

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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Celebrant	
The Reverend Catherine Powell	
Preacher	
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	
Altar Server and Lector	
Jeffrey Hughes	
Greeter/Usher	
Tom Gerow	

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

Voluntary

Canon on "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Alec Wyton

Please stand.

The Great Litany

BCP 148

Chanted in solemn procession

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins.
Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy
preserve us, for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of
charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and
unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and
Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious
Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (*or* of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Paul and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Kyrie

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan

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The Word of God

The Acclamation and Response

BCP 355

- Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: God's mercy endures forever.
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Beati quorum

John Fenstermaker

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4: 1-11

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand*)

BCP 358

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.

Prayers for Healing

Celebrant: As The Great Litany is in place of the Prayers of the People today, we pray at this time for those in our parish family who need our prayers (*the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers*), and for the departed, especially Chris Olsen and Dewitt Dees, Sr.

The Lenten Collect (*said together*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Lamb of God Most Holy

Robert Lehman

Lamb of God, Most Holy, Who on the cross didst suffer. Patient, still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were broken, Thyself for us forsaken, Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, most holy, On Calvary an off'ring; Despised, meek, and lowly, Thou in the death and suff'ring
Our sins didst bear, our anguish The night of death didst vanquish; Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*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 15 for the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Rockingham

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 S124

Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

The people stand or kneel

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:

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

The Prayer of Humble Access (*said together*)

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

Adrian Batten

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Grant us thy peace.

Communion of the People

Communion Anthem*Ave Verum Corpus*

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum Corpus Natum de maria virgine. Vere passum immolatum In Cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine, Sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Communion Hymn 674*Forgive our sins as we forgive*

Detroit

Communion Hymn*Lenten Gifts*

Cranham

1 Lenten gifts invite us,
Searching deep within.
Claiming our desires,
Naming all our sins.
Lenten gifts are offered,
Lightening our way.
Praying, giving, fasting,
Centering our day.

2 Prayer, our gospel model,
Rooting all of life.
God's gift of oasis,
Mid our desert strife.
Fasting, our next calling
On this barren plain.
Lasting food, our worship,
Emptying, our gain.

3 Giving and surrender,
This last gift God sends;
Soul food for the journey,
Sacrifice, our friend.
These three gifts now offered
Let us now make room.
Walking with our Saviour,
To the empty tomb.

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

BCP 366

The people stand or kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lenten Blessing**Processional Hymn***In truth these forty days*

Kingsfold (292)

1 In truth, these forty days give voice
To love of God and good.
From desert places deep within,
Our diet, holy food.
Temptations rise from barren worlds
Within, without, around.
For selfish gain, whate'er the cost
We live as lost not found.

2 Amid the darkened desert plain
The Savior's constant plight,
The cry of hungry empty days,
The fear of lonely nights.
Today, we name our wilderness,
Claim darkness, thirst or grief;
Our blindness to the truth we know;
More doubts than true belief.

3 To idol gods and lifeless ways
Our autumn lives do cling.
Lord, through these present Lenten days
Season within your spring.
Christ meets our need as constant friend;
Our deserts he has known.
His promise, hope along the path,
His gift, the life we own.

4 And soon we walk from these dark days
To places darker yet.
To crosses stark upon a hill
Where all our sins collect.
So walk these forty days in faith;
Lord of the desert, trust.
His name, the one who conquers death;
His people, Lazarus.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Chaconne in G Minor

Louis Couperin

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant The Reverend Michael Singer	Lectors Jenny Callison Lynda Miller
Preacher The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Intercessor Cynthia Smallwood
Verger Leon Tillery	Ushers Kenny Harkness Jane Harkness Jeffrey Sackrison David Fowle Mark Tedesco
Crucifer Cabe Lee	Greeters Merrilie Crafts Midge Silberman
Gospel Book Bearer Mary Jeffreys Nipper	Flower Guild Brian Sanders-Park
Torchbearers Cheryl Wagoner	Altar Guild Anne Freeling Zona Tounsley Sally Pope
Katie Rose Sanders-Park	
Bennett Sanders-Park	
Altar Server Carol Fields	
Eucharistic Ministers Carol Field	
Larry Hartman	
Dot Erway	

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Dale Curran
Judy Farri	JoAnn Summey
Joe Farri	Barbara O'Rourke
Alice Calder	Katherine Ramsey
Larry Wright	Karen DeJarld
Norman LaSalle	John Morton
Karen Smith	

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Melodee Fraser
Richard O'Rourke	Alex Apostolou
Carroll Joines	Kristen Keen
Linda Harris	Mary Barnhill
Lynne Vanstory	Suzanne Rutledge
David Hayes	Rachael Silberman
Tonya Justice	Joe Halecki
Pat Noble	Nathalie Rubin
Bill Warren	Fritz and Beverly Cook
Gina Lewis	John Tinney
Geneva Thompson	Sherry Herman
Fr. Lloyd Olsen and family	Mark Vlahos
Colin Whitfield	

For the Departed

Chris Olsen
Dewitt Dees, Sr.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, February 26

The First Sunday of 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 ¹ Inquirers' Class: Episcopal 101 (*Meeting Room A*)
10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*
12:15pm ² Lector training (*nave*)

Monday, February 27

No events scheduled

Tuesday, February 28

7:30am ³ Early-Bird Book Group

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm EfM weekly meeting (*library*)

Wednesday, March 1

12:10pm Holy Eucharist + *light lunch in parish hall*
5:30pm ⁴ Lenten Meal + Discussion (*All Hearts Open*)
7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 2

9:00am Morning Prayer

8:30am GNP

11:00am ⁵ The Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)

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

Friday, March 3

8:00am Mensgroup

Saturday, March 4

No events scheduled

Next Sunday, March 5

The Second 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' Attentive
9:30am Inquirers' Class: Episcopal 101 (*Meeting Room A*)
10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*
11:30am ⁶ Tour of St. Paul's (*back of the church*)

¹This class is especially for those interested in Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation.

²Lector training is for new and seasoned lectors led by Cleve Callison and assisted by Leon Tillery.

³"My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer" by Christian Wiman, Tuesdays, 7:30am via Zoom.

⁴Join us for a Lenten meal of soup and salad followed by a discussion facilitated by our clergy. See details on next page.

⁵Join Fr. Lee for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary.

⁶We'll be walking around the church and Parish House. Everyone's welcome - bring questions! Tours take 30-45 minutes.

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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!

Groups of 8-10 will be assigned by today, February 26. A host will contact you with details regarding your gathering.

Bowling with the Rector

Sunday, March 19 | 3-5pm | Cardinal Lanes off Shipyard

Join Fr. Lee at the bowling alley for a few frames of fun! This is a parish wide event that is sure to strike up some fun!

\$10 per person includes 2 hours of bowling + shoe rental. RSVP to Meaghan Thomas at 910.232.4707 OR speckids@specchurch.com. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Adult Faith Formation 'Habits of the Heart'

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

Today: *Habits of the Heart: 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@specchurch.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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sneak
Peek at
The Source*

Check out our new inventory!

Now open after 8:00 Service

IT Help Wanted

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

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@specchurch.com and register on the front page of our website. Confirmation classes will be scheduled to occur in Lent.

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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 10:30am. 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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