

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 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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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00AM

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**Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Altar Server and Lector**  
Spencer Weig  
**Greeter/Usher**  
Tom Gerow

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**Voluntary** *God's Time is the Best Time* J.S. Bach

**Processional Hymn 665** *All my hope on God is founded* Michael

**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.*

**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.

7 Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son.

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

**Reader:** A Reading from Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 130

*De profundis*

H. Walford Davies

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## The Second Reading: Romans 8: 6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn 508

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

Nova Vita

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11: 1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

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

*Please stand.*

## The Nicene Creed

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.

## The Prayers of the People

- Celebrant:** With confidence and trust let us pray to God, who breathes new life in us, saying “Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.
- Intercessor:** For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, 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 St. Philip’s in Southport. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of South America,  
*silence*  
Lord of compassion,
- People:** *in your mercy hear us.*
- Intercessor:** For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,  
*silence*  
Lord of compassion,
- People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** For those preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception, and renewal.

*silence*

Lord of compassion,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

*silence*

Lord of compassion,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer (*the intercessor reads the name of those in our parish that need our prayers*); that they may be relieved and protected,

*silence*

Lord of compassion,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** For those whom we have injured or offended,

*silence*

Lord of compassion,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,

*silence*

Lord of compassion,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Intercessor:** In communion with all those who have traveled through the narrow gate of death and entered eternal life,

*silence*

Lord of compassion,

**People:** *in your mercy hear us.*

**Celebrant:** God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*When Jesus Wept*

William Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
Seized all the guilty world around.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.  
If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.*

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology*

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.

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*

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.

### 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

*All For Jesus (Crucifixion)*

John Stainer

All for Jesus! all for Jesus! This our song shall ever be: you our only hope, our Savior, yours the love that sets us free! All for Jesus: you will give us strength to serve you hour by hour; none can move us from your presence while we trust your grace and power. All for Jesus--you have loved us, all for Jesus--you have died, all for Jesus--you are with us, all for Jesus crucified. All for Jesus, all for Jesus, all our talents and our powers, all our thoughts and words and actions, all our passing days and hours. All for Jesus, all for Jesus! This the Church's song shall be till at last her children gather, one in him eternally.

*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.*

**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.	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.
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.	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**

**Deacon:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Acclamations (Suite Medieval)*

Jean Langlais

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

<b>Celebrant</b> The Reverend Michael Singer	<b>Altar Server</b> Jeffrey Hughes	<b>Ushers</b> Jay Stewart
<b>Preacher</b> The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Jeffrey Hughes	Jeanne Stewart
<b>Gospeller</b> The Reverend Catherine Powell	Zoë Frederiksen	Kenny Harkness
<b>Verger</b> Cheryl Wagoner	Dot Erway	Jane Harkness
<b>Crucifer</b> Zoë Frederiksen	<b>Lectors</b> Lynda Miller	Ernest Patrick
<b>Gospel Book Bearer</b> Carolyn Demorest	Missy Kennedy	<b>Greeters</b> John Sheehan
<b>Torchbearers</b> Katie Rose Sanders-Park	<b>Intercessor</b> Cynthia Smallwood	Denise Sheehan
Bennett Sanders-Park		<b>Flower Guild</b> David Frederiksen
		<b>Altar Guild</b> Anne Freeling
		Zona Tounsley
		Sally Pope

### ST. PAUL'S MARCH MATCHNESS ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE



**Update**  
**March 23, 2023**

Dear St. Paul's Family,

*We're moving the goalposts mid-game.*

Since your response to this campaign so far has been nothing short of amazing, we're moving the goalpost mid-game. As of March 20, you have contributed \$9,740 to the campaign. Combined with our two \$5,000 matching gifts, we're now at a total of \$19,740. That means we're only \$260 short of our **new goal of \$20,000!**

Your generous contributions will enable St. Paul's to build its permanent Endowment Fund and more completely fulfill its mission by securing the future beyond what is possible through annual operating funds. Please help us reach our goal. **Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could raise more than \$20,000 by March 31??**

- Use St. Paul's online payment option if you wish to pay by credit card. Go to [spechurch.com/online-giving/](https://spechurch.com/online-giving/) and select Give Now and then Online Giving from the dropdown menu. You can also scan the QR code on page 12 of this bulletin. Select "Endowment Challenge" from the gift options.
- Write a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "Endowment Challenge" in the memo line and drop it in the [offering plate](#) at a Sunday service or mail it to St. Paul's at 16 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

In love and thanksgiving,  
Your Endowment Board

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## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

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### 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
Joyce and Tom Matthews	Greg Thomas

### 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
Rory Weig	

### About the Prayer List

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

### Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

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

### Sharing Holy Communion

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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### This Sunday, March 26

#### The Fifth 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' Theory into Practice*

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

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

**5:30pm** Sacred Ground Dinner & Discussion (*for participants*)

### Monday, March 27

No events have been scheduled

### Tuesday, March 28

**7:30am** Early-Bird Book Group

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

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

### Wednesday, March 29

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

**5:30pm** Lenten Meal + Discussion

(*Strength and Courage*)

**7:00pm** Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 30

**8:30am** GNP

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

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

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

### Friday, March 31

**8:00am** Mensgroup

### Saturday, April 1

No events have been scheduled

### Next Sunday, April 2

#### The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am-10:00am** Coffee with the Rector before the Liturgy of the Palms (*parish hall*)

**10:00am** The Blessing of the Palms + procession through neighborhood

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

**11:30am** Tour of St. Paul's (*back of church*)

### Vanco Online Giving



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## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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### **St. Paul's Early Bird Book Study** **Starting Tuesday, April 11 | 7:30am | Zoom**

Please note there will be no Early Bird Book Study next week (April 4). We will be starting a new book on Tuesday, April 11. Join as we discuss "Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi" by Richard Rohr. 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](mailto:itsjuliemartin@gmail.com)

### **Adult Faith Formation 'Habits of the Heart'** **Sunday Mornings in Lent | 9:30am | Parish Hall** Today, March 26: *Theory into practice*

### **Inquirers' 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.

March 29: *Strength and Courage*

*\*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>*

### **The Reverend Dr. Bill Weisser: My Life In Music** **Monday, April 3 | 7:00pm**

Our very own Dr. Bill Weisser will be featured on WCPE, The Classical Station which is located in central North Carolina. *My Life In Music* showcases professional musicians who share stories about their careers and their work. You can listen to the showcase live or recorded at [www.theclassicalstation.org](http://www.theclassicalstation.org).

### **Confirmation, Reception, Renewal Service** **Sunday, April 23 | 10:30am**

The Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving will be celebrating Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at the 10:30am Choral Eucharist at St. Paul's. If you desire to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, reaffirm your baptismal vows, or simply want to know more about the process, please contact Fr. Caleb at [rector@spechurch.com](mailto:rector@spechurch.com) and register on the front page of our website.



**CONFIRMATION  
RECEPTION,  
RENEWAL  
SERVICE**

Sunday, April 23, 2023  
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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### **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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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](mailto:jjimij@gmail.com).

### IT Help Wanted

Interested? Curious? Want to know more? Contact Bob Crafts at 336.978.9197 or [technology@spechurch.com](mailto:technology@spechurch.com)

### The Source



The Source is here for your Easter and Confirmation crosses, as well as your shopping pleasure and to participate in the March Madness Challenge! 100% of our proceeds in March 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 Brunton.

### Time to Register for Glory Ridge



Our youth mission trip to Glory Ridge (Madison, NC) will be Sunday, July 23 - Friday, July 28 this summer. Rising 7th graders thru graduating seniors are encouraged to register. If you have any questions please talk to Fr. Caleb, Allen, or Cabe. The registration link is <https://forms.gle/bP5CpsvUKjGRrjLZ9>

## 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](mailto: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 12.

**The deadline is Wednesday, April 5.**

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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**We are glad you are with us today.** If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

**Help:** Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

**Live-Streamed:** Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**Masks:** All may, none must, some should.

**Worship:** St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Worship Kits:** Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

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

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

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