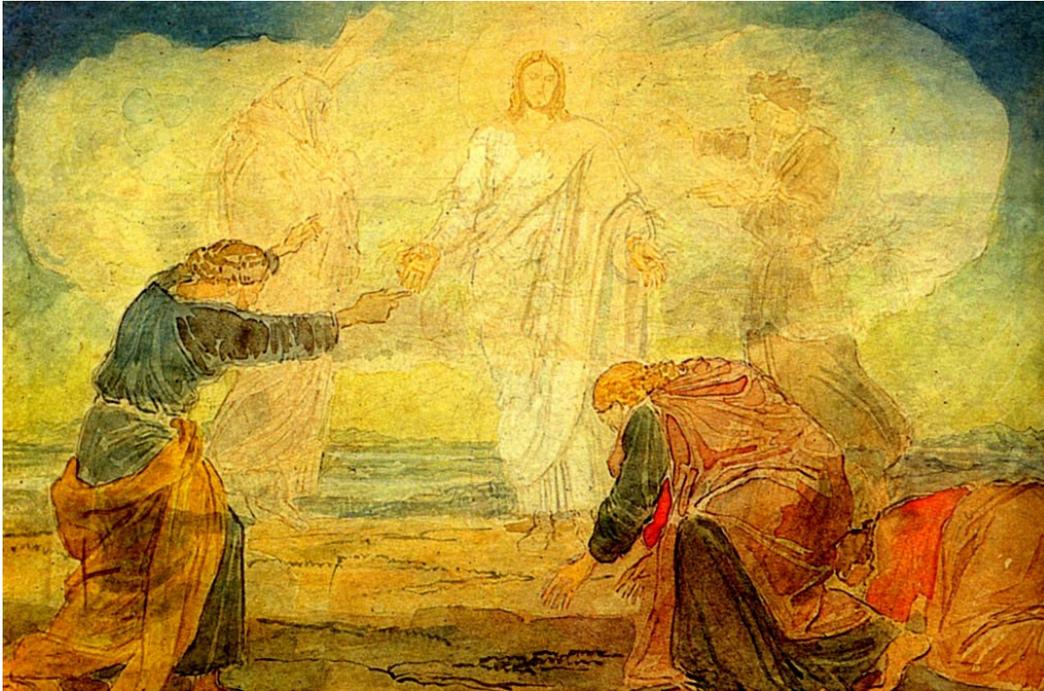


# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 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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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

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Celebrant	Preacher	Altar Server/Lector	Greeter/Usher
The Reverend Michael Singer	The Reverend Catherine Powell	Spencer Weig	Linda Collette

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

**Voluntary**

*Adagio Symphony No. 5*

Charles Marie Widor

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**Processional Hymn 135**

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Salzburg

### 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 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.

36 *f* Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

41 Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

50 *ff* Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

### The Collect of the Day

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

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 24: 12-18

**Reader:** A Reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 2

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together,  
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,  
and his rage fills them with terror.

6 "I myself have set my king  
upon my holy hill of Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord:  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear,  
and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all  
who take refuge in him!

**The Second Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-21**

**Reader:** A Reading from the second letter of Peter

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn**

*'Tis Good Lord to be here*

Carlisle

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night; Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.	2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.	3 Fulfiller of the past Promise of things to be, We hail thy body glorified And our redemption see!
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4 Before we taste of death, We see thy kingdom come: O might we hold the vision bright, And make this hill our home.	5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; But, since thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.
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- Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 17: 1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Reverend Catherine Powell

*Please stand.*

### The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Hyfrydol (657)

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.

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.

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.

### The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant:** With our eyes fixed on Christ, the beloved Son who intercedes for us, let us offer our prayers with confident faith before the throne of God, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** That the Church of Christ may be ever attentive to God's voice, persevering in prayer, and zealous in his service. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James the Fisherman in Shallotte. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** That Christ, the morning star, may dawn upon the hearts of all, and herald a new day of justice and peace. We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia on the eve of the 1 year anniversary of the beginning of the war in Ukraine. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** That those whose lives are overshadowed by physical pain or anguish of spirit may know the healing touch of Christ and the transfiguring power of his resurrection. We pray, especially for the families of victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)*. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** That we who have been called by Christ to this mountain of prayer may find strength here to be his witnesses in the world. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** That those who, during their earthly pilgrimage acknowledge the Dominion of Christ and all whose faith is known to God alone, may be drawn into the radiant joy of Heaven's Kingdom, and behold the face of God. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God of Majesty and Power, whose beloved son is your word of truth and the light shining in our darkness, receive the prayers of your church, and grant that all people may come to know the peace of your Kingdom and the splendor of your name. We ask this through 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 Thou the Central Orb*

Charles Wood

O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world. Thy radiant bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heav'n with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each. Thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls ere while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

*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 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*

Land of Rest

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

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

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor or Choir and begins with the lyrics "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -". The second staff continues with "deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my" and includes a first ending bracket labeled "1 All" and a second ending bracket labeled "2 Cantor or Choir". The third staff continues with "flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My" and includes a bracket labeled "All". The fourth staff concludes with "flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord."

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

### 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.

## Invitation to Communion

### 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

*God be in my head*

Walford Davies

God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes,  
And in my looking;  
God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;  
God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking;  
God be at mine end,  
And at my departing.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns*

#### Communion Hymn 137

*O wondrous type! O vision fair*

Wareham

#### Communion Hymn 490

*I want to walk as a child of light*

Houston

*Please stand.*

*If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.*

#### Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

**Priest:** In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

#### The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

BCP 365

*The people stand or kneel.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Blessing

1 Transfigured Lord, your glory  
Shines on the mountain's height.  
Now shine today among us  
And make our darkness light.  
Transfigured Lord, your glory  
Was dazzling like the sun.  
The sage and prophet greet him,  
The Father's Chosen One.

3 Transfigured Life, demanded  
To climb another hill;  
A cross that leads to glory,  
A love transforming still.  
Transfigured now, God's people,  
Who dare to run this race;  
To live this mountain's promise,  
Transfigured lives of grace.

2 Transfigured not, disciples  
Have need to own this place;  
But faith that is imprisoned  
Knows not the love of grace.  
Transfigured Love Incarnate  
Walks with them on their way  
To live a life as pilgrims  
And live it, day by day.

4 Transfigured ones, our promise,  
With living water poured;  
To wash and seal and nurture  
And sign for evermore.  
Transfigured Lord, your glory  
Shines on the mountain's height,  
Now shine today among us  
And make our darkness light.

- JMA Wright

**The Dismissal**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Voluntary**

*Rodomotade*

Dan Gawthrop

**A Word from the Rector**

Today is the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. We began this season with a star directing the Magi to the Christ child and we end up on the mountain with the disciples experiencing Christ in transfigured glory. Transfiguration is the revealing of our true selves. With Moses and Elijah flanking him, Christ is revealed as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. His true nature is revealed in radiant splendor as both fully human and fully divine. A voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased... Do not be afraid."

What is the nature of our true selves? There is no simple answer. There is darkness in the human heart. As if we need any more proof than our very own lives, Monday will be the one year anniversary of the beginning of the war in Ukraine. We also are witnessing tragedy continue to unfold in Turkey and Syria. And yet, God's grace shines through. People are being rescued against all odds. While there is darkness in us, there is also light. Mr. Rogers once said,

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

Beloved, may we all be helpers of Christ; finding the light and being the light amidst the darkness.

Faithfully,



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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

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<b>Celebrant</b> The Reverend Caleb Lee	<b>Lectors</b> Teresa Singer Kathryn Hedgepeth
<b>Preacher</b> The Reverend Catherine Powell	<b>Intercessor</b> Brian Buss
<b>Gospeller</b> The Reverend Michael Singer	<b>Ushers</b> Paula Waterfield Bill Waterfield Dianne Stansbury Lynda Miller Ron Miller
<b>Verger</b> Leon Tillery	<b>Greeters</b> Cynthia Smallwood Jeanne Criscuolo
<b>Crucifer</b> Zoë Frederiksen Bennett Sanders-Park	<b>Flower Guild</b> Brian Sanders-Park Louise Joyner
<b>Gospel Book Bearer</b> Dot Erway	<b>Altar Guild</b> Cheryl Wagoner Margaret Haughey Barbara Banks Barbara Bucci
<b>Torchbearers</b> Bennett Sanders-Park	
<b>Altar Server</b> Cheryl Wagoner	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Cheryl Wagoner Cabe Lee Royster Hedgepeth	

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## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

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### 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 DeJarld
Norman LaSalle	John Morton
Karen Smith	Barbara Bucci

### People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Susan Richards Frederik
Tammy Tilghman	Mary Barto
Richard O'Rourke	Melodee Fraser
Carroll Joines	Alex Apostolou
Linda Harris	Kristen Keen
Lynne Vanstory	Mary Barnhill
David Hayes	Suzanne Rutledge
Gracie Sage	Rachael Silberman
Tonya Justice	Joe Halecki
Pat Noble	The Schloth Family
Nathalie Rubin	Fritz Cook
Bill Warren	

### For the Departed

Elaine Francis

### 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.

### Vanco Online Giving



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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### Today, 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** <sup>1</sup> Adult Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

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

**2 1:00pm** Lector training (*nave*)

### Monday, February 20

**3 6:15pm** EfM weekly meeting

### Tuesday, February 21

**7:30am** <sup>4</sup> Early-Bird Book Group

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**5:30pm** <sup>5</sup> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

### Wednesday, February 22

#### Ash Wednesday

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
+ *light lunch in parish hall*

**6:00pm** Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

**7:00pm** Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 23

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**9:00am** GNP

**11:00am** <sup>6</sup> The Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)

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

### Friday, February 24

**8:00am** Mensgroup

### Saturday, February 24

No events scheduled

### Next Sunday, February 26

#### The First Sunday in Lent

**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*)

*"Habits of the Heart": Discipline and Practice: The Christian Ascetic*

**9:30am** <sup>7</sup> Inquirer's Class: Episcopal 101 (*Meeting Room A*)

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

**1:00pm** Lector training (*nave*)

<sup>1</sup> Coffee with the Rector.

<sup>2</sup> There will be a lector training for new and seasoned lectors led by Cleve Callison and assisted by Leon Tillery today, February 19 and February 26 @ 1 pm in the Nave after coffee hour. Please plan to attend one of these informative sessions offered.

<sup>3</sup> The EfM meeting which is normally on Tuesday is on Monday night this week, so members can go to the pancake supper.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Join us for pancakes, fellowship and fun for all ages including face painting and balloon animals with Stephanie Smiles! Sure to be a blast!

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> This class is especially for those interested in Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation.

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## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** **Tuesday, February 21 | 5:30-7pm**

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 | February 22**

12:10pm | Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
6:00pm | Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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*

### **Inquirer's Class - Episcopal 101** **Sunday Mornings in Lent | 9:30am | Meeting Room A**

Join Fr. Lee in Meeting Room A (on the lower level below the kitchen) for a class on what it means to be a Christian and an Episcopalian in the modern world. This class is especially for those interested in Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation.

### **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@spechurch.com](mailto:speckids@spechurch.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*

\*Wednesday Nights in Lent or Inquirer's Class is suggested for those who desire to be confirmed or received by Bishop Skirving in April. You can register at <https://forms.gle/aZeogz2nFn1tVxdS9>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sneak  
Peek at  
The Source

Check out our  
new inventory!



**Now open after 8:00 Service**

### 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](mailto:technology@spechurch.com)

### 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, [jjimij@gmail.com](mailto:jjimij@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](mailto:rector@spechurch.com) and register at <https://forms.gle/aZeogz2nFn1tVxdS9>. Confirmation classes will be scheduled to occur in Lent.

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## A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEE ABOUT TRANSITIONS IN MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

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Beloved of St. Paul's,

I write to inform you that Ronnie Wise has resigned his position as Organist and Director of Music due to health reasons, effective immediately. I know this comes as a surprise to many. Ronnie has been the foundation of our music program for several years and we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his service to St. Paul's.

Ronnie has given me permission to tell you that he is seeking treatment for alcoholism; something not to be taken lightly, nor for which there is blame to be cast. This is a disease that is all too close to many of our hearts and it is no different than any other disease for which we seek treatment. I admire his courage to face this challenge and his desire to be well.

I ask your prayers for Ronnie, for the Choir of St. Paul's, and for our church community as this transition takes place. We hope to plan a future celebration of Ronnie's ministry when the time seems right. While Ronnie does what is best for him, St. Paul's will do the same.

Discernment will begin very soon about how we might proceed with a new Organist and Director of Music. While this occurs the Reverend Dr. Bill Weisser has agreed to serve as Interim Director.

We will be in touch about how this interim period will affect other previously planned concerts and programs.

Faithfully,

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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 10:30am 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 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15am in the library for 6th grade and older.

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TBD at Vestry Retreat, **People's (Jr.) Warden**

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