

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 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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Voluntary *Andante religioso (Sonata IV)* Felix Mendelssohn

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 48 *O day of radiant gladness* Es flog ein kleins waldvögelein

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.

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

11
Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we -

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Reader: A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 112: 1-9

Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 441

In the cross of Christ I glory

Rathbun

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5: 13-20

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Catherine Powell

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: God sends us out as the light of the world, to shine before others. Let us pray for strength on the way and for all those in the church and the world who need justice, mercy, and peace, saying “Lord have mercy.”

Intercessor: For the holy catholic church throughout the world. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the 140th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua in New Guinea. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For Rob our bishop, for priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

- Intercessor:** For this holy gathering and for all who enter with faith and reverence. Let us pray to the Lord.
People: *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For this country; that the walls that divide us may crumble. For the criminal justice system and an equitable distribution of rights. For all nations and their leaders, especially Ukraine and Russia; and all countries involved. For our community, this church, and this city. May we be a blessing to those around us. Let us pray to the Lord.
People: *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For ourselves, our families, friends, and companions on the way, and all those we love. Let us pray to the Lord.
People: *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed. We pray especially for *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. Let us pray to the Lord.
People: *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For the dying and the dead, and for those who care for them. We pray especially for Mary Eleanor Gibson and Eddie Belcher. Let us pray to the Lord.
People: *Lord, have mercy.*
- Celebrant:** Father in heaven, who teaches us to obey your holy commandments, hear our fervent prayers and lead all peoples of the world to your kingdom; 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

Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation; the day star clear and bright of ev'ry man and nation. New life, new hope awakes where e'er men own his sway; freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting. When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear; to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear. One, Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee. The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come Prince of Peace and reign.

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. Today's undesignated funds go toward the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Dix



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, crea-tures here be - low, Praise God a - bove ye, heav'n-ly
 host: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. There for ev-er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP 367

- Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.
- People:** And also with you.
- Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.
- People:** We lift them to the Lord.
- Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made

flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Preparation Hymn 333

Now the silence

Now

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

The Communion of the People

Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.

Communion Anthem

Just As I Am

Stephen Cleobury

(Text may be found on page 693 of the Hymnal)

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

Communion Hymn 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane

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 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 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Musique Royale

Michel Richard Delande

A Word from the Rector

I am sorry to miss you this Sunday as the family and I are in Charleston for a scheduled visit with friends and cathedral family. A few months back I was asked to preach The Kirkin O' the Tartan services set for this Sunday. It is a service that celebrates Samuel Seabury and the Scottish roots of the Episcopal Church with kilts, family tartans, bagpipes, and plenty of Scottish music. It is part of my duty as an Honorary Canon of Grace Church Cathedral that I go back from time to time to serve in some special way. I return Sunday afternoon.

Fr. Michael is also away this Sunday due to a death in the family. Please pray for the Singer family as they return home after attending the funeral of Teresa's brother in West Virginia.

Special thanks to Mother Catherine Powell for holding down the fort today and to the Reverend John Sheehan for assisting at the 10:30 service.



Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Assisting

The Reverend John Sheehan

Verger

Cheryl Wagoner

Crucifer

Zoë Frederiksen

Carol Field

Gospel Book Bearer

Ruth Gates

Torchbearers

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Bennett Sanders-Park

Altar Server

Dot Erway

Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway

Zoë Frederiksen

Carolyn Demorest

Lectors

Dewitt Dees

Joan Rosko Miller

Intercessor

Sally Pope

Ushers

Ron Morgan

Bill Richards

Dianne Stansbury

Midge Silberman

Ernest Patrick

Greeters

Luvette Hickey

Joan Rosko Miller

Flower Guild

Beth Richards

Marie Ashworth

Altar Guild

Dot Erway

Carolyn Demorest

Lynda Miller

Vanco Online Giving**In Our Parish**

Earl Craig

Fr. John Cawthorne

Judy Farri

Joe Farri

Alice Calder

Larry Wright

Norman LaSalle

Karen Smith

Barbara Bucci

Tammy Pollock

Dale Curran

JoAnn Summey

Barbara O'Rourke

Katherine Ramsey

Elaine Francis

Karen DeJarld

John Morton

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti Susan Richards Frederik

Tammy Tilghman Mary Barto

Richard O'Rourke Susan Petry

Carroll Joines Melodee Fraser

Linda Harris Alex Apostolou

Lynne Vanstory Kristen Keen

David Hayes Mary Barnhill

Gracie Sage Suzanne Rutledge

Tonya Justice Rachael Silberman

Pat Noble Peter & Mary Schloth

Nathalie Rubin Joe Halecki

Jimbo Fox

For the Departed

Mary Eleanor Gibson

Eddie Belcher

About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. Names are listed for one month. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, www.spechurch.com.

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 5

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

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

9:30am EYC (*library*)

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

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

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

Monday, February 6

5:30pm Pastoral Care Committee Meeting (*library*)

Tuesday, February 7

7:30am ¹Early-Bird Book Group

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Wilmington Boys Choir Rehearsal + Dinner

6:15pm EfM weekly meeting

Wednesday, February 8

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

7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, February 9

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am GNP

11:00am ²The Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)

5:30pm Taizé

Friday, February 10

8:00am Mensgroup

7:30pm Nicholas Quardokus Organ Recital

¹Join 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.

²Join 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.

Saturday, February 11

10:00am Choral Conference Rehearsal with ³Katherine Dienes-Williams followed by lunch and a brief lecture with question/answer period. Participants may sing or observe (\$25 on Eventbrite)

Next Sunday, February 12

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

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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 Katherine Dienes-Williams Organ Recital

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

³ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

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

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

GNP & St. Fiacre Landscape Work Day
Thursday, February 16 | 9:00am

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

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



MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

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

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

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.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPEC Dinner Groups Update

The survey results are in and the Membership Committee is pleased to announce we will offer both Monthly Dinner Groups as well as a Quarterly Dinner & Faith event for groups of 6-10. If you did not complete a survey but would like to join a monthly group, please email Meaghan Thomas at meaghanmthomas@gmail.com or sign up in person in the Parish Hall today after the 10:30 service! Groups will be formed soon and you will receive notice of your placement so your group can plan the first get together! Our first Dinner & Faith event will be held mid-March. More details and an exact date will be coming in the next couple of weeks. We look forward to getting to know our Parish Family through these two exciting offerings!

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.

It's Great to be an Episcopalian!

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 the 10:30am service. Questions, please contact Peg Burton.

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, 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 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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