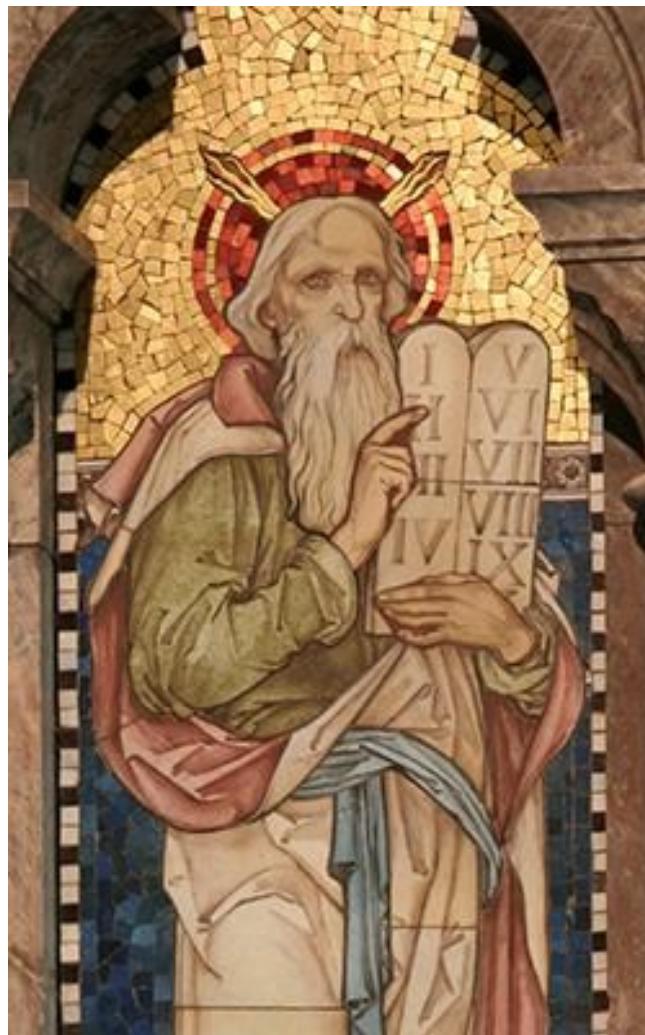


ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 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.*

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 164 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server/Lector
Herb Gant

Greeter/Usher
Ange Green

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

Voluntary

Pastorale

Eric Routley

Introit

Oculi omnium

Charles Wood

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

Processional Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

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.*

Gloria

Glory be to God

Mass of St. Thomas

Moderato ff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Reader: A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119: 1-8

Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways

4 You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct
 that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame,
 when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes;
 do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

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

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 674

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Detroit

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5: 21-37

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

Celebrant: Let us offer prayers for all our sisters and brothers in the church and the world who need justice, mercy, and reconciliation.

Intercessor: For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world; that our worship may bear fruit in service to the neighbor. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philip's in Holly Ridge and Holy Cross in Wilmington. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

- Celebrant:** For Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the clergy of St. Paul's; and all who minister in Christ, and for all the people of God. Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Celebrant:** For those chosen to govern peoples and nations, and for the welfare of their people. We pray for all who suffer from the effects of war and rumors of war; especially the people of Ukraine. Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Celebrant:** For all who suffer from any form of oppression, for the hungry and the homeless, and for all victims of natural disasters. We pray especially for the victims of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Celebrant:** For ourselves, and for our families and all those we love. Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Celebrant:** For all who are sick and in need of prayer especially for (*the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers*). We also pray for those who have entered into life eternal, especially Elaine Francis, Jimbo Fox, and Carolette Biggs. Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Celebrant:** Loving God, who desires us to do what is right and good, hear the prayers we offer you this day that all peoples may approach your holy table in peace and unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem*O How Amiable*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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.

Presentation Hymn*Doxology*

Dix

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, creatures here below, Praise God above ye, heav'ly host: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. There for ever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Mass of St. Thomas

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

The people stand or kneel.

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:

All: 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

Hymnal S-169

Cantor or Choir

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

deed, says the Lord. All 1 My Lord. 2 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Cantor or Choir

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

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. O splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 424

For the fruit of all creation

East Acklam

Communion Hymn 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Beecher

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 637

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Lyons

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

TBD

TBD

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Michael Singer

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Verger

Leon Tillery

Crucifer

Cabe Lee

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Gospel Book Bearer

Carolyn Demorest

Torchbearers

Hazel Lee

Bennett Sanders-Park

Altar Server

Carolyn Demorest

Eucharistic Ministers

Carolyn Demorest

Sue Sramek

Cabe Lee

Lectors

Missy Kennedy

Alex Hill

Intercessor

Phillip Weiss

Ushers

Jeff Jones

Happy Jones

Royster Hedgepeth

Kathryn Hedgepeth

David Frederiksen

Greeters

Barbara Bucci

Ruth Gates

Flower Guild

Lynda Miller

Altar Guild

Cheryl Wagoner

Scotty Galganowicz

Leon Tillery

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
Larry Wright	Karen DeJarlid
Norman LaSalle	John Morton
Karen Smith	Barbara Bucci

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	Suzanne Rutledge
Tonya Justice	Rachael Silberman
Pat Noble	Joe Halecki
Nathalie Rubin	The Schloth Family

For the Departed

Elaine Francis
Jimbo Fox
Carolette Biggs

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.

Organ Recital featuring Patrick Scott**Friday, March 10 | 7:30pm**

Free organ recital featuring Patrick Scott, Director of Music, Grace – St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN.

Art Show and Sale**Friday, March 24 | 5-8pm****Saturday, March 25 | 11am-5pm**

This art show and sale will benefit the St. Paul's music program and the choir's residency at Wells Cathedral in the UK. Art is priced to sell. All local artists.

CHORISTERS PROGRAM**Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:20–7:30 p.m.**

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

Register at www.spechurch.com/choirs

For more information, email music@spechurch.com

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, February 12

The Sixth 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*
4:00pm Choral Conference Rehearsal
5:00pm ¹Katherine Dienes-Williams Organ Recital
5:30pm Choral Evensong (Saturday workshop participants may join the St. Paul's choir to sing Evensong)

Monday, February 13

Tuesday, February 14

7:30am ²Early-Bird Book Group
9:00am Morning Prayer
6:15pm EfM weekly meeting
6:30pm ³WBC Valentine Serenade, Dinner & Concert

Wednesday, February 15

12:10pm Midday Eucharist + *light lunch in parish hall*
6:20pm Choristers Program Rehearsal
7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, February 16

9:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am GNP & St. Fiacre Landscape Work Day
11:00am ⁴The Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)
7:00pm Sacred Ground Series (*Zoom*)

Friday, February 17

8:00am Mensgroup
11:00am Elaine Francis Funeral

Saturday, February 18

9:00am Vestry Retreat

Next Sunday, February 19

The Last 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*

¹ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

St. Paul's welcomes Katherine Dienes-Williams from Guildford Cathedral, U.K. Katherine will conduct the choir this morning and for choral evensong this evening. 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.

²Join 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) for details.

³Let 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>.

⁴Join 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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21 | 5:30-7pm | Parish Hall

Join us for pancakes, fellowship and fun for all ages including face painting and balloon animals with Stephanie Smiles! Sure to be a blast!

Ash Wednesday Services

February 22 | 12:10pm & 6pm

12:10pm Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

6:00pm Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Adult Faith Formation 'Habits of the Heart'

Sunday Mornings in Lent | 9:30am | Parish Hall

February 26: *Discipline and Practice: The Christian Ascetic*

March 5: *Attentive*

March 12: *Prayer*

March 19: *Compassion*

March 26: *Theory into practice*

Living the Liturgy: Living the Faith

Wednesdays in Lent | 5:30pm | Parish Hall

Join us for a Lenten meal of soup and salad followed by a discussion facilitated by our clergy. We are seeking soup makers, bread bakers/buyers and extra help. Individuals, families, and ministry groups are encouraged to assist. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BADAB2AA46-soup>. A supervised children's activity will be provided each week. If nursery care is needed for your family, please reach out to Meaghan Thomas by February 19 at speckids@spechurh.com.

March 1: *All Hearts Open*

March 8: *The Word of God*

March 15: *Creeds, Prayers, and Absolute Absolution*

March 22: *Broken Open and Poured Out*

March 29: *Strength and Courage*

Dinner & Faith Quarterly Dinner Group Event

Sunday, March 12 | Exact time to be decided by each host

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with friends - old & new! To sign up email Meaghan Thomas at meaghanmthomas@gmail.com OR on the Dinner & Faith Sign Up sheet in the Parish Hall by February 19. Please indicate if you are willing to host. Groups of 8-10 will be assigned by February 26. A host will contact you with details regarding your gathering.

Vanco Online Giving



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Box Update

The Blessing Box storage shelves are filled to overflowing because of the generosity of your donations. My heartfelt thank you. Judy Breny

Communion Kits

Father Singer asks Lay Eucharistic Visitors for private communion kits, belonging to the church, be returned to the sacristy in the near future. We are missing several kits. They should be returned for cleaning following each use. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

IT Help Wanted

Interested? Curious? Want to know more? Contact Bob Crafts at 336.978.9197 or technology@spechurch.com

Attention Lectors

There will be a lector training for new and seasoned lectors led by Cleve Callison and assisted by Leon Tillery on February 19 and February 26 @ 1 pm in the Nave after coffee hour. Please plan to attend one of these informative sessions offered.

Episcopal Swag is Half Price

As we prepare to enter Lent, please stop by The Source Gift Shop for your Episcopalian items. During the first two weeks of February all Episcopal items will be available at 50% off. As we reflect on our lives and the lives of others let's also outwardly display our accessories. 100% of the proceeds benefits our youth group mission travel activities, St. Paul's Choir and other church charities. The Source is open on Sunday mornings following both services. Questions, please contact Peg Brunton.

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 and we'll send you a Writer's Guide with more info.

Second Annual Plant Swap

Here is a sign of spring for all gardeners! Our Second Annual Plant Swap will be held at the parish picnic on Sunday, May 7th! Over these next months, as you work in your gardens, please look for plants that can be divided and shared. Also, please bring any pots that you can spare for those of us who do not have enough pots for the plants we hope to share. There will be a box on your right as you enter the parish hall (coming from the direction of The Source) for your spare pots. Any questions, please reach out to Maryelle Jones, jjimj@gmail.com.

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 and register at <https://forms.gle/aZeogz2nFn1tVxdS9>. Confirmation classes will be scheduled to occur in Lent.

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. 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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