

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION,
TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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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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. <i>Amen.</i>	
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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00AM

Celebrant and Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee
Altar Server and Lector
Jeffrey Hughes
Greeter/Usher
Ange Green

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

Voluntary *Liturgical Improvisation No 1* George Oldroyd

Processional Hymn 523 *Glorious things of thee are spoken* Abbot's Leigh

The Penitential Order **BCP 351**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

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.*

Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution **BCP 352**

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.

Kyrie *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Healey Willan

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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14 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

Reader: A Reading from the book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Venite, exultemus

T. Tertius Noble

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-11

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 4: 5-42

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Nettleton

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

adapted from Form IV **BCP 388**

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Rob our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the ministry of the Clergy of St. Paul's, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church in Elizabeth City and Holy Innocents in Seven Springs. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of South India.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially this day for the people of Ukraine.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. Are there others? Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Fr. John Cawthorne and Ellie Gibson; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gil Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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 13 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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

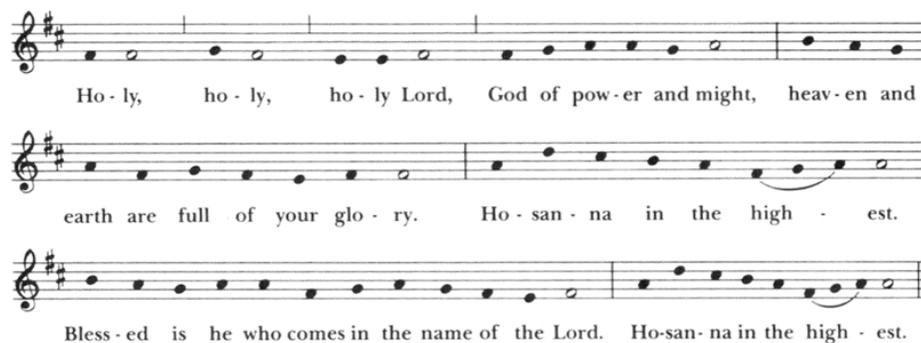
BCP 361

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:



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

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



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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

O Saviour of the World

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Communion Hymn 658

As longs the deer for cooling streams

Martyrdom

Communion Hymn 644

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

St. Peter

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

Celebrant: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Rigandon

Andre Campra

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

<p>Celebrant The Reverend Catherine Powell</p> <p>Preacher The Reverend Caleb J. Lee</p> <p>Gospeller The Reverend Michael Singer</p> <p>Verger Leon Tillery</p> <p>Crucifer Mary Jeffreys Nipper</p> <p>Gospel Book Bearer Cheryl Wagoner</p>	<p>Torchbearers Katie Rose Sanders-Park Bennett Sanders-Park</p> <p>Altar Server Dot Erway</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Dot Erway Larry Hartman Ruth Gates</p>	<p>Lectors David Frederiksen Cleve Callison</p> <p>Intercessor Kathryn Hedgepeth</p> <p>Ushers Mait Dubois Bill Petry Bill Richards Jeffrey Sackrison Don Bobo</p>	<p>Greeters Maryelle Jones Valerie DeJarld</p> <p>Flower Guild Lynda Miller</p> <p>Altar Guild Cheryl Wagoner Scotty Galganowicz Leon Tillery</p>
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Welcome to the **March Match-ness Challenge!**

Dear St. Paul's Family,

St. Paul's has been blessed with an anonymous gift of \$5,000 to our Endowment Fund, contingent upon parishioners matching the \$5,000 by March 31. This gift carries with it the promise of an **additional** \$5,000 gift from another anonymous donor if we meet that first \$5,000 challenge.

Join us and together we can meet this challenge! Thanks to the generosity of past donors who believed in preserving St. Paul's for future generations, the Endowment has provided financial support beyond what is possible through the annual operating fund for a wide range of programs and projects, including: organ repair, maintenance, and upkeep; repairs to our steeple and the stained glass windows in the nave; emergency replacement of several air conditioning units; the first two years of our former assistant rector's new ministry; the purchase of the Ormond Center; and renovations to the kitchen.

This challenge is a wonderful opportunity to replenish and build the Endowment by \$15,000 (or more!) so that St. Paul's can continue to spread God's love in our community.

We urge you to participate in this **March Match-ness Challenge**. Here's how to help:

- Use St. Paul's online payment option, especially if you wish to pay by credit card. Select "Endowment Challenge" from the Gift/Donation dropdown menu.
- Write a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Please add "Endowment Challenge" to the memo line, and then mail the check to St Paul's (16 N. 16th St., Wilmington NC 28401) or drop it in the collection basket at a Sunday service this month.

Let's do this together! **Let's say 'Yes' to March Match-ness** and build the Endowment so that St. Paul's will continue to be the vibrant and alive church that it has become in the 15 years since the Endowment was created.

In love and thanksgiving,

Your March Match-Ness Endowment Board Team:

Bill Anlyan, Virginia Chiarello, Karen Day, Anne O'Dell, Spencer Weig

In Our Parish

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

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
John Bakker	Turner Rivenbark
Jim Holliday	Teresa Biddle

For the Departed

Fr. John Cawthorne
Ellie Gibson

About the Prayer List

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

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

Today, Sunday, March 12**The Third 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' Prayer

9:30am ¹ Inquirers' Class: Episcopal 101 (*Meeting Room A*)

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

12:15pm Eucharistic Ministers training (*chancel*)

Monday, March 13

No events scheduled

Tuesday, March 14

7:30am ² Early-Bird Book Group

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:15pm EfM weekly meeting (*library*)

Wednesday, March 15

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

5:30pm ³ Lenten Meal + Discussion
(*Creeds, Prayers, and Absolute Absolution*)

7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 16

9:00am Morning Prayer

8:30am GNP & St. Fiacre Garden Guild Work Day

11:00am ⁴ The Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)

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

Friday, March 17

8:00am Mensgroup

Saturday, March 18

No events scheduled

Next Sunday, March 19**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

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

12:15pm Eucharistic Ministers training (*chancel*)

3:00pm Bowling with the Rector (*see next page for details*)

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

²"The Way of the Labyrinth: A Powerful Meditation for Everyday Life" by Helen Curry Tuesdays, 7:30am via Zoom.

³ Join us for a Lenten meal of soup and salad followed by a discussion facilitated by our clergy. See details on next page.

⁴Join Fr. Lee for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary.

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

Eucharistic Ministers Training

If you have been asked to participate as a Eucharistic Minister there will be training in the Chancel at 12:15pm Today, Sunday, March 12, and Sunday, March 19.
Please plan to attend one of the training sessions.

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@spechurch.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, March 12: *Prayer*

March 19: *Compassion*

March 26: *Theory into practice*

Inquirers' Class - Episcopal 101

Sunday Mornings in Lent | 9:30am | Meeting Room A

Join Fr. Singer 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.

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

March 22: *Broken Open and Poured Out*

**Wednesday Nights in Lent or Inquirers' 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>*

St. Paul's Early Bird Book Study

Starting this Tuesday, March 14 | 7:30am | Zoom

We will be starting a new book on Tuesday, March 14. Join us as we discuss "The Way of the Labyrinth: A Powerful Meditation for Everyday Life" by Helen Curry. The Early Bird Book Study is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together. For more information contact Julie Martin at itsjuliemartin@gmail.com.

Art Show & Sale

Friday, April 28 5-8pm | Saturday, April 29 11am-5pm

The art show and sale will benefit the St. Paul's music program. Art is priced to sell. All local artists.

Vanco Online Giving



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks

A special thanks to the GNP, specifically Bob Belaustegui, David Tousignant and Gary Dillon, for *Shining the Light*, literally. During the past week, these gentlemen worked diligently to replace all of the old fluorescent tubes in the Parish Hall light fixtures with brand new LED tubes. In case you are counting, that's 27 fixtures with 4 tubes each! This upgrade will improve the quality of the light in the Parish Hall, avoid replacing \$250 worth of failed ballasts and generate savings to our electric bill of approximately \$350 a year. Thanks Bob, David and Gary, your time and talent are truly a treasure.

Be a part of St. Paul's Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for an easy way to get involved in ministry at St. Paul's? Are you eager to make connections with other members of your St. Paul's family? Do you have a heart for showing hospitality? If so, you would fit in perfectly on one of our Sunday Reception Hospitality Teams. Please see Teresa Singer at the base of the pulpit after church if you would love to find out more about this ministry or, of course, if you'd like to sign up.

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.

IT Help Wanted

Interested? Curious? Want to know more? Contact Bob Crafts at 336.978.9197 or technology@spechurch.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 on the front page of our website. Offerings for those interested are Inquirers' Class on Sunday mornings and at Living the Faith on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm.

The Source

The Source is here for your shopping pleasure and to participate in the March Madness Challenge! 100% of our proceeds will go to the March Madness Challenge Endowment Fund. Join us as we increase our Endowment Fund. Shopping opportunities will be available on Sundays after both services. Questions, see Peg Burton.



“Home for a Lifetime”

A FREE Collaborative series brought to you by Aging in Place & IndependentWorks
Community Focus Group

- Are you or a family member a senior burdened by housing costs in New Hanover County?
- Do you worry that your adult son or daughter with a disability will struggle to live independently?
- Do you, your senior family member, or your adult son or daughter need intermittent support to live successfully in the community?
- Do you or they want to remain in the community rather than moving to a facility or more restrictive environment?

Come learn about an affordable housing-with-supports project in development

Join us to share your feedback

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 | 2:00-3:00pm

Senior Resource Center 2222 South College Rd. Wilmington, 28403 | Free parking on site

Please RSVP: AgingInplaceDowntown@hotmail.com, Independentworks.ilm@gmail.com or 910-805-HOME 14

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am The Blessing of the Palms, followed by a procession through the neighborhood

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Meditations on the Cross: Approaching Good Friday through Art

Monday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 4 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Join us in the Nave for a reflective, self-guided tour through the art of parishioner Barb Scalia.

Her art will be focused on the life of Jesus. In particular, Barbara has created a good number of paintings on the crucifixion.

As we approach Good Friday and Easter we invite you into this opportunity for quiet reflection.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Wednesday, April 5

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6

12:10pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, April 7

12:10pm The Liturgy for Good Friday

The Crucifixion by John Stainer

Friday, April 7 | 7:30pm

Featuring the Choir of St. Paul's, soloists and Dr. Bill Weisser, organist.

Great Vigil of Easter with Blessing of the Easter Fire

Saturday, April 8 | 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9

8:00am Holy Eucharist with hymns

10:00am Pre-service music and Flowering of the Cross

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Easter Egg Hunt in Rectory Garden following the 10:30am service



2023 Easter Flowers & Music



You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with a financial gift towards flowers and/or music for our Easter services. Forms can be found in the front or back of the church. Please email forms to admin@spechurch.com or drop off at the church office. You can also give using the Vanco service accessed by the QR code on page 13.

The deadline is Wednesday, April 5.

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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