

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 8, 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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8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Altar Server/Lector Louise Joyner	Greeter/Usher Ange Green
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Voluntary *Pastorale* Alec Rowley

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 525 *The Church's one foundation* Aurelia

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response **BCP 355**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his 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.*

The Gloria *Glory be to God* 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.
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Reader: A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee

after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Nyland

1 When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon, but as his Father’s Son. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.	2 He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss; for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.	3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break; come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most – to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.
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F. Pratt Green

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3: 13-17

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Baptismal Covenant *Please stand.*

Rector: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Christ?

People: I do.

Rector: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Rector: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptismal Litany

Celebrant: On this feast of our Lord's Baptism, let us pray for this community of the baptized, that our actions may reflect the grace given at our Baptism being sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever; evermore living with him in the joy of his resurrection, saying "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: With those in our parish who need our prayers (*the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers*), and with Merry Ann Wright, Bill L. Wilson, Bob Casper, Rosalie Fonda and all our loved ones departed raised to eternal life, bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The rector blesses the water.

Rector: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

During the singing of the hymn, the priests asperge the congregation with the water that is blessed, as a reminder of their baptism.

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Alleluia! Amen!

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

The Sinless One to Jordan Came
(Text found on page 120 of the Hymnal)

arr. Arthur Hutchings

*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

Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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.

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

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized
(Text found on page 121 of the Hymnal)

The English Hymnal

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymn.

Communion Hymn 516

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

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 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Voluntary

Processional of Praise

Charles King

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Merry Ann Thompson Wright.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Michael Singer

Verger

Leon Tillery

Crucifer

Cabe Lee

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Torchbearers

Bennett Sanders-Park

Hazel Lee

Gospel Book Bearer

Carol Field

Altar Server

Jeffrey Hughes

Eucharistic Ministers

Herb Gant

Sue Sramek

Lectors

Cleve Callison

Dewitt Dees

Intercessor

Cynthia Smallwood

Greeters

Midge Silberman

Dawn Wilson

Ushers

Paula Waterfield

Bill Waterfield

Al Butler

Jenna Butler

Jay Stewart

Flower Guild

Beth Richards

Marie Ashworth

Altar Guild

Anne Freeling

Zona Tounsley

Sally Pope

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig

Fr. John Cawthorne

Judy Farri

Joe Farri

Alice Calder

Larry Wright

Norman LaSalle

Karen Smith

John Morton

Tammy Pollock

Dale Curran

JoAnn Summey

Barbara O'Rourke

Katherine Ramsey

Diane Trubia

Elaine Francis

Ron Miller

Karen DeJarld

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti

Tammy Tilghman

Richard O'Rourke

Carroll Joines

Linda Harris

Lynne Vanstory

David Hayes

Gracie Sage

Tonya Justice

Pat Noble

Susan Richards Frederick

Mary Barto

Susan Petry

Melodee Fraser

Alex Apostolou

Ellie Gibson

Kristen Keen

Mary Barnhill

Colin Whitfield

Suzanne Rutledge

For the Departed

Merry Ann Wright

Bill L. Wilson

Bob Casper

Rosalie Fonda

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.

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.

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, January 8

The Baptism of our Lord

8:00 am Holy Eucharist with

Breakfast to follow in the parish hall

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

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

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

9:30am EYC (*library*)

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Reception to follow in the parish hall

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 10

7:30am *Early-Bird Book Group

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

Wednesday, January 11

12:10pm Midday Eucharist

Light lunch to follow in the parish hall

7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, January 12

9:00am GNP

9:00am Morning Prayer

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

5:30pm Taizé

Friday, January 13

8:00am Mensgroup

6:30pm WhoDunIt-A Mystery Dinner (*parish hall*)

Saturday, January 14

Next Sunday, January 15

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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*Join the Early Bird Book Group as we discuss, "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston, Tuesdays, 7:30am via Zoom. Contact Julie Martin (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.

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

TAIZÉ SERVICE OF MUSIC, LIGHT & PRAYER

Thursday, January 12 | 5:30pm

WHODUNIT MYSTERY DINNER

Friday, January 13 | 6:30pm

Proceeds benefit the choir's residency at Wells Cathedral, UK in 2023.

**BEAT THE WINTER BLUES
DINNER AND BINGO**

Wednesday, January 18 | 5:30pm

Join us in the parish hall for food, family, fun, bingo, and prizes. Please bring a dish to share.

GNP & ST. FIACRE GARDEN GUILD WORK DAY

Thursday, January 19 | 9:00am

Come help the Gentlemen of Noble Poverty and the St. Fiacre Garden Guild with general maintenance of the grounds, various plantings and gardens.

All are welcome!

COLIN LYNCH ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, January 27 | 7:30pm

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29 | 9am

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, February 2 | 12:10pm & 5:30pm

Celebrate the Presentation of Our Lord with Festal Eucharist at 12:10pm and Choral Evensong at 5:30pm

NICHOLAS QUARDOKUS ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, February 10 | 7:30pm

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



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ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

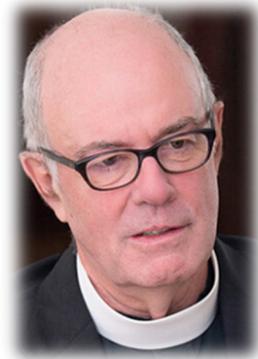
JANUARY ADULT EDUCATION HOURS

Please join Fr. Caleb today at 9:30am in the parish hall for a Rector's Forum on Baptism.

January 8: Wade in the Water

January 15 and January 22: Is Christian Unity possible?

On Sundays January 15 and 22 observing the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we will be joined by The Rev'd Geoffrey Hoare to wonder what it is that we might be praying for in a world full of divisions along ideological lines. Geoffrey will sketch a brief history of the ecumenical movement and the involvement of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and will suggest that what we are seeking today is 'righteousness' or 'right relationship' across difference. He will help us recognize the challenges we face in living into such a vision in our own relationships, familial and otherwise.



Geoffrey Hoare has recently retired to Wilmington. He came from England to pursue undergraduate education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He returned to England to read theology at Magdalene College Cambridge before returning to America (with the blessing of various bishops!)

to learn about 'large American parishes.' After seminary at Yale, he served as an Associate at Christ Church in Raleigh before becoming Rector of St. Paul's in Alexandria, Virginia, All Saints' in Atlanta and most recently St. Alban's in Washington DC. He and his wife, Sage make their home in Riverlights, from where he is building a coaching practice geared toward clergy, but not exclusively. Learn more at www.clergycoachingllc.com.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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, 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.

SACRED GROUND

The *Sacred Ground* series will begin at St. Paul's on Thursday, February 2, 2023, via Zoom, 7-8:30pm, and continuing every other week. Sacred Ground is a film-and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

For more information please contact Phillip Weiss at phillipweiss@me.com, Ruth Gates at starfire47@hotmail.com, or Ellen Weig at ecweig@gmail.com.

ST. PAUL'S MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FUN & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY SURVEY

Dinner Groups Beginning Winter 2023

If you are interested in one of our dinner group options for Winter 2023 please either complete the online survey that was linked in this week's e-news **OR** complete the hard copy survey found in your bulletin this week and return to the basket near the entrance of the Parish Hall.

Please complete/return all surveys by Sunday, January 15.

Contact Meaghan Thomas with questions 910-232-4707.

NOMINEES FOR SERVICE ON THE VESTRY

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, the vestry has appointed a Nominating Committee for the election of new members of the vestry. According to the bylaws of the parish, the Nominating Committee shall consist of the Rector and the outgoing members of the vestry. The members of the Nominating Committee are as follows: Sally Pope (Chair), Matt Langley, Rhonda Stroud, Meaghan Thomas, and the Reverend Caleb J. Lee. The Nominating Committee has been at work discerning candidates for election to the vestry. Additionally, Chip Carter, who is finishing one year of a three year term, will resign from the vestry effective January 29th, 2023 to begin preparations for relocation. Therefore, the congregation will need to elect 5 people to the vestry. The Nominating Committee presents (below) the following nominees for election to the vestry.

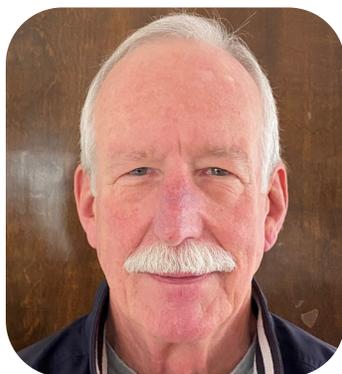
Additional nominations from the congregation will be accepted up to two weeks before the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 29, 2023. All candidates must be qualified according to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of East Carolina. Any additional nominations should be submitted in writing to Sally Pope, Chair of the Nominating Committee, by January 15, 2023.



Carol Field

I was received in the Episcopal Church on February 10, 2010 after having worshipped in the Roman Catholic Church since I was a child. I've been attending St Paul's since 2017 after moving to Leland from Cary, NC. Not long after first attending, I began serving as a greeter and joined the hospitality team. I serve as an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Sunday services as well as at our midweek Eucharist services. On Thursday mornings, I lead our Morning Prayer service offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 via Zoom. Since March 2021, I have served as chair of the Finance Committee and have recently started helping out as needed with the children's Sunday school. I am the past treasurer of

the Mary Veronica Chapter of Daughters of the King and assist in the monthly Taize service. I recently completed the four-year Education for Ministry (EfM) certificate program. I have previous experience serving on a vestry at a parish in Apex NC where I was the finance representative to the vestry. It would be an honor to serve on St Paul's vestry during this very exciting time for our parish.



Steve Haughey

I am Roman Catholic by birth and upbringing, but have worshipped in the Episcopal Church for almost 30 years. I started attending St. Paul's in late 2008 at the Wednesday 12:10 PM Service, as the service time fit well into my work schedule. Over the next few years, I assisted during that service with the readings and Holy Communion. I was received into the Episcopal Church in 2014. I served on the St. Paul's Vestry from 2018 to 2020, Vestry liaison for Buildings and Grounds. I oversaw the completion of the Ormond Center, and the repairs to all three buildings following Hurricane FLORENCE. I was also a member of the Facilities Committee that selected WKWW and Gray Hudson as the Church Architects for the Strategic Plan. I have been a

member of the Thursday Morning Group, AKA The Gentlemen of Noble Poverty, for 5 years. I am not sure what my calling will be this time around, but my goal is to help Fr. Lee in moving the church forward in any way I can.



Elisabeth 'Lisa' Sanders-Park

I am Elisabeth 'Lisa' Harney Sanders-Park, wife of Brian Sanders-Park (a Wilmington native) and mother of Elise (21), Katie Rose (16), and Bennett (13). I was not raised in the Episcopal church or any church but gave my life to God through Christ when I was 14 years old and have walked with Him since. Raised in southern CA, I graduated from Azusa Pacific University and worshipped at non-denominational churches. Since moving to Wilmington nearly 20 years ago, we have worshipped at Baptist, Methodist, and Lutheran churches. Just before COVID our son began singing in the Wilmington Boys' Choir which brought us to St. Paul's. We loved it from the start and have been worshipping, growing, singing in the choir, fellowshiping, and serving here ever since. I love the traditional service, welcoming spirit, beautiful music and architecture, and the focus on Jesus. I am very excited about what God is doing in and through St. Paul's. With Father Lee at the helm and so many in the congregation serving, I believe St. Paul's is a growing blessing to the neighborhood and to Wilmington. I have a heart for people in need and a talent for building leveraged solutions. I began my career helping people facing serious barriers to start and succeed in careers. Today, I run a firm that equips and inspires employment practitioners across the country and beyond. Currently, I sing (alto) in the St. Paul's choir and maintain the Children's Sunday morning bags/boxes. If selected to serve on the vestry, I commit to using my time and talents to support and magnify God's calling on St. Paul's, including helping the congregation and new members understand, nurture and employ their spiritual gifts.



Denise Sheehan

My husband, John and I moved to Leland in 2019, after almost 20 years in Leesburg VA. John had retired as rector of Our Redeemer in Aldie. During his tenure, I volunteered in many capacities, including choir, Altar Guild, Sunday School, and bible study. I also worked at Leesburg Presbyterian Church as office administrator for 6 years. Since joining St Paul's, we have served as greeters, and I am currently serving as vestry clerk. St Paul's is entering an exciting chapter of its history. I believe my experience in many aspects of church ministries and life could be valuable on the vestry.



David Patrick Tousignant

After retiring as a Colonel and combat helicopter pilot in the US Army in 1997, and as a senior sales/marketing executive with Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation in 2010, my wife Ronnie and I built and moved into our new home in Waterford (Leland) in 2011. We joined St Paul's that year. She passed suddenly in 2013, and my parish family has been my rock ever since. I have been very active at St Paul's, including 3 years on vestry where I served as Junior Warden and Senior Warden. Additionally, I have been a choir member, Chairman of the Endowment Board, member of the Rector Search Committee, Diocesan Delegate (2), and currently I am a member of the Diocesan Disciplinary Board, and Lead member of our own GNP (Gentlemen of Nobile

Poverty). My desire to return to Vestry is centered on my belief that St Paul's is primed for some major growth, and I want to offer my leadership skills to that effort, and to share my knowledge of this Parish, particularly as it relates to infrastructure and maintenance. Thank you!

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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