

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

## 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00AM

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**Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell  
**Altar Server and Lector**  
David Tousignant  
**Greeter/Usher**  
Mona Clites

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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

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**Voluntary** *Canzona on "Liebster Jesus"* Richard Purvis

**Processional Hymn 143** *The glory of these forty days* Erhalt uns, Herr

**The Penitential Order** **BCP 351**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** God's mercy endures forever.

**The Decalogue** *(the people kneel)* **BCP 350**

*The Celebrant recites the Decalogue and after each commandment the people respond, "Amen. Lord have mercy".*

**Celebrant:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*1 John 1:8,9*

**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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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:** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a

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

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 121

*Levavi oculos*

H. Walford Davies

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

## The Second Reading: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 440**

*Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

Liebster Jesu

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3: 1-17**

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Catherine Powell**

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand)*

**BCP 358**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

adapted from Form II **BCP 385**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

**Intercessor:** I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; 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. Peter's in Sunbury and St. Christopher's in Elizabethtown. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

**Intercessor:** I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray this day for peace in Ukraine.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

**Intercessor:** I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for all in our parish family in need of healing, *(the intercessor prays for those in our parish who need our prayers)*.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

**Intercessor:** I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray especially for those in our church who are preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception, and renewal.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

**Intercessor:** I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Corleen Thompson and Jo Dierling.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

**Intercessor:** Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

## 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

*Teach Me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Psalm 119:33

*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 14 for the QR code.*

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

### 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

Musical score for 'The Breaking of the Bread' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.' The second system also has two staves with lyrics: '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

*Lord Jesus Think On Me*

Synesius of Cyrene, Bishop of Ptolemais

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin; From earthborn passions set me free and make me pure within.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, with many a care oppressed; Let me Thy loving servant be and taste Thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me amid the battle's strife; In all my pain and misery be Thou my Health and Life.

Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity point Thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me when floods the tempest high; When on doth rush the enemy, O Savior, be Thou nigh!

Lord Jesus, think on me That, when the flood is past, I may th'eternal brightness see and share Thy joy at last.

Lord Jesus, think on me that I may sing above to Father, Spirit, and to Thee the strains of praise and love.

### Communion Hymn 315

*Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

Song 1

### Communion Taizé Chant

*The Lord is my light*

Jacques Berthier

#### Theme I

Musical notation for Theme I in G major, 3/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Calmly' with a quarter note equal to 66. The melody is on a single staff with lyrics: 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-vation: in him I trust, in him I trust. The'. The piece is divided into sections A1, A2, B1, B2, and a final A1. A 'fine' marking is placed above the final A1 section.

#### Theme II

Musical notation for Theme II in G major, 3/4 time. The melody is on a single staff with lyrics: 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-vation: in him I trust, in him I trust. The'. The piece is divided into sections A1, A2, B1, B2, and a final A1. A 'fine' marking is placed above the final A1 section.

*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 665**

*All my hope on God is founded*

Michael

**The Dismissal**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Fanfare*

Francis Jackson

**A Word from the Rector**

I am away this Sunday serving as Spiritual Director for Happening #79 in the Diocese of East Carolina. My son, Cabe, and I are one of approximately 60 youth and adults attending this bi-annual renewal weekend. Happening is one of those experiences that converted me back into the life of the church and it is a true gift to be able to share in this ministry now with my son. See you soon!

Lenten Blessings,

Caleb+

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

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### **Celebrant**

The Reverend Michael Singer

### **Preacher**

The Reverend Catherine Powell

### **Deacon**

The Reverend Kay Swindell

### **Verger**

Leon Tillery

### **Crucifer**

Zoë Frederiksen

Carol Field

### **Gospel Book Bearer**

Ruth Gates

### **Torchbearers**

Hazel Lee

Bennett Sanders-Park

### **Altar Server**

Carolyn Demorest

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Carolyn Demorest

Sue Sramek

Carol Field

### **Lectors**

Teresa Singer

Lindsey Joines

### **Intercessor**

Herb Gant

### **Ushers**

Brad Van Amberg

Beth Van Amberg

Shannon Rowe

Dick Rowe

Spencer Weig

### **Greeters**

Midge Silberman

Paula Waterfield

### **Flower Guild**

Beth Richards

Marie Ashworth

### **Altar Guild**

Dot Erway

Carolyn Demorest

Lynda Miller



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 Team Endowment Board Team:**

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

**In Our Parish**

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

**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	

**For the Departed**

Corleen Thompson  
Jo Dierling

**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.

**Today, Sunday, March 5****The Second 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' Attentive*

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

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

**11:30am** <sup>2</sup>Tour of St. Paul's (*back of the church*)

**Monday, March 6**

No events scheduled

**Tuesday, March 7**

**7:30am** <sup>3</sup>Early-Bird Book Group

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

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

**Wednesday, March 8**

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

**5:30pm** <sup>4</sup>Lenten Meal + Discussion (*The Word of God*)

**7:00pm** Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 9**

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**8:30am** GNP

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

**5:30pm** Taizé Service of Music, Light and Prayer

**Friday, March 10**

**8:00am** Mensgroup

**Saturday, March 11**

**1:00pm** Mary Eleanor Gibson funeral

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>2</sup>We'll be walking around the church and Parish House. Everyone's welcome - bring questions! Tours take 30-45 minutes.

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

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

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

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## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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### **Dinner & Faith Quarterly Dinner Group Event**

**Sunday, March 12 | Exact time to be decided by each host**  
Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with friends - old & new!

### **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](mailto: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: *Habits of the Heart: Attentive*

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 8: *The Word of God*

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 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](mailto:itsjuliemartin@gmail.com).

### **Art Show & Sale**

**Friday, March 24 5-8pm | Saturday, March 25 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**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Eucharistic Ministers Training**

Eucharistic Ministry training in the Chancel at 12:15 pm  
on Sunday, March 12, and March 19.

Please plan to attend one of the training sessions.

### **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)

### **Confirmation Service at St. Paul's**

The Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving will be celebrating Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows on Sunday, April 23rd at the 10:30am Choral Eucharist at St. Paul's. If you desire to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, reaffirm your baptismal vows, or simply want to know more about the process, please contact Fr. Caleb at [rector@spechurch.com](mailto:rector@spechurch.com) and register 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.

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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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