\$25)

**\*Choral Conference****Sunday, February 12 | 4pm**

4pm Rehearsal

5pm Organ recital by Katherine Dienes-Williams

5:30pm Choral Evensong (Saturday workshop participants may join the St. Paul's choir to sing Evensong)

**Valentine Serenade, Dinner & Concert****Tuesday, February 14 | 6:30pm**

Let the Wilmington Boys Choir serenade your sweetheart! Dinner and a show. Tickets available at the door and via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wilmington-boys-choir-valentine-serenade-dinner-concert-tickets-382161464227>.

**\*ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE**

In February, St. Paul's will welcome Katherine Dienes-Williams from Guildford Cathedral, U.K., as artist-in-residence from February 9-16. Katherine will serve as clinician for a choral conference on Saturday, February 11th, where she'll work with St. Paul's choir and other singers in town and across the diocese and conduct the choir on Sunday morning and for choral evensong on Sunday, February 12th. Katherine Dienes-Williams, MA, BMus, LTCL, FRCO, Hon ARSCM, Hon GCM, was appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers at Guildford Cathedral in January 2008 following six years as Director of Music at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick. She was the first-ever female member to be elected to the Cathedral Organists' Association and, on her appointment to Guildford, became the first ever woman to hold such a post in the Church of England.

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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**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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