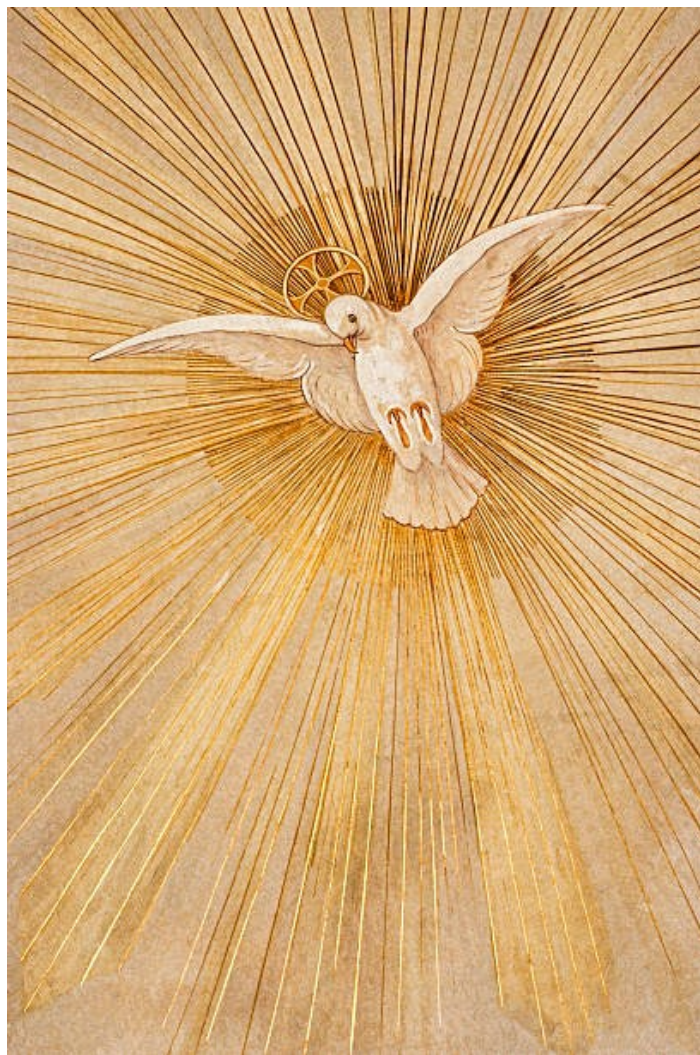


# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND RENEWAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

8:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST  
10:30AM 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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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## 8:00AM 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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Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* death no longer has dominion over him.  
therefore let us keep the feast, The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
Not with the old leaven, but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
the leaven of malice and evil, \* So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00AM

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Celebrant	Preacher	Altar Server/Lector	Greeter/Usher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	The Reverend Catherine Powell	Spencer Weig	Mona Clites

**FOR THOSE BEING CONFIRMED**

**ST. PAUL'S**

LOIS MOORE

DAVID ALLAN

MARY JEFFREYS NIPPER

SILAS DAYLE COUDRIET

**ST. ANNE'S**

ALYSSA CHAUCER

CONNOR COOKE

HAMPTON HADLEY

MARY ODOM

OLIVIA SHULER

**FOR THOSE BEING REAFFIRMED**

MARK TEDESCO

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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## 10:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II WITH CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND RENEWAL ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal.  
Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

**Voluntary** *Adagio (Sonata No. 1)* Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand.*

**Processional Hymn 460** *Alleluia! sing to Jesus* Hyfrydol

### THE WORD OF GOD

**The Acclamation and Response** **BCP 299**

**Bishop:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
**Bishop:** There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**People:** There is one hope in God's call to us.  
**Bishop:** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**People:** One God and Father of all.

### The Collect of the Day

**Bishop:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Bishop:** Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

**Reader:** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

### Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17

*Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

- 10 How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

**The Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-23**

**Reader:** A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 448**

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Deus tuorum militum

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24: 13-35.**

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were

opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## The Sermon

The Right Reverend Robert Skirving  
*Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina*

## CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

### The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

BCP 415

**Bishop:** The Candidates for Confirmation and Reaffirmation will now be presented.

*The candidates and presenters stand.*

**Presenters:** I present Alyssa, Connor, Hampton, Mary, and Olivia for Confirmation.  
I present Lois, David, Mary, and Silas for Confirmation.  
I present Mark who desires to reaffirm his baptismal vows.

**Bishop:** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Bishop:** Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidate:** I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*Please stand.*

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

**Bishop:** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People:** We will.

**Bishop:** Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

**Bishop:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Bishop:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Bishop:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Bishop:** Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God’s help.

**Bishop:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God’s help.

**Bishop:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Bishop:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Bishop:** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**People:** I will, with God's help.

### Prayers for the Candidates

**Bishop:** Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

**Intercessor:** Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** Open their heart to your grace and truth.  
**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Bishop:** Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Confirmation Hymn

*Set aside your servants*

Evelyns  
 Text by JMA Wright +

<p>1 Set aside your servants,          Spirit now embrace.          Faith, hope, love, their shepherd,          pilgrims on the way.          Saints above their models,          on this road of faith;          pointing to the glory,          sacraments of grace.</p>	<p>2 Live the Christian story,          preach the risen name.          Blessed, absolved, and strengthened,          peace of Christ, proclaim.          Your defense before you,          is the Spirit's power.          Heav'nly grace, uphold you,          this and every hour.</p>	<p>3 One with Christ through water          one through blood outpoured;          One in broken body          with the risen Lord.          Set aside your servants          on this sacred day.          Maker, Savior, Spirit,          pilgrims on the way.</p>
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*Please be seated.*

**For Confirmation** *The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servants Alyssa, Connor, Hampton, Mary, Olivia, Lois, David, Mary, and Silas with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their lives. *Amen.*

**For Reaffirmation**

Mark, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*



*When all have been confirmed and reaffirmed, the congregation stands and the Bishop prays*

**Bishop:** Almighty and ever living God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Peace

BCP 360

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

**People:** And also with you.

## Welcome and Announcements

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

*The loose offering for today's service will benefit the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.*

*You may also designate your gift for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.*

*If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 13 for the QR code.*

## Offertory Anthem

*Draw us in the Spirit's Tether*

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.  
As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.  
All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

## Presentation Hymn

*Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP 367

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

*mf*  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,  
6  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na  
11  
*mf*  
in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the  
16  
*f* Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho- san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est. *ff*

*The celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Fraction Anthem**

*Mass of St. Thomas*

David Thorne  
 adapt. Nigel Potts

**Bishop:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Agnus Dei**

*Lamb of God*

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

**Communion of the People**

*Communion of both kinds is offered at the Altar Rail and the Baptistry. If you do not wish to receive communion please cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available at every station.*

**Communion Anthem**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

Jesus, joy of our desiring,  
 holy wisdom, love most bright;  
 drawn by thee, our souls aspiring  
 soar to uncreated light.  
 Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
 with the fire of life impassioned,  
 striving still to truth unknown,  
 soaring, dying round thy throne.

**Communion Hymn 655**

*O Jesus, I have promised*

Nyland

*Please stand.**If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.***Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors****Priest:** In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**The 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 Blessing****Processional Hymn***The love of Jesus calls us*

Aurelia

1 The love of Jesus calls us  
our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings  
we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings,  
unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations  
who faithfully believed.

2 The love of Jesus calls us,  
that we may always be  
companions on a journey,  
where all the world may see  
that serving Christ is freedom  
which time does not destroy;  
where Christ's command is duty,  
and every duty joy.

3 The love of Jesus calls us  
to go where he would go,  
to challenge all that limits,  
to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us,  
that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek his kingdom,  
Christ opens every door.

4 The love of Jesus calls us,  
in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators  
in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women  
may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice  
may give God's kingdom birth.

Herbert O'Driscoll (b. 1928)

**The Dismissal****Priest:** Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**Voluntary***Trumpet Tune*

David German

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

**Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Right Reverend Robert Skirving

**Gospeller**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Assisting**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Verger**  
Leon Tillery  
**Crucifers**  
Cheryl Wagoner  
Cabe Lee  
**Torchbearers**  
Katie Rose Sanders-Park  
Bennett Sanders-Park  
**Gospel Book Bearer**  
Ruth Gates  
**Altar Server**  
Carolyn Demorest

**Eucharistic Minsters**  
Carolyn Demorest  
Dot Erway  
John Fonda  
**Lectors**  
Lynda Miller  
Cheryl Wagoner  
**Intercessor**  
Missy Kennedy  
**Ushers**  
Al Cannon  
Tori Cannon  
Al Butler  
Jenna Butler  
Don Bobo

**Greeters**  
Cynthia Smallwood  
Jeanne Criscuolo  
**Flower Guild**  
David Frederiksen  
**Altar Guild**  
Cheryl Wagoner  
Margaret Haughey  
Barbara Banks  
Barbara Bucci  
**Music**  
The Reverend Dr. Bill Weisser  
The Choir of St. Paul's

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

### *The Flower Guild*



The women and men of the Flower Guild are artists, plain and simple! Every week, they share their gifts and adorn the altar with beautiful arrangements inspired by and in honor of God, the wonderfully creative master engineer of our natural world.

Members of the Flower Guild include Lynda Miller, Marie Ashworth, Beth Richards, Brian Sanders-Park, and David Frederiksen. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please reach out to any one of its members. Experienced and novice floral arrangers are welcome. Group members work individually or in teams on a rotating basis; on holidays such as Christmas and Easter the entire guild pitches in.

A donation of flowers is also a beautiful way to honor or celebrate the memory of a loved one. Please contact the church office or give online at <https://spechurch.com/online-giving/>

**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	Greg Thomas
Ron Miller	Tom Gerow
Lawson Cope	

**People Requesting Prayer**

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Rachael Silberman
Carroll Joies	Nathalie Rubin
Linda Harris	Mark Vlahos
Lynne Vanstory	Turner Rivenbark
David Hayes	Teresa Biddle
Jim Holliday	Rory Weig
David Walser	Trevor Babcock
Anne Cope	Lyndon Cope
The Doctors & Researchers	

**For the Departed**

Katharine Fox

**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, April 23****The Third Sunday of Easter**8:00am Holy Eucharist + *breakfast in parish hall*

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (*parish hall*) -*A Conversation with our Bishop*9:30am Children's Sunday School (*upstairs*)9:30am EYC (*Meeting Room A*)10:30am Choral Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal + *reception following in parish hall***Monday, April 24**

1:00pm Jean Bassett Committal

**Tuesday, April 25**7:30am <sup>1</sup> Early Bird Book Group (*Zoom*)

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:15pm EfM weekly meeting (*library*)**Wednesday, April 26**12:10pm Midday Eucharist + *light lunch in parish hall*

7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 27**

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am <sup>2</sup> Rector's Bible Study7:00pm Sacred Ground Series (*Zoom*)**Friday, April 28**

8:00am Mensgroup

5:00pm <sup>3</sup> Art Show & Sale (*parish hall*)**Saturday, April 29**11:00am Art Show & Sale (*parish hall*)**Next Sunday, April 30****The Fourth Sunday of Easter**8:00am Holy Eucharist + *breakfast in parish hall*

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (*parish hall*)9:30am Children's Sunday School (*upstairs*)9:30am EYC (*library*)10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception following in parish hall*

<sup>1</sup> "Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi" by Richard Rohr. The Early Bird Book Group is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together.

<sup>2</sup> Join Fr. Lee for a look at the upcoming readings from Sunday's lectionary.

<sup>3</sup> 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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## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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### St. Paul's Parish Picnic

**Sunday, May 7 | 5:30pm | Shelter #6 at Long Leaf Park**

Please join us for St. Paul's Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 7 at 5:30pm at Shelter #6 at Long Leaf Park in Wilmington. We will provide the barbecue and drinks and ask you to help us provide the rest. If your last name begins with A-H, we ask you to bring a large salad; if your last name begins with I-O, we would ask that you bring an ample sized side dish; and for those of you with last names that begin with P-Z please bring a dessert. We will have lawn games and some activities to help you get to know folks a little better. And you'll be happy to know that our Plant Swap is back this year! The evening will end with Compline, under the glorious canopy of God's creation. If you'd like to help out in some way, or have some lawn games to share, please contact Teresa Singer at [teresabsinger@gmail.com](mailto:teresabsinger@gmail.com) or 252.268.1547.

Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to make connections with each other and with God.

### Taizé

**Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 5:30pm**

This ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service is designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song, and prayer. With St. Paul's Taizé quartet and piano. Services September–May.

### St. Paul's Night at the Ballpark

**Thursday, June 15 | Buck Hardee Field**

Join in the baseball fun on Thursday, June 15 as the Wilmington Sharks take on Florence Flamingos. \$20 per person includes your ticket plus an all-you-can-eat buffet including hot dogs, burgers, popcorn, water and soda. First pitch is at 7:00pm. Register and pay using the Eventbrite link on St. Paul's website ([www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com)).

See Meaghan Thomas for more information.

### St. Paul's Summer Arts Camp

**June 26-30 | 9am-12pm | Rising 2nd - Rising 5th Graders**

Accepting boys and girls, rising 2nd through rising 5th grade. Daily schedule will include time for art, music, movement, snack, and worship. There is a maximum of 50 spots available. The cost is \$40 per child (scholarships available, email [speckids@spechurch.com](mailto:speckids@spechurch.com)). Use the Eventbrite link on St. Paul's website to register ([www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com)).

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## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Time to Register for Glory Ridge

Our youth mission trip to Glory Ridge (Marshall, 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>

### 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 couple of weeks, 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).

### The Source

The Source is here for your Confirmation crosses, as well as your shopping pleasure.

Shopping opportunities will be available on Sundays after both services.

Questions, see Peg Brunton.



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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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